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Network for Environmental Risk
Assessment and Management



2nd AIRNET ANNUAL CONFERENCE/ NERAM INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Strategies for Clean Air and Health

November 5 – 7, 2003

Santo Spirito Hospital
Rome, Italy

Objective

The objective of the meeting is to examine health effective policy options for air quality management in North America and Europe based on currently available scientific information.

Audience

The meeting will be of interest to air quality policy makers, air quality managers at the federal/provincial/state and municipal levels, industry and business representatives, and researchers and representatives from academia, government agencies and the private sector.

Call for Abstracts –April 21, 2003

Abstracts of 500 words or less should be submitted before April 21, 2003 to neram@uwaterloo.ca or by fax to the Conference Secretariat at 519-725-4834. Authors will be notified of acceptance of abstracts by May 10, 2003. Full papers or posters must be submitted by October 1, 2003.

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PURPOSE

The task of identifying strategies for effective air quality management to improve human health and the environment involves a number of scientific, technical and economic considerations. While lack of full scientific certainty is a limitation to identifying optimal policy interventions, lessons have been learned from experience and research to guide health effective air quality policy development and implementation. The conference will address the following specific questions:

- What risk reduction strategies are available and upon what information are they based?
- What does health effects research tell us about the risks from air pollution, including who should be protected, and from what sources or components of the air pollution mixture?
- What sources contribute to risks to public health, and what methods are available to link sources to exposures? How can air quality modeling inform local, regional and continent wide air management strategies?
- What are currently the most prominent research priorities to improve air quality management and is the science community targeting these priorities?

This joint meeting of the **NERAM** International Colloquium Series and the **AIRNET** European Thematic Network on Air Pollution and Health is the first of its kind **to provide an integrated review of the best available information to inform clean air strategies based on:**

1. **Exposure and health effects,**
2. **Air quality modeling over time and space, and**
3. **Strategies for risk management and risk reduction** including technology approaches, emissions trading, and policy analysis tools such as cost-benefit analysis, and communication of risks and uncertainties.

The joint character of the meeting provides a unique opportunity to contrast and synergize research findings and management approaches in Europe and North America.

The Colloquium will promote exchange of knowledge between North America and Europe on technical, scientific and management issues to identify policy opportunities for air quality improvement, through the presentation of synthesis papers, facilitated poster presentations, and break-out group discussions. The meeting will provide a platform for identifying innovative management approaches and future research needs to further support policy decisions.

ACCOMMODATION

Blocks of rooms will be booked for conference participants. This information will be available on our website www.irr-neram.ca

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS –APRIL 21, 2003

Abstracts are invited for posters and keynote papers addressing; evaluation of health risks, air quality modeling, analysis of risk management inputs and options, or evidence-based proposals for clean air strategies. Papers and posters with North American-European linkages and perspectives will be given priority. The following topics will be considered where the **emphasis is on the implications of the science for clean air policy development and implementation:**

- Exposure and health impacts of urban air pollution and linkage to reduction strategies, including uncertainty and robustness
- Measurement and monitoring of aerosols and gaseous pollutants affecting urban areas
- Air quality modeling to inform emission reduction strategies
- Evaluation of local/national/regional emission reduction strategies and projections following abatement scenarios
- Efficient health risk communication strategies

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The three day registration fee covers lunches, refreshment breaks, attendance at all platform and poster sessions, a book of posters/abstracts and a copy of the Conference Proceedings. There will be an optional dinner November 6 for which you must register.

	Euros	Canadian	U.S.	
3 day registration before October 1	300	490	330	
3 day registration after October 1	350	560	375	
November 5	150	245	165	
November 6	150	245	165	
November 7	150	245	165	
Dinner November 6	15	25	15	
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