



First Call for submissions

CREAM Open Conference: Mechanistic Effect Models for Ecological Risk Assessment of Chemicals

10-14 June 2013 in Leipzig, Germany

Dear All,

We are pleased to announce the upcoming **CREAM Open Conference** in Leipzig, Germany, from June 10-14, 2013. CREAM is an EU 7th Framework Programme funded Marie Curie Initial Training Network that focuses on “Mechanistic effect models for ecological risk assessment of chemicals” (<http://cream-itn.eu>).

We invite oral papers and poster presentations addressing mechanistic effect models, i.e. ecological and individual-level effect models. Topics addressed include:

Extrapolation: How can we extrapolate from individual to population, from small scales to larger scales, from species to species, and from certain environmental settings to different ones?

Recovery: How does population recovery depend on toxicity and ecological factors such as life-history characteristics, species traits, population structure, density dependence, timing of exposure, and landscape structure?

Linking Exposure and Effect models: How do spatial and temporal variability of exposure translate into effects at the individual and population level?

Sublethal effects: What is the relative importance of lethal versus sublethal effects for controlling the population- (and community) level impacts of chemicals in the field?

Model complexity: What level of model complexity is needed for different types of risk assessment questions?

Good Modelling Practice: How should models be documented to become acceptable in regulatory risk assessments? What kind of tests should be included to prove that a model is a sufficiently good representation of its real counterpart?

Abstract submission: Please submit your abstract (200 words max.) at <http://cream-itn.eu/open-conference> per email until 15.01.2013.

Registration will open on 1st of December 2012 and conference fees will be 100 Euros (not applicable for CREAM project members).

Important Dates:

15.10.2012 Start abstract submission at <http://cream-itn.eu/open-conference>

01.12.2012 Registration will open at <http://cream-itn.eu/open-conference>

15.01.2013 Deadline for abstract submission

15.02.2013 Notification of acceptance

01.06.2013 Online registration closes

Further details and updates on the schedule of the meeting will be announced on <http://cream-itn.eu/open-conference>.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the CREAM Open Conference 2013 in Leipzig. Please also note that immediately after the end of the conference, the annual Bach Fest will start (<http://www.bach-leipzig.de/index.php?id=26&L=1>), which includes a large number of concerts and events related to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

If you already know that you will attend the Open Conference, we recommend making hotel reservations as soon as possible, because the Bach Fest is very popular and accommodation is getting scarce around that date. Please find a list of hotels as well as a form which can be faxed directly to the hotel of your choice at <http://cream-itn.eu/open-conference/accommodation>.

If you have questions regarding the conference, please contact us under CREAM_2013@fu-confirm.de.

On behalf of the CREAM Board

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