National Committee for the Assessment of Poisonings

On 29th 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 consultation 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 50th 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, 29th April 2014, 11:00–17:00 h
Auditorium of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)

Registration

The event is open to the public, and no fees will be charged. Please register by 22nd April 2014 using the online form, menu item „Events“
http://www.bfr.bund.de/en/events.html