



Horizon Scanning Project Stakeholder Event Invitation



Thursday Morning May 11, 2017

Dear Peter Day,

Please join us for a Horizon Scanning round table discussion aimed at fostering sustainable environmental quality: as a stakeholder you can provide your views on European priority research needs!

This meeting will be held on Thursday morning the 11th of May, in Brussels, in the heart of Europe, under the umbrella of the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Europe (SETAC Europe). The overall theme of this scientific meeting is **Environmental Quality Through Transdisciplinary Collaboration**. SETAC Europe is one of the five Geographic Units of SETAC, a global professional organisation with the mission of achieving Environmental Quality Through Science® and ensuring a balanced participation from government, business and academia.

The unique tri-partite forum which SETAC provides, facilitates close cooperation in a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach, thereby providing opportunities to identify strategic research needs. The Global Horizon Scanning Project was established to effectively organise these opportunities. Research questions were submitted by SETAC Europe members and a selection of valid and unique questions was made as the basis for a workshop which was held in 2015, with the aim of prioritising the research questions. The current Horizon Scanning Project Stakeholder Event is the next step in the project.

The event to which you are invited consists of two parts:

- 1) The first part of the Thursday morning will be a **scientific session** with a number of speakers, in which the Global Horizon Scanning Project, and specifically the outcome of the European part of this recently accomplished project, will be presented. The topics cover a wide range, but can be summarised under the following three overarching themes:
 - A need to increase environmental realism in risk assessment of chemical substances and other ecological stressors and how to implement this;
 - The importance of ecological complexity, multiple stressors/chemical mixtures, and spatio-temporal scales in determining impact and recovery and how to adapt current risk assessment practices to accommodate additional complexity;
 - Maximising the health and well-being benefits of chemical use, whilst minimising their environmental and health impacts via defining robust protection goals and effective mitigation measures. How can the concept of ecosystem services contribute to this?
- 2) The second part of the morning will be a **Horizon Scanning Round Table Stakeholder Discussion** for you, the invitees, only. The objectives of this meeting are:
 - To discuss your feedback as stakeholders on SETAC's identified priority research areas for Europe (you will be provided the topics in advance of the meeting for your orientation),
 - To discuss and establish an overview of interfaces between scientific research needs and their practical application as you see them,

- To discuss and establish an overview of potential collaborative research cooperation opportunities,
- To generate a number of concrete future steps in the process towards executing the identified priority research projects.

Round table participants

We aim to have approximately 25 participants with equal representation from government, academia, industry and NGOs taking part in the Round Table Stakeholder Discussion. Key representatives of SETAC and the Global Horizon Scanning Project shall be at the meeting to help inform and guide the discussions.

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8:30 Scientific Session presenting the outcome of the Horizon Scanning Project.

10.15 Coffee or tea in business room

10.45 Start of round table discussion: Welcome by chair.

10.50 Discuss the responses of the participating stakeholders to the questions/ priorities identified by the SETAC membership

11.10 Discussion of where there are interfaces between the scientific identification of strategic research needs in the field of environmental quality and their practical application.

11.45 Prepare deliverables:

- Prepare an overview of interfaces between scientific research needs and their practical application.
- List opportunities for collaborative research and cooperation
- Prepare list of concrete future steps in the process

12:15 Conclusions

12.45 - 14:45 Lunch followed by networking reception (with opportunity to interact with conference poster presenters)

We look forward to welcoming you to this Horizon Scanning Project Stakeholder Event!

With kind regards,



Professor Dr. Ir. Karel de Schamphelaere,
Programme Chair of the
Europe 27th Annual Meeting.



Dr. Bart Bosveld
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SETAC Europe.



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RESPONSE FORM

Name:

Address:

Affiliation and stakeholder group:

Tel:

E-Mail:

- Yes, I accept my personal invitation and would like to attend the scientific morning session starting at 8:30 and the Global Horizon Scanning round table discussion starting at 10.45
- No, I'm not available and cannot attend the Global Horizon Scanning Stakeholder Event.

(I propose _____ (e-mail: _____) to replace me.)

**Please return as soon as possible (by February 28, 2017) to SETAC Europe:
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