

## National Committee for the Assessment of Poisonings

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014, the National Committee for the Assessment of Poisonings will have been in existence for 50 years. It was founded in 1964. Among its members, there were recognised experts, who since then have provided support for consultancy and treatment in cases of poisoning at the German poison information centres (PCs) established according to the US model. Simultaneously, a documentation centre for diagnosis and treatment of poisonings was established by the Federal Ministry of Health that was affiliated with the former Federal Health Office (Bundesgesundheitsamt).

The celebration of the Committee's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held to recall important results and achievements. These include the development of essential fundamentals of clinical toxicology in Germany. Numerous studies and research projects have been initiated and conducted, position papers prepared and draft legislation initiated and assisted. A data card file on the diagnosis and treatment of poisonings was set up, which has been available in the form of an electronic database (GIFAS - poison information and recording system) for many years.

More than 190 experts such as professors holding chairs of pharmacology and toxicology, head physicians of PCs, staff members of consumer organisations, associations and ministries and numerous invited experts have compiled their knowledge, developed therapy recommendations and made decisive progress in the treatment and prevention of poisonings.

By considering the topics of poisonous plants and the national monitoring scheme of poisoning incidents, the event will also provide a prospect of the Committee's work in the near future.

## Programme, Tuesday 29 April 2014

11:00–12:00 h

### Opening addresses

*Prof. Dr. Dr. Andreas Hensel, President  
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment*

*N.N., Federal Ministry for the Environment,  
Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear  
Safety, Bonn*

*Dr. Gerald Vollmer, European Commission, Joint  
Research Centre, Brussels*

*Dr. Irma de Vries, President  
European Association of Poisons Centres and  
Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT), Brussels*

*Dr. Andreas Stürer, Chairman  
Society of Clinical Toxicology (GfKT)  
Mainz*

12:00–12:30 h

### Historical Development of the Poisons Committee

*Prof. Dr. mult. Fritz Kemper,  
Prof. emer. Münster University  
Dr. Peter Elstner, Berlin*

12:30–13:00 h

### Legislation and Chemicals Law

*Prof. Dr. Horst Spielmann,  
Free University Berlin, formerly  
affiliated with BfR*

13:00–14:00 h Lunch break

14:00–14:30 h

### Establishing and Equipping Poison Information Centres

*PD Dr. Gerhard Heinemeyer, BfR  
PD Dr. Michael Deters, Poison Information  
Centre, Erfurt*

14:30–15:00 h

### Substance Cards: Progress in the Therapy of Poisoning

*Prof. Dr. Karl Ernst von Mühlendahl,  
formerly affiliated with  
Osnabrück Paediatric Hospital  
Prof. Dr. Thomas Zilker, Prof. emer.  
Technical University Munich*

15:00–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–15:50 h

### Product Cards: The Formulation as the Basis of Assessment in all Cases of Poisoning

*Kathrin Begemann, BfR*

15:50–16:10 h

### Progress in Prevention

*Dr. Dr. Axel Hahn, BfR*

16:10–16:30 h

### Poisonous plants Reviewed and Re-evaluated

*Dr. Maren Hermanns-Clausen, Poison  
Information Centre, Freiburg*

16:30–17:00 h

### Outlook: National Monitoring of Cases of Poisoning in Germany

*Dr. Herbert Desel,  
Poison Information Centre, Göttingen*

## Moderation

Dr. Dr. Axel Hahn,  
Secretary of the Committee, BfR  
and  
PD Dr. Gerhard Heinemeyer, BfR

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## Venue and date

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 11:00–17:00 h

Auditorium  
of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment  
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)



How to find the venue:

[http://www.bfr.bund.de/en/location\\_marienfelde-5533.html](http://www.bfr.bund.de/en/location_marienfelde-5533.html)

## Registration

The event is open to the public, and no fees will be charged. Please register by **22<sup>th</sup> April 2014** using the online form, menu item „Events”

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