

## Speakers

### Preconference “Green and healthy buildings”

**Thomas Belazzi**, bauXund, Vienna, Austria



Thomas Belazzi awarded his PhD thesis in biochemistry in 1990. In the following nine years he worked for Greenpeace, where he led the chemical department and coordinated international projects in the field of chemical policy, sustainable products and processes, genetic engineering, food and agriculture. Since 1999 he has been the leader of the ecological department of “Mischek Ziviltechniker GesmbH”. In 2002 Thomas Belazzi graduated the master of advanced studies in solar architecture. Since 2003 he is the general manager of “BauXund Forschung und Beratung GesmbH”.

**Rhoda Born**, Filderklinik, Stuttgart , Germany



Dr. Rhoda Born (Dipl. Kunsttherapeutin FH), geboren 1971, Studium der Kunsttherapie an der Fachhochschule Ottersberg. Studie über Erleben und Beurteilen der Kunsttherapie (Bildende Künste) von stationären Patienten der Filderklinik. Dissertation an der Universität Witten/Herdecke „Der kompetente Patient. Die subjektive Wahrnehmung und Verarbeitung künstlerischer Therapien durch Patienten an einer Klinik“. Klinische Tätigkeit in der Kunsttherapie der Filderklinik, Abteilung für Psychosomatische Medizin, Psychotherapie, Kunsttherapie und Heileurythmie.

**Robin Guenther**, AIA, Guenther 5 Architects, New York



Robin Guenther is the principal of Guenther 5 Architects, a 20-person New York City firm with extensive experience in the design and planning of health care facilities. Her projects have received national design awards and been widely published, and Ms. Guenther is increasingly active as an advocate and speaker, linking issues of healing design, public health and decreasing global resources.

Ms. Guenther serves on the New York City Advisory Committee on Sustainability and the 2006 AIA Guidelines for Healthcare Construction Revision Committee, specifically dealing with “green building” and “therapeutic environment” considerations. She served on the Steering Committee of the Green Guidelines for Healthcare Construction, a project of the American Society for

Healthcare Engineering, and is now on the LEED® for Healthcare Application Guide Core Committee. She co-chairs the Building Green Healthcare Workgroup, a joint project of Health Care Without Harm and the Healthy Building Network. She is also a member of the Environmental Standards Council of the Center for Health Design, an organization engaged in environmental design research initiatives aimed at improving the Environment of Care in health care settings.

Guenther 5 Architects is responsible for the design of the Patrick H. Dollard Discovery Health Center in Monticello, NY, which won the first annual ASHE Sustainable Design Award earlier this year.

**Elisabeth Huchler**, Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie (bm:vit), Vienna, Austria

Die Sozialwissenschafterin Mag. Elisabeth Huchler (Politikwissenschaft/ Umweltökonomie/ Umweltsoziologie) war nach ihrer Tätigkeit als Universitätsassistentin an der Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien mit dem Forschungsschwerpunkt betrieblicher Umweltschutz/Evaluation ab 1999 im Lebensministerium beschäftigt und wechselte im Juli 2000 ins Infrastrukturministerium. Hier ist sie als Sachbearbeiterin in der Abteilung für Energie- und Umwelttechnologien tätig und betreut aktuell die Programmlinie „Haus der Zukunft“.

**Olaf Bruun Jørgensen**, Esbensen Consulting Engineers A/S, Copenhagen, Denmark



Olaf Bruun Jørgensen, M. Sc. in Civil Engineering, Technical University of Denmark, 1988. Since 1993 employed at Esbensen Consulting Engineers as Energy System Designer and Solar Energy Expert. Project Manager for numerous housing projects focussing on energy conscious and environmentally friendly building design as well as building integrated solar energy. Since 2002 Scientific and Technical co-ordinator for the EU supported project “HOSPITALS- Exemplar Energy Conscious European Hospitals and Health Care Buildings” including 5 innovative hospital and health care demonstration projects throughout Europe (DE, DK, I, NL, PL).

**Patrick Jung**, Jung Ingenieure, Cologne, Germany



Patrick Jung graduated in mechanical engineering (diploma thesis at the Joint Research Center of the European Union (JRC), in Ispra, Italy). Till 2002 he was member of the “Engels & Jung Ingenieurgesellschaft” in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany. Since 1997 he is holder of the engineering company Jung in Cologne, Germany, where he establishes concepts for innovative buildings, expert opinions and building simulations. Since 1996 he is assistant professor at the Donauuniversität Krems, Austria

**Bruno Klausbruckner**, Vienna Hospital Association, Vienna, Austria



Professor Bruno Klausbruckner, Electrical engineer, Working in house construction, later for working safety. 18 mountaineering expeditions worldwide, most of them as leader. 50 first ascents of mountains up to 7.342 m. Third ascent of Mt. Lhotse, 8.516 m. One year in Antarctica as leader of Greenpeace World Park Base (1988/90).

Since 1990 Head of the Environmental Department of the Vienna Hospital Association. Member of the decision making committee of Eco Purchase Vienna, Member of the expert group of the Vienna Climate Protection Committee, leader of the Vienna working group for the implementation of biological food.

**Bernhard Lipp**, IBO – Austrian Institute for Construction Biology and Ecology, Vienna, Austria



Bernhard Lipp arbeitet seit 1992 bei diversen Projekten des IBO-Österreichischen Instituts für Baubiologie und -ökologie in den Bereichen EDV und Systemtheorie mit und ist seit 1.04.1997 Geschäftsführer des neu gegründeten Österreichischen Institut für Baubiologie und -ökologie GmbH, einem Technisches Büro-Ingenieurbüro für Physik.

Derzeitige Arbeitsschwerpunkte neben der Geschäftsführung der IBO GmbH: Forschung im Bereich Behaglichkeit und Bauökologie, Gebäudezertifizierung (Ökopass, TQ, Passivhauszertifizierung) und Bauphysik.

**Günther Pfeifer**, Freiburg, Germany



Günther Pfeifer is an architect directing his own architecture firm in Lörrach and Freiburg, Germany. His firm focuses on domestic architecture. He is honoured with numerous architecture awards.

Since 1992 he has been university professor at the University of Technology in Darmstadt, Germany. Within the last years he started to write several specialized books.

**Kate Trant**, CAFE Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, London, UK



Kate Trant is a member of the Research team at CAFE which provides research and information to support the work of CAFE across the board. The Research team's objective is to provide an empirical base for campaigning and policy work to improve the quality of the built environment, in order to help to promote CAFE's core belief that good design impacts on the performance of buildings and delivers wider socio-economic benefits. Kate leads the Research team's work on healthcare, particularly working on CAFE's ongoing Healthy Hospitals campaign and a recent study examining the impact of hospital design on the recruitment, retention and performance of nurses.

**Markus Treichler**, Filderklinik, Stuttgart , Germany



Markus Treichler, geboren 1947, Studium der Philosophie, Psychologie und Medizin. Klinisch-ärztliche Tätigkeit in der Inneren Medizin, Neurologie, Psychiatrie und Psychosomatik/Psychotherapie. Seit 1987 leitender Arzt der Abteilung für Psychosomatische Medizin, Psychotherapie, Kunsttherapie und Heileurythmie an der Filderklinik bei Stuttgart. Besondere Arbeitsschwerpunkte sind: Biographie und Krankheit, anthroposophische Kunsttherapie, Psychotherapie und Psychoonkologie. Ausgedehnte Lehr- und Vortragstätigkeit; zahlreiche Buchveröffentlichungen. Seit 2002 Mitglieder der Klinikleitung der Filderklinik.

## CleanMed Europe

### The International HealthCare Congress on Sustainable Products and Practices

**Laura Brannen**, H2E, USA



Laura Brannen has been working in the health care environmental programs field for over 15 years. Laura is the Director for the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment or "H2E" program -- a national program designed to move the healthcare industry towards providing healthcare in a manner that reduces their impacts on environmental and human health. She is nationally recognized as a leader in helping the healthcare industry become better environmental stewards.

**Gary Cohen**, HCWH



Gary Cohen is Executive Director of the Environmental Health Fund in Boston, and a founder and co-Executive Director of Health Care Without Harm. He is the author of *Fighting Toxics* (Island Press, 1990) and the groundbreaking report, "The U.S. Military's Toxics Legacy". He served for many years as the Executive Director of the National Toxics Campaign Fund and is a founder of the Military Toxics Project, which addresses the public health legacy of the U.S. military. In 1994 he consulted with the Gorbachev Foundation to assist it in developing its "Environmental Legacy Project." He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Sambhavna Clinic and Documentation Center in Bhopal, India, which provides free medical care to the survivors of the Union Carbide gas disaster in Bhopal. He has been working on environmental health issues for nineteen years and has published numerous articles on environmental health issues in the United States and India. He is also a program consultant to the Mitchell Kapur Foundation, the Panta Rhea Foundation and the John Merck Fund.

**Franz Daschner**, University Hospital, Freiburg, Germany



Franz Daschner has been the Director of the Institute for Environmental Medicine and Hospital Epidemiology, University Hospital, Freiburg/Germany since 1992.

He is in the Advisory Board of several scientific journals as “Infection”, “European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases”, “Journal of Hospital Infection”, “Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology”, “Pediatrics and Related Topics”, and editor of the journal “Clinical Microbiology and Infection”.

Franz Daschner is chairman of the Walter-Marget. Foundation for the Promotion of Clinical Epidemiology and chairman of the Board of Viamedica Foundation Medicine:Man:Nature, founded in 2002.

He awarded numerous prizes as the German Environmental Management Award by the Bundesdeutscher Arbeitskreis für Umweltbewusstes Management (B.A.U.M. e.V.) in 1993, was decorated as the Eco-Manager of the Year (Capital business magazine in association with the World Wildlife Foundation WWF-Germany) in 1998, obtained the German Environmental Award in 2000 and the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 2002.

**Hans Daxbeck**, Resource Management Agency (RMA), Vienna, Austria



Hans Daxbeck studied at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. After finishing the study 1988, he worked at the Federal Institute of Water Resources, Wastewater Treatment and Water Pollution Control (EAWAG), Dept. of Waste Management, in Switzerland. From 1992 till 1998 he was University Assistant and Scientific researcher at the Vienna University of Technology, Institute of Water Quality and Waste Management. Since 1999 he has been Managing Director of the Resource Management Agency (RMA).

Since 1988, Hans Daxbeck has worked in the sectors of “Waste Management” and “Regional Material Metabolism”. He has also been involved in the development of methods for describing regional material metabolism and national material accounting. In particular, he has specialised in the sectors “Private Household”, “Metabolism of Hospitals”, “Urban Metabolism”, “National Material Metabolism and Accounting” as well as “Success Control of Waste Management Measures”. A further field of expertise is given by „Nutrition Ecology“, presented by the focal points of „Nutrition“ and „Organic Food“. In parallel, software development occurs in relation to the subjects of corporate and regional input-output analyses as well as to corporate time management.

**Charlotta Frenander**, Sweden



*Personal details:* I am trained as a lawyer and have worked with green procurement for the last 6 years. Currently I am at the Swedish Environmental Management Council, where we are responsible for the government supported system for environmental requirements in public and other professional purchasing (EKU, Ecologically Sustainable Procurement). We work with many different product groups including vehicles, IT-products and food, but also medical products and technical devices for healthcare, service flats etc.

**Bernhard Freyer**, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna



Studies of agriculture biology at the University of Hohenheim. PhD at University of Kassel / Witzenhausen about processes of the conversion of farms to Organic farming. Since 1990 head of the Division of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Economy for Organic Farming, Research Institute of Organic Farming, Switzerland. Since 1998 head of the Institute of Organic Farming at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, BOKU, Vienna, Austria. Working areas: socio economy (values and attitudes, conversion of regions, nutrition and production, scenario technique), and plant production (cropping systems and intercropping) in humid as well as tropic, subtropic and arid climate zones.

**Stefan Gara**, ETA Environmental Management Consulting Ltd, Austria



Dr. Stefan Gara is co-founder and managing director of ETA Ltd. He is an expert for sustainability strategies, management systems and organizational development with a strong focus in the healthcare sector. He is the first accredited environmental verifier under the EMAS regulation in Austria and lead auditor for ISO 14001.

Dr. Gara studied Physics at the University of Technology Vienna, followed by post graduate studies on Technology & Innovation Management, Center for Technology, Policy and Industrial Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A.

**David Gee**, European Environmental Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark



David has worked for nearly 30 years at the science/policy interface of occupational and environmental risk assessment & reduction, with UK Trade Unions (TUC & GMB); with the Environmental Group, Friends of the Earth, where he was Director; and as a consultant.

Since December 1995, he has been working for the European Environment Agency, an EU information providing body in Copenhagen, where he is responsible for "Emerging Issues and Scientific Liaison". He has published reports on many issues, such as :

- Risks, Uncertainties, and Ignorance arising from chemicals, radiation, asbestos and other chronic hazards; and the related application of the Precautionary Principle (he was initiator & co-author/editor of "Late lessons from Early Warnings: the Precautionary Principle, 1896-2002.", EEA, 2001;
- Clean production; Eco-efficiency and associated indicators;
- Environmental taxes and Ecological tax reform;
- Communicating scientific complexity, multi-causality and uncertainty to non-specialists.
- "Children in their Environment: vulnerable, valuable and at Risk", (EEA, 1999).

He is currently working on the links between environment and health; particularly of Children; and on the follow up report to "Late Lessons": Towards a common understanding of the Precautionary Principle. (EEA, in press).

He is married with four daughters.

**Nikou Ghassemieh**, DIAM (German Association for Promoting the Quality of Reprocessing of Medical Devices), Berlin, Germany



Nikou Ghassemieh studied Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering and Environmental Technology at the Technical University Berlin (Germany). In the past years he worked as Director Health Policy and Business Development Europe for Vanguard GmbH Medical Services for Europe (Berlin, Germany). He is EOQ Quality Auditor (European Organization of Quality) and EOQ Quality Systems Manager, Deputy Executive Director of EAMDR, the European Association for Medical Device Reprocessing and Managing Director of DIAM, the German Association for Promoting Quality in Medical Device Reprocessing. Nikou Ghassemieh is member of the advisory board from DGSV, the German association for sterile supply.

**Pawel Gluszynski**, OTZO, Poland

Pawel Gluszynski, MSc - president, and campaigner of the Waste Prevention Association "3R". Author and co-author of a dozen or so publications related to waste issues, including medical waste. Co-author of the Act on Packaging and Packaging Waste, and amendments to the Act on Product and Deposit Fees and to the Waste Act.

**Andreas Hartmann**, Novartis Pharma AG, Switzerland



Andreas Hartmann currently holds the position of a Senior Scientist for SAR (Structure-Activity Relationships) at Novartis Pharma AG in Basel, Switzerland. Originally a trained biochemist, he received his PhD in Environmental Sciences in 1998 from ETH Zurich, working on the ecological relevance of pharmaceuticals in hospital wastewaters. After postdoc studies in Germany and Canada on the fate and effects of pharmaceuticals and hormonally active compounds in animal waste, he joined Global Product Safety at Novartis in 2000, where his activities included human hazard and environmental risk assessments of chemicals and human pharmaceuticals. In February 2004, Andreas joined the Preclinical Safety Dept. at Novartis, where his current work focuses on the improvement of *in silico* toxicity predictions by using SAR based computer models.

**Vyvyan Howard**, University of Liverpool, UK



C. Vyvyan Howard MB. ChB. PhD. FRCPath, is Senior Lecturer in infant and fetal growth and the negative effects associated with toxic substances. Dr Howard heads the Developmental Toxicology-Pathology research group at University of Liverpool. Through his research he has become concerned about the potentially synergistic effects of the mixtures of pollutants to which we are all daily exposed. He co-edited a book on endocrine disrupters.

**Cestmir Hrdinka**, HCWHE



Dr. Cestmir Hrdinka is the executive director of Health Care Without Harm Europe (HCWHE) and the co-ordinator of Waste working group of HCWHE.

After his PhD study at the University of Agriculture in Prague and BOKU in Vienna, he worked for Greenpeace Czech republic as a toxic and GMO campaigner, campaign director and executive director. He led several environmental projects dealing with the issue of waste water pollution, incineration and persistent organic pollutants, harmful substances/materials, and genetically modified organisms.

As Waste working group coordinator of HCWHE he co-wrote the report 'Non-Incineration Medical Waste Treatment Technologies in Europe', and gave several presentations on this subject at different occasions. He also participated in an intergovernmental committee that have prepared a Medical waste management plan for the Czech republic.

**Anne Ipsen**, Ökopol, Hamburg, Germany



Anne Ipsen completed undergraduate studies in Biology, Social Sciences and Education before she awarded her PhD thesis in Biology (Department of Zoology, University of Hamburg). Over the past years she was a freelancer for local environmental authorities and the University of Hamburg. She also monitored a project concerning the evaluation of medical products by order of the Hamburger Hospital Association. Since 2002 Anne Ipsen is employee of Ökopol Hamburg.

She is an expert in the following fields:

- *Health and environmentally sound products:*  
Ecological evaluation of products, development of methods to evaluate the safety and effectiveness as well as the environmental quality of products.

- *Environmental management in companies and public institutions:*  
Prevention and disposal of waste galvanic installations, evaluation and further development of green public procurement
- *Environmental policy and communication:*  
Implementation of international conventions concerning climate change and air pollution control

**Bo Jonoe**, Sonderborg hospital, Denmark



At time Bo Jonoe is environmental co-ordinator in the Sonderborg hospital. Over the past years he was manager of European environmental projects and designed and implemented a lot of training activities in the field of wastewater treatment, chemical treatment, maintenance of watercourses, EMAS, and environmental awareness.

**Bruno Klausbruckner**, Vienna Hospital Association, Vienna, Austria



Professor Bruno Klausbruckner, Electrical engineer, Working in house construction, later for working safety. 18 mountaineering expeditions worldwide, most of them as leader. 50 first ascents of mountains up to 7.342 m. Third ascent of Mt. Lhotse, 8.516 m. One year in Antarctica as leader of Greenpeace World Park Base (1988/90).

Since 1990 Head of the Environmental Department of the Vienna Hospital Association. Member of the decision making committee of Eco Purchase Vienna, Member of the expert group of the Vienna Climate Protection Committee, leader of the Vienna working group for the implementation of biological food.

**Jan Koschorreck**, Umweltbundesamt Berlin, Germany



Jan Koschorreck studied biology at the Free University of Berlin. After his diploma in biochemistry and molecular biology in 1996, he worked at the Free University as a scientist. Since 1998, he worked as a scientific journalist for various media until he joined the Federal Environmental Agency in 2000. His field of work at UBA is the environmental risk assessment of pharmaceuticals in national and European authorisation procedures. He is a member of the EMEA expert groups for the environmental risk assessment of human and veterinary pharmaceuticals. At present, both expert groups are strongly involved in developing new guidance documents. In the framework of the VICH process, which aims at the harmonisation of the environmental risk assessment of veterinary pharmaceuticals between the EU, USA and Japan, J. Koschorreck is the advisor of the European representative.

**Klaus Kümmerer**, University of Freiburg, Germany

Klaus Kümmerer is Head of Division of Environmental Chemistry and Environmental Hygiene at the Institute of Environmental Medicine and Hospital Epidemiology, University of Freiburg. Ongoing research projects are in the field of eco-toxicology (bacteria), on the incidence and effects of pharmaceuticals in the aquatic environment and time in environmental research. His published scientific papers in the field of environmental analysis, eco-toxicology, life cycle analysis, environmental auditing for hospitals, time and ecology.

Klaus Kümmerer is member of The German Chemical Society (also: Expert Group of Effect Based Water Quality Assessment and Expert Group for Systematic Aquatic Toxicology), The Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, The Tutzing Time Ecology Project, and The International Society for the Study of Time.

**Andreas Lischka**, Children´s Clinic Glanzing, Austria



In October 1991 I was elected as Medical Director and Head of the Childrens Hospital Vienna Glanzing (Kinderklinik der Stadt Wien-Glanzing). In May 1992 I became Professor of Paediatrics of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Vienna, Austria. In December 1998 I qualified at the Department of Economic Science, University of Vienna, as Hospital Manager. In April 1999 the Childrens Hospital "Kinderklinik Glanzing" moved to the Wilhelminenspital in Vienna. Together with the Paediatric Department of this hospital, the Kinderklinik Glanzing, has now forty doctors and eight different wards.

**Hans Werner Mackwitz**, Research Institute for innovative phyto chemistry, alchemia-nova, Austria



Hanswerner Mackwitz studied chemistry and political philosophy at the Universities of Basle and Zurich (Switzerland). He gained experience in chemical enterprises and was trained in the fields of high-pressure technology, pharmaceutical research, textiles and dyeing research, new methods of scientific patents research, assessment and implementation of environmental protection technology and process engineering.

Worked as free lancer for print-media, radio and television on environmental and science issues. Winner of many awards at international film festivals and writer of the bestsellers: The Chemical Timebomb, Eco-Tricks and Bio-Swindle. Fundamental Studies on Renewable Raw Materials and principles of Green Chemistry.

Joined Austrian Academy of Environmental Sciences Institute, consultant of the Green party in German Bundestag Bonn and the Houses of Parliament Vienna. Lecturer at the University Viennna, founder and director of alchemia-nova Institute for innovative Phyto-Chemistry. Manager of R&D-projects for the EU, the Austrian Ministries of science and innovation. Main focus: paving the way for renewable raw materials and sustainability by making use of biomaterials and their bioactive ingredients including product development, application tests, economical considerations and prototyping (phytomedical herbs, nutraceuticals, cosmetics, natural colours, natural essential oils and fragrances, new bio-based materials and biopolymers)

**Kristina Mårtensson**, Schweden “



Ms. Kristina Mårtensson, M.Sc. in Toxicology and Biologist, has 15 years of working experience of environmental management and environmental affairs. She has worked as an expert for the Swedish Ministry of Environment, project leader at the Swedish Chemicals Inspectorate, as a consultant and as Managing Director of Environmental Management at the Huddinge University Hospital. She has practical experience in using both environmental and quality management systems as working tools for top management in different sectors: the health sector, the building and construction sector and the agricultural sector. She has experience in systematic sustainable development, combining environmental key figures with economic figures and from environmental education, as well as management and control of chemicals and green purchasing.

**Darian McBain**, NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, U.K.



Darian McBain is Head of Sustainable Development Policy for the English National Health Service Purchasing and Supply Agency. Darian is an environmental engineer by training, and also holds an MSc in Business Strategy, Politics and Environment. Having worked in both Australia and in the UK she has a range of experience. This includes working for hospitals, environmental regulators and a UN secretariat. Darian has won several awards for her work, including best environmental program in a healthcare setting, research grant to establish a worm farm to minimise food waste in a hospital, and most recently for environmental reporting.

**Brendan McGrath**, Department of Health and Children, Ireland



Brendan McGrath is an Engineering Adviser in the Hospital Planning Office of the Department of Health and Children. The Hospital Planning Office is a technical unit whose task is to assist in planning major capital projects in the publicly funded health sector. It also deals with technical issues impacting on the health services including the problems associated with the generation and disposal of clinical or healthcare risk waste.

In the past 8 to 10 years the Department, in co-operation with health service providers, has helped to develop and implement a system of healthcare waste management and disposal which is both safe and environmentally friendly. This task is on-going and it includes the promotion of a uniform system of segregation and packaging of different categories of waste.

Mr McGrath has been intimately involved in this process and is contracts manager for a national contract for the collection, transportation and disposal of healthcare risk waste from the publicly funded health sector using non-incineration technology.

**Ines Oehme**, ICLEI Local governments for sustainability, Graz, Austria



Ines Oehme studied chemistry at the Mining Academy of Freiberg (Germany) and made her doctoral thesis at the University of Graz (Austria). Since 1997 staff member at the IFZ – Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture in Graz, Austria.

The main topics of her work are environment related research issues, notably environmentally benign public procurement, ecological product policy and methods of product assessment. She is head of the project area “Ecological Product Policy” and responsible for the information service on green purchasing "procurement service austria" at the IFZ. Her work encompasses the development of assessment criteria for products and technologies, specific product assessment as well as consulting projects for institutions and businesses.

She is lecturer at the University of Klagenfurt, Graz University of Technology and the Advanced Technical College Technikum Joanneum in Kapfenberg concerning issues of "Technology and Society" and "Ecological Product Policy".

**Peter Ohnsorge**, European Academy for Environmental Medicine, Würzburg, Germany



Dr. Peter Ohnsorge is health professional with special qualifications in ENT medicine. Since 1981 he has practised his own ENT surgery in Würzburg, Germany with emphasis on allergology and environmental medicine. Since 1985 he has intensely intended environmental-diseased patients. His main research focus is also in this subject, accordingly his talks and publications are in the field of allergology and environmental medicine. Since 1993 he has aligned and taught environmental medical matters within the continuing educations.

Peter Ohnsorge is scientific adviser and expert in diverse committees, managing board member of the German professional association of environmental doctors, and managing chairman of the European Academy for Environmental Medicine.

**Harry Oosterbeek**, C&R Labfacilitators, Valkenswaard, Netherlands

Director of Clean & Reuse Labfacilitators; He introduced a very sophisticated, and efficient scheme for cleaning and reusing laboratory glassware and plastic containers. With this scheme, (hospital) laboratories can operate more efficient, cost-effective, and reducing on waste and (labour) time, by using high quality glassware which is collected, cleaned and reused. By doing so, there is no need to use single-use glassware like bottles, beakers, erlenmeyers etc., and hospitals and laboratories could save much time on handling and disposal costs. Last year, I visited Harry Oosterbeek, and one of the laboratories that implemented this scheme, and I was impressed by the simplicity of this scheme, and the positive results with respect to waste minimisation, high reuse potential, and being cost-effective.

**Ekkehard Philipp**, City of Vienna, Vienna, Austria



Since 1992 Ekkehard Philipp works at the project co-ordination office (Magistratsdirektion-Stadtbaudirektion, Projektleitstelle). He is the manager of the EcoPurchase Vienna ("ÖkoKauf Wien") steering group and his work includes project management and process engineering in the area "green procurement".

**Gina Pugliese**, Premier Safety Institute, USA



Gina Pugliese is the Vice President of the Safety Institute, Premier Inc., Chicago and leads the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) initiative. Premier is the first Group Purchasing Organization to win a Champion for Change Award from the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) for their EPP program and has won the award two years in a row (2003 and 2004). Gina is the editor of Premier eNews, **Safety Share**, that includes environmental, patient and worker safety issues for health care for its 25,000 subscribers. Both the eNewsletter and Premier's safety Web site is password-free and publicly accessible and contains resources on waste and toxicity reduction and tools and products lists for EPP. Gina holds associate faculty appointments at the University of Illinois School of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Rush University College of Nursing, Chicago. She is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Safety and is the Senior Associate Editor of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology. She is the co-director of the CDC's Hospital Epidemiology Training Program. She is the author of more than 125 publications and frequent speaker on patient, worker and environmental safety and health.

**Karl Purzner**, Hospital Baumgartner Höhe, Vienna, Austria



Dr. Karl PURZNER graduated in medicine at the University of Vienna and completed his diploma for psychiatry and neurology at the Psychiatric Hospital of the City of Vienna Baumgartner Höhe. He attended psychoanalysis at the Vienna Psychoanalytic Association and the Institute for Applied Psychoanalysis Düsseldorf. At time he is head of the Institute for Applied Psychoanalysis Vienna.

Further personal data:

- Since 1980 psychoanalytic consultant of the Anna-Freud-Kindergartens in Vienna.
- Research, Training and Supervision in socialpsychiatric, pädagogic and psychoanalytic Institutions. Focus: routineintegrated and projektoriented action research
- Consultant in process- and changemanagement of psychosocial und socialmedical service-centres
- Managementposition in clinical pyschiatry: "Organisation development" and "Knowledge Management for Management Knowledge" at the Socialmedical Centre Baumgartner Höhe

- Since the Mid-Nineties „Hospital Manager with academic certificate”
- Since the end of the Ninties systemic-psychoanalytic Consulting and Training in profit- and nonprofit sector

**Mark Rossi**, HCWH, USA

Mark Rossi is a Senior Research Associate with Health Care Without Harm, where he focuses on identifying life cycle problems with materials and finding safer alternatives. For the past six years he has been active in identifying safer alternatives to PVC plastic in medical devices. Mark has a Ph.D. in environmental policy from MIT (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

**Monika Schaffer**, VAMED-KMB, Vienna, Austria



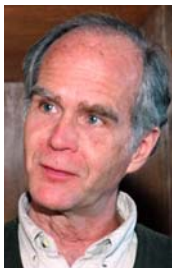
Monika Schaffer ist seit 2000 externe Gefahrgutbeauftragte für Gesundheitseinrichtungen des Wiener KAV. In ihren Aufgabenbereich fällt der Aufbau und die laufende Betreuung des Gefahrgutberatungsservice für Spitäler des Wiener Krankenanstaltenverbundes, Organisation und Abhaltung von Informationsveranstaltungen und Schulungen und das Erstellen von Gefahrgutberichten, Informationsschreiben und –unterlagen.

**Martin Scherrer**, University hospital, Freiburg, Germany



Martin Scherrer is head of the Department of Hospital Ecology at the Institute of Environmental Medicine and Hospital Epidemiology, University Hospital Freiburg. He completed studies of Hospital Engineering, Faculty Technical Health Service at the University of Applied Science Gießen-Friedberg, Germany. Since 1988 he has worked as qualified engineer at the Department of Hospital Hygiene, University Hospital Freiburg (since 1992: Institute of Environmental Medicine and Hospital Epidemiology), since 1992 he has been the head of the Department Hospital Ecology. Since 9/1999 he is the honorary leader of the "Department Environment and Ecology" (since 2001 "Environment and Hygiene") and member of the federal board of the German Federation for Hospital Engineering.

**Ted Schettler**, HCWH, USA



Ted Schettler is science director of the Science and Environmental Health Network. He also serves on the medical staff of Boston Medical Center and has a clinical practice at the E. Boston Neighborhood Health Center. He is co-chair of the Human Health and Environment Project of Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility. Dr. Schettler co-authored *Generations at Risk* (MIT Press, 1999), which examines the reproductive health effects of exposure to a variety of environmental toxicants, and *In Harm's Way -- Toxic Threats to Child Development*, which examines the impacts of environmental contaminants on children's neurological development. He has served on the US EPA's Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee, and an advisory committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Susannah Senior**, Sustainable Development Commission, U.K.



Susannah joined the Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) in 2003 to lead on the health and sustainable development work programme. The SDC, chaired by Jonathon Porritt, is the Government's independent advisor on sustainable development reporting directly to the Prime Minister and the First Ministers of the Devolved Administrations. It aims to inspire Government, the economy and society to embrace sustainable development as the central organising principle. Susannah started her career as a manager in the NHS and moved on to work on education and training policy in the health sector, before completing an MSc in Environment and Development. Susannah enjoys skiing and travelling and has recently returned from a two week fundraising trip to Mozambique.

**Sue Tarr**, RCN (Royal College of Nursing), UK



Sue Tarr is a Registered General Nurse who worked primarily in the clinical fields of Accident and Emergency and Trauma until she joined the Royal College of Nursing in 1998.

Sue worked for the RCN as a Regional Officer in London with particular responsibility for Health and Safety and working with the Greater London Assembly. In February 2004 Sue moved into the Employment Relations Department as an Adviser. In her role as an adviser she had responsibility for initiatives such as Health Care Without Harm and following a formal request from Dr Beverly Malone was very pleased that the RCN became affiliated as a member of Health Care Without Harm.

**Garvin ten Tusscher, Netherlands**



After graduating as a doctor in Medicine, Ten Tusscher worked as a resident paediatrician in the Emma Childrens Hospital Academic Medical Centre. Currently he is working as resident paediatrician in the Medical Centre Alkmaar (north of Amsterdam). Dr. Gavin ten Tusscher carried out a study to the later childhood effects of perinatal exposure to background levels of dioxins in the Netherlands. This study was published in October 2002, and can be considered as a sequel of a study, published in 1992, by Koppe, Pluim, Olie et al, addressing effects of dioxins on thyroid function in newborn babies, and a study, published in 1998, by Lanting, Patandin, Fidler et al, addressing the neurological condition in 42-month-old children in relation to pre- and postnatal exposure to PCBs and dioxins. Both early studies received much international attention in the scientific field, and are still considered as leading studies to identify the effects of PCB's and dioxins on newborn babies and small children. Dr. Gavin Ten Tusscher's study has been focussed on the later childhood effects, and gives a new view on effects to children that have been exposed to (elevated) background levels of dioxins in their early years.

**Anne Marie Vass, Sweden**



Anne Marie Vass is the project leader for the phase out of PVC products from Karolinska University Hospital. She has worked as a researcher in the field of environmentally sound manufacturing of pulp and paper. She has also experience from ecolabelling - the Nordic Swan and the EU ecolabel.

Since 1999 she has worked with the development of the environmental management system at Huddinge University Hospital (today Karolinska University Hospital) with a focus on environmental demands in purchasing and procurements as well as handling of chemical products.

**Hubert Veitschegger, Mürzzuschlag Hospital, Austria**



Geboren am 6.6.1972 in Mürzzuschlag (Stmk.), nach Volks- und Hauptschule Lehre als Tischler. Seit 1996 beschäftigt im LKH Mürzzuschlag mit folgenden Stationen:

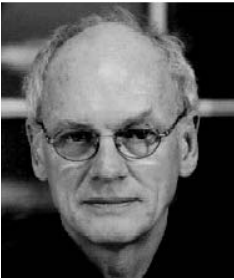
1996 Mitarbeiter im Hausdienst

1999 Bereichsleiter Hausdienst

Ernennung zum Abfallbeauftragten sowie zum Lokalen Umweltkoordinator

2001 Übernahme der Funktion des Zentralen Einkäufers im Verwaltungsbereich

**Åke Wennmalm**, Stockholm County Council, Sweden



Åke Wennmalm, PhD is Environmental Director of Stockholm County Council, Sweden and Professor of Clinical Physiology. He is active in working with hospitals and implementing clean and environmentally friendly practices in hospitals of Stockholm County with focus on green purchasing and management of pharmaceutical drug residues from public health institutions.