

International Conference

On

**ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE
AFTER THE UN/ECE AARHUS
CONVENTION**

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Friday 29 August 2003

08.30-09.00 H : Registration of Participants

09.00-09.40 H : Welcome and Introduction

Conference Chair, Professor Kurt Deketelaere, University of Leuven/University of London

and

Ms. Eija-Riitta Korhola, Member, European Parliament

Mr. Jean-Pierre Heirman, Director-General, Flemish Environmental Administration

Mr. Roland Moreau, Director-General, Belgian Federal Department of the Environment

SESSION 1 : A GLOBAL VIEW

Chair : Professor Han Somsen, University of Amsterdam

09.40-10.30 H : Treaty of Aarhus - General Overview and State of Play

Ms. Sofie Flensburg, Associate Expert, Aarhus Convention Secretariat

10.30-10.50 H : Coffee/tea

SESSION 2 : ACCESS TO (ENVIRONMENTAL) INFORMATION

Chair : Mr. Marc Smaers, Flemish Environmental Administration

10.50-11.30 H : Public Access to Environmental Information : Directive 2003/4/EC

Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment

11.30-12.10 H : Public Access to European Parliament, Council and Commission Documents : Regulation 1049/2001

Dr. Frankie Schram, University of Leuven

12.10-12.30 H : Discussion

12.30-14.00 H : Lunch

SESSION 3 : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS, PLAN, PROGRAMS AND POLICY

Chair : Professor Geert Van Calster, University of Leuven

14.00-14.40 H : Public Participation regarding the elaboration and approval of projects : Directives 85/337/EEC and 96/61/EC

Professor Jonathan Verschuuren, Tilburg University

14.40-15.20 H : Public Participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment : Directive .../.../EC

Ms Maria Lee, King's College London, University of London

15.20-15.40 H : Coffee/tea

15.40-16.10 H : Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment : Directive 2001/42/EC and UN ECE Espoo Protocol

Ms Karen Morrow, Leeds University

16.10-16.50 H : New Impact Assessment Process inside the European Commission

Mr Marco Onida/Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment

16.50-17.10 H : Discussion

17.10-17.15 H : Conclusions by the Chair

Cocktails

Conference Dinner – Dinner speaker : Mr. Zen Makuch, Reader and International Barrister, Imperial College

Saturday 30 August 2003

SESSION 4 : ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Chair : Professor Marc Pallemarts, Free University of Brussels (VUB/ULB)

09.00-09.40 H : Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at Member State Level

Dr. Jona Razzaque, FIELD

09.40-10.20H : Acces to Justice in Environmental Matters at EC Level

Professor Geert Van Calster, University of Leuven

10.20-10.40 H : Coffee/tea

SESSION 5 : ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Chair : Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment

10.40-11.20 H : Environmental Rights in the New Member States

Stephen Stec, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

11.30-12.10 H : Environmental Rights in Russia

Professor Irina Krasnova, Moscow State Juridical Academy/Russian Academy of State Administration

12.10-12.30 H : Discussion

12.30-14.00 H : Lunch

SESSION 6 : INTEREST GROUPS

Chair : Professor Hanna Sevenster, University of Amsterdam

14.00-14.30 H : Viewpoints and Comments of Industry

Mr. Patrick Wegerdt, CEFIC

14.30-15.00 H : Viewpoints and Comments of Environmental NGO's

Mr. John Hontelez, European Environmental Bureau

CONCLUSIONS

Conference Chair : Professor Kurt Deketelaere, University of Leuven/University of London