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Wednesday 21st April 2021, 16.00-19.00

Υδράργυρος, Περιβάλλον και Υγεία

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Time	Talk	Speaker
16.00-16.15	Welcome	
16.15-16.30	Environmental cycling of mercury	Olga Cavoura Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Policy, University of West Attica, Greece
16.30-17.00	Impacts of mercury in mining regions	Keith Torrance Researcher, Faculty of Engineering, University of Strathclyde, UK
17.00-17.30	Mercury monitoring in remote areas	Warren Cairns Analytical chemist, Campus Scientifico, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy
17.30-18.00	Mercury in e-waste and human exposure	Oluwaseun Anselm Academician, Commonwealth Scholar, University of Lagos, Nigeria
18.00-18.30	Health effects of mercury exposure: focus on human brain	Era Taoufik Researcher, Department of Neurobiology and Stem Cells, Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Greece
18.30-19.00	UNEP Global Mercury Partnership: a general overview	Stephanie Laruelle Programme Management Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
19.00	Close	



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Speakers

Oluwanseun Anselm, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Oluwanseun Anselm is a PhD student, and Commonwealth Scholar and initiator of Ace Initiatives, a Non-Governmental Organization aimed at sustainable development in Africa through research.



Warren Cairns, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy

Dr. Warren Cairns is an analytical chemist specialized in trace elemental analysis, and trace element speciation studies. Recently he has been concentrating on mercury, its atmospheric concentration and presence in snow, ice and ground water, with particular emphasis on deposition phenomena and its fate after snow and ice pack melting.



He has participated in 2 Antarctic Expeditions to Concordia Station and is the Italian National Expert on the POPs and Mercury Expert Groups of AMAP, the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program of the Arctic Council. He is also the Italian National representative in the working group of the Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP).

Olga Cavoura, University of West Attica, Greece

Dr. Olga Cavoura is an assistant professor in the Department of Public Health Policy, University of West Attica, Greece, and Head of the Laboratory of the Environment and Occupational Health at the University. Her main research areas include environmental quality



assessment, focusing on the cycling and fate of pollutants, including mercury, in the environment and the effects of contamination and exposure.



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Stéphanie Laruelle, United Nations Environment Programme

Stéphanie Laruelle is Management Officer at the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to 'protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land'.



Era Taoufik, Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Greece

Dr. Era Taoufik, PhD, is a Researcher at the Department of Neurobiology and Stem Cells of the Hellenic Pasteur Institute. She works in the Neuroimmunology and Stem Cell fields focusing on the interactions between the immune system and the central nervous system trying to understand how they co-operate at the molecular and cellular level to help maintain brain homeostasis under physiological as well as pathological conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Parkinson's disease.



Keith Torrance, University of Strathclyde, UK

Dr. Keith Torrance is a late career researcher at the University of Strathclyde, UK, specializing in environmental geochemistry, with a focus on contaminated land characterisation, the beneficial reuse of dredged sediments, impacts of mining on water quality, arsenic geochemistry, the Arctic, and isotope hydrology.

