

Poisons centres

their role in environmentally sound management of chemicals

Friday Lunchtime – 13:30 – 14:30

Our times are characterized by industrial development and the introduction of large quantities of chemical substances. This has forced the adoption of multiple international agreements aimed at preventing the impact of chemical products on health and the environment. In this context, the Poison Centres have evolved to take on roles which go beyond the traditional function of toxicological information, e.g. in cases of emergency for the assessment of diagnostic and treatment of acute poisoning, toxicological surveillance and toxicology training, etc. Nowadays, the Poison Centres are frequently involved in providing advice for prevention, preparation and response of chemical accidents, in the Intoxication Surveillance Systems within Ministries of health, in the Registry of chemical substances, in the studies of risk assessment, as well as within the framework of international agreements such as Basel and Rotterdam Conventions.



Programme overview

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The role of poisons centres in the collection of information on chemical poisoning and use in risk assessment.

Dra. Jacqueline Álvarez Mourelle, Ministerio de Vivienda, Ordenamiento Territorial y Medio Ambiente, Uruguay.

The role of poisons centres in the management of mass poisoning: A Study - Diethylene Glycol

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The role of poisons centres in the prevention, preparedness and response to chemical incidents

Gilson Spanemberg. Coordinación General de Vigilancia en Salud Ambiental (CGVAM/SVS/MS), Brasil.

Discussion, including experiences in countries from outside the Latin American and Carribeann Region.

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