Program open AMEG meeting

Agenda

1. 10.45 – 11.00 h Opening
   a. Introduction of the new Steering Committee
   b. Last year activities / plans for next year

2. 11.00 – 11.40 h Update of AMEG working groups
   a. SSD Working Group: Jo Davies
   b. *Myriophyllum* Working Group: Peter Dohmen

Discussion

3. 11.40 – 12.15 h Future working groups and general discussion

4. Closing at 12.15 h.
AMEG has elected its new Steering Committee

**Academia:**
Mark Hanson, University of Manitoba, CA
Udo Hommen, Fraunhofer IME, DE
Chris Wilson, University of Florida, US
Gertie Arts, Alterra WUR, NL

**Business:**
Jo Davies, Syngenta, UK
Stefania Loutseti, DuPont, GR
Margit Dollinger, Bayer CropScience, DE
Jeff Giddings, Compliance Services International, US

**Government:**
Véronique Poulsen, AFSSA, FR
Katja Knauer, BLW, CH
Silvia Mohr, UBA, DE
Steering Committee

• AMEG is a global Advisory Group

• 1st rotation after 2 years;

• Partly renewal of SC;

• Future aim is to incorporate members from other continents.
Aims of AMEG

• Platform for :

  • Scientific discussions and collaboration:
    • on the use and role of aquatic macrophytes in ecotoxicological science and regulation;

  • Provide science based proposals for macrophyte testing and macrophyte risk assessment;

  • Build a global network of macrophyte experts;

• 200 members
Activities 2009 - 2010

- Presentations about AMEG and its aims and scope (7x in 2009 / 2010); e.g.
  - Ag Chem Forum in Lyon on Sep 8th by AMRAP SSD WG

- Discussion meetings and sessions during the SETAC annual meetings (Seville, Portland);
  - Poster corner in Seville;
  - Macrophyte session in Portland: presentations by *Myriophyllum* WG and SSD WG
Activities 2009 - 2010

• macrophyte related platforms were presented during the SETAC GLB meeting;

• Open AMEG meetings in Seville and Portland;

• Participation in workshops and other meetings;

• Umbrella for working groups: SSD, *Myriophyllum* and macrophyte testing methods;

• Participation in ring-tests;
Activities 2009 - 2010

- Our annual report is posted on the SETAC Communities website
Future plans

• SETAC NA 2010 meeting in Boston: a session will be organised on the topic of “A tribute to Lemna: Ecotoxicology’s greatest toxicity test”. Deadline for abstract submission is June 1st.

• Session or Special Symposium during SETAC World congress in 2012.

• Development of training and workshops in macrophyte ecotoxicology, macrophyte risk assessment and bioremediation.

• Involvement of other Geographical Units.
How to join AMEG and participate?

- **Important:** Select AMEG in your SETAC user profile to stay informed;

- You can also join the AG as non-SETAC-member;

- visit the AMEG community on [http://communities.setac.net/index.php?f=14](http://communities.setac.net/index.php?f=14) and participate in discussions;

- On the SETAC website you will also find information about our Advisory Group ([http://www.setac.org/node/363](http://www.setac.org/node/363));