

AG/Committee Name: EMAG-Pest

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Organization

The group is structured into 4 working groups: Terrestrial vertebrates, terrestrial invertebrates including foliar and soil organisms, surface water and aquatic organisms and ground water. Each subgroup has two co-chairs. In 2013 the two groups dealing with water issue have re-organised their activity in order to deal separately with surface water monitoring, and ground water monitoring. The re organization as presented above has led to the nomination of new co-chairs. We are now calling for more participants to populate the group dealing with ground water issues.

Activities Summary

Short-term and long –term involvement in various forums/meetings are as below:

- The group has organized three sessions in consecutive SETAC meetings dedicated to monitoring of pesticides, with the aim to gather what the scientific community counts in experts and users of monitoring studies. Each of these sessions have allowed to increase the number of participants and contributed to build our network. A fourth session is being proposed this year in Basel, more focused on the monitoring of the benefits of environmental risk mitigation measures in agro ecosystems where pesticides are used.
- The AG is regularly invited to present its work in other scientific meetings like the annual Informa meeting and the Fresenius meeting on ecotoxicology. Five presentations have been given so far.
- A link is created with the advisory group Modelink.
- A new link has been created in 2013 with the SETAC workshop on risk mitigation of pesticide effects on the environment (MAGPIE), with as the result the session proposed in Basel.

Future Plans

The group plans to publish the recommendations on implementing and evaluating monitoring studies in the context of the regulatory evaluation of pesticides. The format of this publication is not yet decided as the needs for each of the area covered by the four working groups might differ, although the approach to address the work is similar.

It is also planned to build a network to advise regulatory risk assessors and industries when implementing/evaluating monitoring studies.

Business and Planning Meetings

See above

Membership Communications

Communication involves several teleconferences a year and an annual meeting organized alongside the SETAC Europe meeting.

Issues/Problems

We face a recurrent problems to upload information to share within the AG on the SETAC website.

Current Steering Committee

Anne Alix (UK, Industry, Chair)

Martin Strelake (Germany, Government, Co-chair)

Mark Clook (United Kingdom, Government)

Colin Brown (United Kingdom, Academia)

Jenny Kreuger (Sweden, Academia)
Ralf Schulz (Germany, Academia)
Ettore Capri (Italy, Academia)
Martina Ross Nichols (Germany, Academia)
Peter Dohmen (Germany, Industry)
Paul Sweeney (United Kingdom, Industry)
Silvia Hinarejos (France, Industry)

No. active members: 54, allocated in four subgroups
Total membership: not checked