

*International Conference*

*On*

**ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE  
AFTER THE UN/ECE AARHUS  
CONVENTION**

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- **Institute for Environmental and Energy Law, Faculty of Law, University of Leuven**
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- **Belgian Federal Department of the Environment**

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**Friday 29 August 2003**

**08.30-09.00 H : Registration of Participants**

**09.00-09.40 H : Welcome and Introduction**

**Conference Chair, Professor Kurt Deketelaere, University of Leuven/University of London**

**and**

**Ms. Eija-Riitta Korhola, Member, European Parliament**

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Heirman, Director-General, Flemish Environmental Administration**

**Mr. Roland Moreau, Director-General, Belgian Federal Department of the Environment**

**SESSION 1 : A GLOBAL VIEW**

**Chair : Professor Han Somsen, University of Amsterdam**

**09.40-10.30 H : Treaty of Aarhus - General Overview and State of Play**

**Ms. Sofie Flensburg, Associate Expert, Aarhus Convention Secretariat**

**10.30-10.50 H : Coffee/tea**

**SESSION 2 : ACCESS TO (ENVIRONMENTAL) INFORMATION**

**Chair : Mr. Marc Smaers, Flemish Environmental Administration**

**10.50-11.30 H : Public Access to Environmental Information : Directive 2003/4/EC**

**Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment**

**11.30-12.10 H : Public Access to European Parliament, Council and Commission Documents : Regulation 1049/2001**

**Dr. Frankie Schram, University of Leuven**

**12.10-12.30 H : Discussion**

**12.30-14.00 H : Lunch**

**SESSION 3 : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS, PLAN, PROGRAMS AND POLICY**

**Chair : Professor Geert Van Calster, University of Leuven**

**14.00-14.40 H : Public Participation regarding the elaboration and approval of projects : Directives 85/337/EEC and 96/61/EC**

**Professor Jonathan Verschuuren, Tilburg University**

**14.40-15.20 H : Public Participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment : Directive .../.../EC**

**Ms Maria Lee, King's College London, University of London**

**15.20-15.40 H : Coffee/tea**

**15.40-16.10 H : Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment : Directive 2001/42/EC and UN ECE Espoo Protocol**

**Ms Karen Morrow, Leeds University**

**16.10-16.50 H : New Impact Assessment Process inside the European Commission**

**Mr Marco Onida/Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment**

**16.50-17.10 H : Discussion**

**17.10-17.15 H : Conclusions by the Chair**

**Cocktails**

**Conference Dinner – Dinner speaker : Mr. Zen Makuch, Reader and International Barrister, Imperial College**

**Saturday 30 August 2003**

**SESSION 4 : ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**Chair : Professor Marc Pallemarts, Free University of Brussels (VUB/ULB)**

**09.00-09.40 H : Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at Member State Level**

**Dr. Jona Razzaque, FIELD**

**09.40-10.20H : Acces to Justice in Environmental Matters at EC Level**

**Professor Geert Van Calster, University of Leuven**

**10.20-10.40 H : Coffee/tea**

**SESSION 5 : ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

**Chair : Professor Ludwig Krämer, European Commission, DG Environment**

**10.40-11.20 H : Environmental Rights in the New Member States**

**Stephen Stec, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe**

**11.30-12.10 H : Environmental Rights in Russia**

**Professor Irina Krasnova, Moscow State Juridical Academy/Russian Academy of State Administration**

**12.10-12.30 H : Discussion**

**12.30-14.00 H : Lunch**

**SESSION 6 : INTEREST GROUPS**

**Chair : Professor Hanna Sevenster, University of Amsterdam**

**14.00-14.30 H : Viewpoints and Comments of Industry**

**Mr. Patrick Wegerdt, CEFIC**

**14.30-15.00 H : Viewpoints and Comments of Environmental NGO's**

**Mr. John Hontelez, European Environmental Bureau**

**CONCLUSIONS**

**Conference Chair : Professor Kurt Deketelaere, University of Leuven/University of London**