Invitation

On behalf of the organisers and the Scientific Committee we take pleasure in inviting you to the 3rd International Passive Sampling Workshop and Symposium (IPSW 2009), to be held in Prague, Czech Republic. This meeting will run from Wednesday, May 27, to Saturday, May 30, 2009. The event will be held in the same informal manner as with previous symposia (e.g. IPSW, PSWS, DGTS). As is customary, the date selected is prior to the SETAC Europe 19th Annual Meeting, to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden (31 May–4 June, 2009).

IPSW 2009 will host several satellite workshops. An expert group meeting dedicated to passive sampling techniques for monitoring emerging pollutants will be organised by NORMAN, the network of reference laboratories and related organisations for monitoring and bio-monitoring of emerging environmental pollutants. In addition, the First Passive Sampling Intercalibration study (1st IPSIC) will be performed in 2009. This initiative will support QA/QC issues for the broader use of passive sampling techniques. These meetings will be linked to IPSW 2009 and will form a valuable part of the conference.

We believe the IPSW 2009 activities will provide a valuable opportunity for experts using the various passive sampling methods to exchange ideas and experiences.

Please, put this meeting in your calendar and inform your colleagues of this event.

Scientific programme

The main programme of IPSW 2009 will comprise invited and contributed talks, poster presentations, panel discussions and workshops (the NORMAN and IPSIC workshops). The scientific focus of the meeting will be on the use of in situ passive samplers for environmental monitoring and risk assessment. Amongst other subjects to be discussed will be the use of passive samplers in surveillance, operational, and investigative monitoring that is necessary to meet the needs of the EU WFD. With the continued maturation of passive sampling, this meeting will also offer more ‘hands-on’ discussions to tackle specific practical applications of these tools.

Target audience

The target audience comprises experts in the development and application of passive sampling technologies, such as SPMDs, DGTS, POCIS, MESCO and Chemcatcher in environmental monitoring and assessment. Other groups for whom this meeting will be valuable are policy makers (e.g. representatives of regulatory authorities, normalizing organizations and accreditation bodies, representatives of the European chemical industry and governmental organizations) and end users (e.g. consultancy companies, laboratories, municipalities) that have a need for monitoring environmental pollution.

Topics

Sessions will be assigned to the following key topics reflecting the development and application of passive samplers in air, sediments/soils and water:

1. Hydrophobic compounds
2. Volatile and semi-volatile compounds
3. Metals, inorganic compounds
4. Hydrophilic compounds
5. Development of novel passive sampling devices
6. Environmental applications and monitoring with passive samplers
7. Toxicity assessment-based on passive sampling methods
8. Key aspects for QA/QC, accreditation, data treatment and interpretation
9. Environmental Policy and Strategy for passive samplers

For any proposal to new topics, do not hesitate to contact us.
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Registration fees

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Registration fee will cover all conference sessions: programme and abstract book, certificates of attendance, all refreshments, including lunches and dinners during social events, necessary transports during event. Accommodation and travel expenses fees are not included – to be paid individually in all cases.

Preliminary program

Satellite events of IPSW 2009

1st IPSIC  
(International Passive Sampling Inter-Calibration)

Monday, May 25
4 PM – 6 PM  
Registration (for 1st IPSIC/NORMAN and main programme of ISPW 2009)  
6 PM – 10 PM  
Total relaxation after long trip, informal discussion, instructions for on-site work of the following day

Tuesday, May 26
9 AM – 4:30 PM **
Departures to trial sites/removal of passive samplers/ Arrival to the NORMAN meeting  
7 PM – 10 PM  
Small “sampling party” of 1st IPSIC

Passive sampling of emerging pollutants: state of the art and perspectives  
NORMAN expert group meeting  
(Network of reference laboratories and related organisations for monitoring and bio-monitoring of emerging environmental pollutants)

Tuesday, May 26
4 PM – 6 PM  
Registration (for NORMAN and main programme of ISPW 2009)  
Wednesday, May 27
9 AM – 4:30 PM **
Introduction/programme to be announced/Closing of the workshop  
7 PM – 10 PM  
Social programme of ISPW 2009 (welcome party)

**) Subject of own detailed programme

Main programme of IPSW 2009

Wednesday, May 27
4 PM – 6 PM  
Registration to IPSW 2009  
7 PM – 10 PM  
Total relaxation after long trip. Discussion with friends

Thursday, May 28
(1st day of scientific program)
8 AM – 9 AM  
Registration  
9 AM – 6 PM  
Introduction, opening remarks. Plenary sessions. Poster sessions (All with 2 coffees breaks and lunch)  
7 PM – 12 PM  
Social Event 1, dinner

Friday, May 29
(2nd day of scientific programme)
9 AM – 6 PM  
Plenary sessions. Poster sessions (All with 2 coffees breaks and lunch)  
7 PM – 12 PM  
Social Event 2, dinner

Saturday, May 30
(3rd day of scientific programme)
9 AM – 12 AM  
Working groups of IPSW2009. End of event. Trip to the SETAC Europe AM Goteborg 2009 or home.
**Preliminary Agenda**

Registration will be accepted only through the on-line system and will be available from 1st November 2008 for the main IPSW 2009 conference. Late registration of presentations will not be accepted. Registration for 1st IPSIC and NORMAN meeting will be handled separately.

All delegates, including those making presentations, must register in the normal way and an invitation to make a presentation does not necessarily imply that financial support will be provided.

**Location/Venue/Accommodation**

The IPSW 2009 meeting, including satellite events will be held in Masarykova Kolej, Prague. It is located near to the historical centre of Prague and has a good connections to the airport. Masarykova Kolej is newly refurbished building providing a combination of conference facilities with hotel standard accommodation.

Guest rooms are equipped with en-suite bathrooms (shower, bath and WC) and a radio, phone and television with satellite programmes. For on-line registration and prices – see [www.animaracio.com/ipsw2009](http://www.animaracio.com/ipsw2009).

**Host City**

For more than 1000 years, Prague has played an important role in the history of the whole of Europe. By the Middle-Ages, the Czech capital was already renowned as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Prague is also known as Golden Prague, since the times when the Czech king and Roman emperor Charles IV had the roofs of the defence towers of the ancient castle of the Czech kings covered with gold. Prague has a unique collection of historical monuments dominated by Prague Castle and the Charles Bridge and it has been known for centuries as a centre of European cultural life. Culture is alive, a testimony to this are the many famous theatres, concert halls, clubs, and galleries presented as part of the European City of Culture of the Year 2000 project.

**Important dates for IPSW 2009**

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**Contact us**

Please send us an indication of your preliminary interest in the meeting (participation, scientific programme, presentation, sponsorship and any other ideas) and do not hesitate to contact anyone of us if you require further information:

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