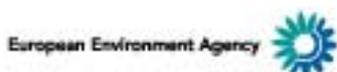


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Reston, VA, May 5, 2012 —The Prenatal Programming and Toxicity International Conference slated to be held May 14–16, 2012 in Paris, France promises to be an unparalleled venue for discussion of developmental programming and toxicity, and the intriguing balances and interactions between nutrients, toxicants, and genetic predispositions. The key question to be addressed is: How do chemical exposures during early development affect functions and disease risks later on in life?

The goal of the conference is to examine the experimental and human data in regard to specific diseases, organ systems, and mechanisms, and to discuss the current state of knowledge on the vulnerability of early life stages and the implications for health protection and disease prevention. The three-day event is the third conference to explore this new frontier in toxicology. The first conference was held in 2007 and the second in 2009. Like the earlier conferences, PPTox III, will bring together scientists from across the globe to focus on these issues. The three-day event is being held at the Espace Saint Martin, 199Bis, rue Saint Martin, in Paris.

PPToxIII, “Environmental Stressors in the Developmental Origins of Disease: Evidence and Mechanisms,” is being organized by an international committee that includes, Robert Barouki, Co-chair, Université Paris Descartes, Centre des Saints Pères, Inserm, AP-HP Paris, France; Philippe Grandjean, Co-chair, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark; Peter Gluckman, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; Mark Hanson, University of Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom; Jerrold Heindel, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA; and Gérard Lasfargues, Deputy Director General for Scientific Affairs ANSES, University Hospital of Tours, Tours, France.

Presenters were chosen, according to conference organizer Philippe Grandjean, “because we wanted speakers from different scientific disciplines such as DNA methylation, endocrine disruption, and assessment of complex developmental exposures. We also sought to achieve a balance between speakers from the US, Europe, and other parts of the world and we chose scientists from different fields so that we can stimulate cross-disciplinary fertilization.” Adds Co-chair Barouki, “The conference will be a means of sharing frontline information in a new frontier in toxicology and we hope that it will also attract interest and new ideas in the burgeoning field.”

Sponsors for the conference are: French agency for food, environmental and occupational health & safety (ANSES), Alliance Nationale Pour Les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé, European Environment Agency (EEA), the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), The National Institute for Toxicological Research (NCTR), the Society of Toxicology and the World Health Organization (WHO), Institut de recherche en santé publique (IRESP), Région Ile-de-France (Domaine santé-environnement-travail), Université Paris-Descartes...

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Accredited members of the press are cordially invited to attend free-of-charge. Complete program information is available at http://www.toxicology.org/ai/meet/cct_pptoxiii.asp. For more information please contact:

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