



Aquatic Macrophyte Ecotoxicology

Group: AMEG

ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

SETAC Milano, 19 May 2011



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 DohmenDiscussion

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> and participate in discussions;
- On the SETAC website you will also find information about our Advisory Group (<http://www.setac.org/node/363>);
- Aims and scope of AMEG in Environ Sci Pollut Res 17:820–823 (2010)