

Dioxin 2018 Session

Risk Assessment and Risk Management

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Dear Colleague,

You are invited to submit an Abstract to the **Dioxin 2018** Symposium Session on **Risk Assessment and Risk Management** to be held in Kraków, Poland, 26-31 August 2018. Each registered author can submit as presenter up to two abstracts. Abstracts by students (for oral or poster presentation) can be accepted also for the Pre-Dioxin Students Session to be held on August 25.

Risk assessment and risk management are key drivers for undertaking scientific research relating to dioxins and other toxic contaminants. Risk assessment involves combining knowledge about the toxicity of a compound (hazard) together with data about exposure in order to assess whether or not there is a threat or potential threat to either the environment or to health. It is therefore relevant to much of the work that is presented at Dioxin 2018, but in this session, we are particularly looking for presentations that combine data in terms of hazard and exposure in order to make conclusions with respect to safety.

Risk management involves using risk assessment in combination with other factors such as political or socio-economic impact in order to make decisions such as regulation, restriction or some other form of control measures. This can be done at a government / regulatory level but can also be done by food industry to help with decisions about best manufacturing or industrial processes, or in cases when product withdrawal or recall may be required. We particularly welcome case studies that detail the rationale for decisions in terms of regulation, control measures, or actions taken at company level to either improve or control emissions or to improve product safety.

We welcome papers on risk assessment and risk management for environmental, wildlife, farm animal, human and all other aspects.

The oral presentation is to be 20 minutes in length. Ideally, all submissions are to be a one page abstract or a four page short paper (see the guidelines established by the meeting organizers). A one page abstract should have up to 600 words. A short paper consists ~4 pages (see the guidelines established by the meeting organizers), and will be published on a USB stick and can be accepted and published in the 2018 volume of the Organohalogen Compounds journal (http://dioxin20xx.org/ohc_database_search.htm).

The Pre-Dioxin 2018 Symposium Students Session “**All POPs and Pseudo-POPs**” will be held at the session venue located very close to the Old Downtown Kraków area. This is a session for students by students and only student presentations are accepted. Depending on the number of participants, one submission per registered student is permitted at this time. In addition to the standard 20-minute oral presentations (including time for questions) and poster presentations, there exists the possibility of presenting a short (5 min) poster highlight session in addition to a poster presentation. These short oral presentations will give young researchers the opportunity to present their work and initial results and will give an opportunity to receive constructive feedback. Awards for the best student presentation (oral or poster) will be granted to students for outstanding presentations at the Students Symposium.

Students applying for a Otto Hutzinger Award must submit a four pages short paper and for students attending the Pre-Symposium Students Sessions only the one-page abstract is required.

We welcome Abstracts at Students Session that highlight new findings on human and wildlife exposure; suspected and known sources, environmental fate and exposure pathways, body burdens and patterns (isomer specific), spatial and temporal trends, and health effects.

Kindly let us know in advance if you plan to submit an Abstract for consideration as an ORAL presentation.

NOTE: Participation in the Students Session is free of charge for student presenters who are registered for the Dioxin 2018 Symposium, and have paid applicable registration fees. Other student attendants – please see for details at <http://dioxin2018.org/>.

Dioxin 2018 Abstract Submission – Deadline for an abstract submission is May 11, 2018.
Your abstract can be considered as accepted unless you receive a notice of rejection.

We look forward to hearing from you -- and hope to see you at Dioxin 2018 in Kraków.

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