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**International workshop on
emerging policy challenges
on new soil contaminants**

ENSOr

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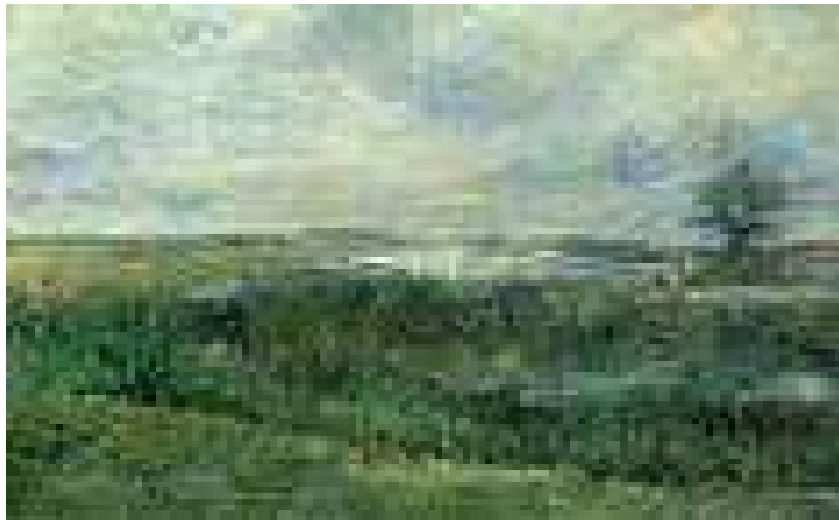


1st ENSOR International workshop on Emerging policy challenges on New SOil contaminants

Welcome and introduction
Johan Ceenaeme

Ensor?

- ▶ James Ensor (13 April 1860 – 19 November 1949) was a Belgian painter and printmaker, who had an important influence on expressionism and surrealism. While Ensor's early works depict realistic scenes in a somber style, his palette subsequently brightened and he favored increasingly bizarre subject matter



Le Marais
James Ensor

Goals of the workshop

- ▶ Contaminants of emerging concern (CEC's)
 - increasing attention from scientists and policymakers worldwide, generating a massive influx of new knowledge
 - policymakers and problem-owners are being challenged to set the right priorities
 - international cooperation, combined with a multi-stakeholder bottom-up approach, is the most appropriate way to achieve this aspiration
 - create an applicable policy framework in the short to medium term
 - exchange knowledge and experiences between scientists, policymakers, problem-owners and consultants

Program of the workshop

- ▶ Day 1: a multitude of plenary sessions during which we will focus on the exchange of knowledge, experiences and encountered challenges
- ▶ Day 2: we will debate in parallel sessions on how to set steps towards a policy that benefits all
- ▶ **Keynote**
 - Setting the scene
 - *Josiane Masson, Principal Administrator at European Commission, DG Environment*

Program of the workshop

- 11:30 **How do compounds become identified as emerging/new contaminants, and its implications to regulatory agencies and industries**
Nanda Hermes, ERM
- 12:00 **Dealing with PFAS in the Netherlands and Belgium**
Tessa Pancras, Witteveen+Bos - Arcadis
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Emerging concerns – Established principles? On regulating ‘novelty’**
Bernard Vanheusden and Geert Van Calster, University Hasselt (UH) and University Leuven (KUL)
- 14:00 **Balancing the precautionary principle with a proportional response**
Johan De Fraye, chair NICOLE
- 14:30 **CEC's on construction sites: policy challenges facing daily practices of re-use of excavated soil**
Elisa Vermeulen, Grondbank
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **A novel approach in risk management and governance of environmental pollutions: LIFE PHOENIX Project**
Roberto Lava, PHOENIX-Project
- 16:00 **The multi actor approach enabling engagement of actors in sustainable use of chemicals in agriculture**
Ingeborg Joris, VITO
- 16:30 **Evaluation of Established and Upcoming Remediation Technologies**
Thomas Held, Arcadis Germany
- 17:00 Discussion
- 18:00 Dinner



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Program of the workshop

- 09:00 4 parallel sessions / workshops:
TOPIC 1 **Knowledge for policy**
Why are contaminants of emerging concern important for policymakers? What are known bottlenecks and challenges? What are knowledge gaps and which gaps are prior or urgent?
TOPIC 2 **Awareness raising**
How can we raise awareness amongst stakeholders and how can we convince them to take action? What kind of communication is needed? Which questions are relevant for the stakeholders?
TOPIC 3 **Liability issues**
What are possible liabilities related to contaminants of emerging concern? What is their impact? Is the juridical framework appropriate to deal with these “new” parameters?
TOPIC 4 **International cooperation**
How can stakeholders cooperate, collaborate, network in solving knowledge and policy questions on contaminants of emerging concern? How can stakeholders with partly equal questions but also different interests work together? Also financially?
- 10:15 Break + possibility to switch sessions
- 10:30 4 parallel sessions / workshops:
TOPIC 1 **Knowledge for policy**
TOPIC 2 **Awareness raising**
TOPIC 3 **Liability issues**
TOPIC 4 **International cooperation**
- 11:45 Break + preparing presentation conclusions in plenary session
- 12:00 Presentation conclusions workshops
- 13:00 Sandwich lunch

**OVAM wishes you
a fruitful
workshop**

