

Young researcher's meeting
Contaminants in the Environment

24 September 2007

Central Science Laboratory, York

Organised by the SCI Pest Management Group



Meeting details and call for abstracts

Purpose

The meeting is targeted at both PhD students and researchers 6 years or less into their career. The meeting aims at bringing together **early-stage researchers** from different groups with an interest in contaminants in the environment and bringing them into contact with **established scientists** from the **industry, government and academia**.

The conference will consist of **a day of oral and poster** presentations. The meeting will be followed by an optional **tour** in the stunning city of York (including the Minster, shambles, city walls and pubs) and concluded by an **informal conference dinner**.

Theme

Contaminants are substances present in nature due to human activity that would not otherwise be there. The meeting will address general and specialist issues relating to a wide variety of **organic contaminants** of the air, plant, soil and water systems, such as: pesticides, biocides, industrial chemicals, human and veterinary pharmaceuticals...

Abstracts for oral and poster presentation are invited on a broad selection of topics such as:

- Detection
- Fate and behaviour
- Exposure and effects on non-targeted organisms
- Risk assessment
- Monitoring
- Remediation

Platform and poster presentations will set the stage for an overview of the progress of current research, and encourage constructive interaction between young researchers involved in the study and control of contaminants in the environment.

We welcome all chemists, biologists, soil scientists, toxicologists, environmental scientists, modellers and GIS specialists to join the conference and **exchange their ideas and experiences**.



Prizes

•The SCI generously offered three **prizes of £160** each, to cover the travel, subsistence and meeting costs for three delegates. The winners will be selected on scientific merit based on response to the open call for abstracts for the meeting.

Note: To be eligible for a prize, your abstract for a poster or oral presentation must be received by **15 July 2007**.

- Awards for the **best oral and poster** presentations will be given at the end of the conference.
- **SCI membership** for a year will be awarded to all delegates giving a presentation.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should not exceed 300 words but can include figures (the abstract should fit onto a A4 page). They should be sent to m.kah@csli.gov.uk by **15 July 2007** and include the following information:

- Title
- Full name of author and co-authors
- Preferred mode of presentation (oral or poster)
- Full contact address of corresponding author (including telephone and email)
- The text should include introduction, objective, methods, results and conclusion.

Organisation

The conference will consist of a day of oral and poster presentations. It will start at 10h30 am to allow delegates to travel to York in the morning and will finish at 5h30 pm.

The meeting will be followed by an **optional social event** - a tour in the stunning **city of York** (including the Minster, shambles, city walls and pubs) concluded by an **informal conference dinner**.

York is only two hours by train from London, with frequent links to all major cities in the UK. The Central Science Laboratory is situated 6 miles from the city centre and transport will be organised from/to the station/city centre.



Registration and prices

The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments:

- Early-bird (registration **before 1 August 2007**) £15
- After the 1 August 2007 £25

Participation for the tour and conference dinner will be charged separately (indicative cost £20-£25). Special discounted rates have been negotiated with local B&Bs. Email m.kah@csl.gov.uk for availability and prices.

Contacts

Delegates can register and pay online at www.soci.org/events.

For any registration queries, please contact Pamela Hardy at SCI on Pamela.hardy@soci.org

For all other queries about the event, tour, conference dinner and accommodation, please contact Mélanie Kah on m.kah@csl.gov.uk

