



Symposium on
**Dioxin: Exposures, health effects
and public health policy**

Museum Theatre
Massey Wellington Campus

Wednesday, 7th September, 2005

Keynote speakers

Professor Allan H Smith
University of California
Berkeley, CA, USA

Professor Pier Bertazzi
University of Milan
Milan, Italy

Professor Kyle Steenland
Emory University
Atlanta, GA, USA

Other speakers

Dr Simon Buckland
Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA)

Bob Hill
Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)

Dr Mark Jacobs
Ministry of Health

Dr Andrea 't Mannetje, Dr Dave McLean
Massey University

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Organochlorines Technical Advisory Group

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Northern Distribution Union (NDU)

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Provisional Programme

Session 1: Health effects Chair: Professor Neil Pearce

- 9.00 to 9.10 Welcome and introductions
- 9.10 to 10.10 Health effects of environmental exposures: the case of Seveso
Professor Pier Bertazzi, University of Milan
- 10.00 to 10.50 Health effects of occupational exposures
Professor Kyle Steenland, Emory University, USA
- 10.50 to 11.15: Morning coffee

Session 2: New Zealand studies Chair: Dr Chris Walls

- 11.15 to 11.30 New Zealand studies of community exposures
Dr Jeff Fowles, ESR
- 11.30 to 11.45 Mortality studies of phenoxy herbicide production workers
Dr Andrea 't Mannetje, Centre for Public Health Research
- 11.45 to 12.00 Mortality studies of former timber treatment workers
Dr Dave McLean, Centre for Public Health Research
- 12.00 to 1.00 Lunch

Session 3: Public policy Chair: Dr Don Matheson

- 1.00 to 1.50 Public health policy and dioxin in the environment
Professor Allan Smith, University of California, Berkeley
- 1.50-2.05 Dr Deborah Read (OTAG)
- 2.05-2.20 Dr Mark Jacobs (Ministry of Health)
- 2.20-2.35 Dr Simon Buckland (ERMA)
- 2.35-2.50 Dr Jonathan Coakley (MfE)
- 2.50-3.05 Bob Hill (OSH)
- 3.05-3.20 Dr John Monigatti (ACC)
- 3.20 to 3.45: Afternoon tea

Session 4: Community responses Chair: Dr Patrick O'Connor

- 3.45-4.05 Red Middlemiss (EPMU)
- 4.05-4.25 Rua Williams (Northern Distribution Union)
- 4.25-4.40 Gwenda Paul, Joe Harawira (SWAP)
- 4.40 to 5.00: Panel discussion