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Wednesday, 23 September 2020

Symposium

Continued professional education in toxicology in Switzerland

“Bridging the gap between regulation and research in human health effects of pesticides”

Date:	Wednesday 23 September 2020
Time:	09:00 – 15:00
Format:	Virtual
Number of participants:	max 80
Presentation format:	Presentations and round-table/panel discussion
Organizers:	Unité facultaire de toxicologie (UFT) Swiss Centre for Applied Human Toxicology (SCAHT)

Symposium synopsis

At this one-day symposium we would like to paint a picture of the status quo on pesticide exposure and hazard assessment by inviting the leading Swiss experts from the research-, regulatory and industry communities. In light of the upcoming popular initiatives aiming to restrict or ban the use of synthetic pesticides, what is the current stand of the evidence-based human health hazard assessment of pesticides? Considering the public concern with pesticides, we would further like to give some insight into the perspectives of risk perception, communication and management. Finally, with this symposium we would like to offer a discussion forum for how post-marketing research into potential human health effects of pesticides published in the open literature (in vitro, in vivo, epidemiology) can link back to the regulatory arena.

Outline and speakers

1. Exposure and Epidemiology

Aurelie Berthet – Unisanté
Olivier Sanvido – State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
Patrick Edder – Service de la consommation et des affaires vétérinaires (SCAV)
Natalie von Götz – Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)
Martin Rössli – Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute (THP)

2. Hazard – Hazard assessment research – pre- and post-market perspectives

Anna Bozzi - scienceindustries
Christoph Geiser - Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)

3. Risk management and risk perception

Peter Bohrmann – Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)
Benoit Schilter – Nestlé
Angela Bearth – ETH Zürich

4. Round table/panel discussion

The disconnect between monitoring and post-market hazard studies – mechanisms for more frequent integration of recent and relevant research data in risk management, how to best manage the flood of new publications? How to make better use of biomonitoring and field exposure studies? How to judge the relevance of epidemiology/academic studies in the hazard/risk assessment of pesticides?