



EC Session
EU Research Initiatives in Environment and Health
Thursday September 15, 2011 at 16.30

Chair: Tuomo Karjalainen, European Commission's Research and Innovation Directorate-General, Environment Directorate, Brussels

Aim and short description. This symposium will review European Union support for research on environment and health. Three large EU funded projects will be presented. ENRIECO is a coordination action of European birth cohorts: ESCAPE a project on air-pollution that applies unified protocols for exposure assessment in numerous child and adult cohorts in Europe; NewGeneris and EnviroGenoMarkers are biomarker and -omics based projects evaluating environmental exposures and child and adult health. Strengths and problems in the European research on environment and health will be discussed together with future prospects.

Presentations.

16.30 European Union support for research on environment and health issues – past, present and future

Speaker: Dr Tuomo Karjalainen, European Commission, Research and Innovation Directorate-General

16:45 Environmental health risks in European birth cohorts: the ENRIECO project

Speaker: Prof. Mark Nieuwenhuijsen, Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL), Barcelona, Spain

17:00 European study of cohorts for air pollution effects: the ESCAPE project

Speaker: Prof. Bert Brunekreef, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands

17:15 Biomarkers in environmental epidemiology research: the NEWGENERIS and ENVIROGENOMARKERS projects

Speaker: Prof. Soterios Kyrtopoulos, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens

17:30. Panel discussion of all speakers. Access to EU funding, project types, priorities, application process, national funding, availability of information

18:00 Closure

Speaker: Dr Tuomo Karjalainen, European Commission, Research Directorate-General

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