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“Protecting children’s health in a
changing environment”

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Indoor Air Quality Symposium

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The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) in collaboration with the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea and the Italian Ministry of Health (MoH)

Indoor Air Quality in Europe-Preventing and Reducing Respiratory Diseases

March 10, 2010, 9:00-10:30 h

Place: Parma, City Council Conference Center

Air pollution is considered one of the major environmental health concerns for Europe. The current European policy and future plans on air quality include that all citizens are to be effectively protected from risks to health from air pollution. In 2003 the European Commission adopted a new Strategy on Environment and Health with the overall aim to reduce diseases caused by environmental factors in Europe. In 2004, 52 Environmental and Health Ministers of the WHO European Region signed the Children’s Health and Environment Action Plan including the Priority Goal 3: Prevention and reduction of respiratory diseases of children due to out-door and indoor air pollution.

Scope of the symposium is to review current policies and policy options on indoor air quality in Europe and report on the implementation of successful projects.

Co-chairs: Marti Szigeti Bonifert, REC; Dimitris Kotzias, JRC; dr. Fabrizio Oleari, Director General Department for Health Prevention, Ministry of Health

Opening: Corrado Clini, Director General, Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea

1. EU Policies on Indoor Air Quality, Eduardo Oliveira Fernandes, University of Porto/Portugal
2. Supporting the European Environment and Healthy Policy with special focus on children, SEARCH initiative, Eva Csobod, REC
3. Environment and health assessment in children school environment: research experience to support policy prevention, Peter Rudnai-Eva Vaskovi, National Institute of Environment and Health, Hungary, Margherita Neri, Fondazione Maugeri, Italy
4. Indoor Air Quality in schools. Capacity building and training, Agnes Schroth-Judit Heszlenyi, Trefort Training School, Hungary
5. The Italian programme for Health Protection and Promotion in the Indoor Environment, Paolo Carrer, University of Milan,
6. The Italian Programme for indoor Air Quality in Schools, Giovanni Viegi, Istituto di Biomedicina e Immunologia Molecolare, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)
7. How to improve indoor environment in schools, Cor van den Bogaard- Merel Linthorst, Netherlands

General discussion

Concluding remarks

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