

## International Hybrid Conference

# PFAS – Dealing with contaminants of emerging concern

30<sup>th</sup> Nov–1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### 12:00 Reception, Registration, Coffee

Opening and Welcome  
**Jochen Flasbarth**

13:00 State Secretary, Federal Ministry for  
the Environment, Nature Conserva-  
tion and Nuclear Safety (DE)

Welcome Note Baden-Wuerttemberg  
**Dr. Andre Baumann**

13:10 State Secretary and Commissioner  
to the Federation, Baden-  
Wuerttemberg (DE)

### Block I – Status quo and regulations

Moderation: **Prof. Martin Grambow**  
Director General, Bavarian State Ministry of  
the Environment and Consumer Protection

13:20 **KEY note:** Reducing harm from PFAS  
for a healthier environment  
**Dr. Arlene Blum**  
Green Science Policy Institute (US)

13:50 EU - PFAS Action Plan  
**Cristina de Avila**  
DG Environment (EU-COM)

14:15 Risk to human health related to the  
presence of PFAS in food  
**Prof. Dr. Tanja Schwerdtle**  
Vice President BfR (DE), Chair of  
working group “PFAS in food” EFSA

14:40 Joint development of a broad PFAS  
restriction proposal under REACH  
**Nannett Aust, UBA (DE)**

15:05-  
15:30 **Coffee break**

### Block II – PFAS in soil and groundwater: National approaches

Moderation: **Dr. Christoph Schulte,**  
Head of Department Waters and Soil, UBA

15:30 PFAS in Flanders: Setting standards  
for remediation and excavated soils  
**Griet van Gestel, Johan Ceenaeme**  
OVAM (BE)

15:55 PFAS-contaminated soils due to  
fire-fighting exercises  
**Karen Marie Haug, Vanja Alling**  
Norwegian Environment Agency (NO)

16:20 PFAS environmental behaviour,  
background levels and risk  
assessment  
**Arjen Wintersen, RIVM (NL)**

16:45-  
17:00 **Short break**

17:00 The PFAS contamination to aquifers  
of central Veneto Region  
**Dr. Paolo Ronco**  
Centro RIVE – Centre for Water  
Resources of Veneto (IT)

17:25 Managing large-scale PFAS pollution  
on agricultural areas in Baden  
**Katja Stolzenberg-Hepp,**  
**Dr. Gabriel Striegel**  
Regional Council Karlsruhe (DE)

17:50 Discussion, Wrap up  
**Dr. Christoph Schulte, UBA (DE)**

19.00 **Social Networking -  
Wine and food in the foyer**



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for the Environment, Nature Conservation  
and Nuclear Safety

**Umwelt  
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## Organisation

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## Registration, also for virtual attendance

<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/pfas-workshop>

**Costs** Participation Free of Charge

**Venue** Landesvertretung Baden-Württemberg  
Tiergartenstraße 15  
10785 Berlin

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## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

08:30 Reception

Block III – Problem management and  
remediation solutions  
Moderation: Joerg Frauenstein, UBA (DE)

09:00 The Australian Government  
response to PFAS contamination  
**Nicola Powell**, Department of the  
Environment and Energy (AU)

09:30 Tackling the challenge of PFAS  
contamination in Germany  
**Dr. Thomas Strassburger**, BMU,  
(DE)

10:00 Sustainable management and  
remediation options for PFAS-  
contaminated soils and  
groundwater  
**Dr. Thomas Held**, Arcadis (DE)

10:30 Speed Dating: Innovative  
remediation technologies  
Host - **Prof. Ravi Naidu**, University  
of Newcastle, CRC Care (AU)

11:30-  
11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45 Current PFAS findings and related  
consequences - On a test bench  
with policy  
**Moderated podium discussion**  
Host – tbn, DG ENV, Common  
Forum, NICOLE, SedNet

12:45 Emerging pollutants as driver for  
research, and societal challenges?  
**Statements and open discussion**  
UBA, Soilver, NABU, PerFluSan

13:30-  
14:00 **Coffee and snacks**

14:00 The way forward: PFAS as blue print  
for emerging pollutants?  
**Moderated open discussion**  
Host – tbn, DG ENV – Chemicals,  
EmConSoil, BMU

14:45 Conclusion, Outlook - Passing of the  
baton  
**Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner**  
President UBA (DE),  
Representatives of Trilogue countries  
(PT, SI, tbn)

15:00-  
16:00 **Open space for dialogue and  
reflections –**  
with pretzels und drinks

16:00 **Join me through my home town**  
City walk for foreigners – optional  
Host Joerg Frauenstein

## Accommodation

**Intercity Hotel Berlin-Hauptbahnhof**  
Katharina-Paulus-Str. 5  
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Temporary room contingent until 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

Keyword: „PFAS“

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