

IndependentWHO

Who are we ?

IndependentWHO is a citizen movement set up by individuals and associations* and supported by a wide coalition of NGOs. IndependentWHO demands the complete independence of the World Health Organization (WHO) so that it may act according to its founding principles in the area of radiation and health.

IndependentWHO denounces the 1959 Agreement (WHA 12-40) with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) whose mandate is « *to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy* ». The Agreement constitutes an evident conflict of interest that prevents the WHO from accomplishing its mission including that of assisting « *in developing an informed public opinion among all peoples on matters of health* ».

Because it is subordinate to the IAEA, the WHO has undertaken no research, established no emergency program and implemented no radio-protection measures to assist the victims of Chernobyl and Fukushima.

For all of these reasons, IndependentWHO has held a silent protest – The Hippocratic Vigil – in front of the WHO headquarters in Geneva, every working day since 26 April 2007.

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website www.independentwho.org

The Forum is supported from individuals and associations



Side events

Friday 11 May 2012
at 19.00

Special Film Preview at the GRÜTLI
16 rue Général Dufour, Geneva

'VOLODARKA'
by Nathalie Vannereau
Followed by a discussion on
post-Chernobyl art and culture

Friday 11 May 2012

10.00 - 12.00

Press Conference

at the Swiss Club
Villa la Pastorale, 106 route de Ferney

Présentation of the Forum
open to all journalists, including from
electronic and alternative media

Information - Registration - Accommodation

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How to get to the Forum ?

Bus N° 5 from Geneva train station (Cornavin)
Direction Airport

Bus stop : 'Crêts -des-Morillons'
Request stop

By car :
parking facilities at the Ecumenical Center

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Scientific and Citizen Forum on Radioprotection

Entrance free

«From Chernobyl to Fukushima »

Organized by
IndependentWHO



Saturday 12 may 2012

8.30 – 18.00

Ecumenical Center

150 route de Ferney

Geneva (Switzerland)

Sunday 13 may 2012

8.30 – 15.00

Scientists, Politicians, Vigils,
Citizens, Health Professionals
Discuss

Joint action, now and in the future

Salle Gandhi, Maison des Associations
15 rue des Savoises, Geneva

Programm* Scientific and Citizen Forum on Radioprotection "From Chernobyl to Fukushima"

Saturday 12 may 2012 – 8.00 to 12.45 -

Saturday 12 may 2012 – 14.00 to 18.00 -

8.30 Welcome

9.00 Présentation – Chair : Marc MOLITOR

Why organize a scientific and citizen Forum ?

The real health consequences of Chernobyl have been covered up. And a repeat cover up of the health consequences of Fukushima is well underway.

Subordinate since 1959 to the International Atomic Energy Agency – part of whose mandate is the promotion of peaceful use of the atom – the **World Health Organization** has fully participated in the cover up.

The "clean bill of health" that the WHO provides to all nuclear activities must be denounced and civil society must take matters into its own hands.

IndependentWHO has decided, therefore, to invite independent scientists, free of all conflict of interest, to participate in a Scientific and Citizen Forum so that serious, reliable information can be provided to the public on radiocontamination and radioprotection.

The Forum will allow citizens, politicians, journalists, health professionals and Hippocratic Vigils to share information and experience and think about what they can do together to protect populations from radioactive pollution.

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Opening adress by **Rémy PAGANI** (Switzerland)
Councillor, City of Geneva

Introduction to the Forum

Paul ROULLAUD (France) Representative, IndependentWHO

Why organize a scientific and citizen forum ?

Roland DESBORDES (France) Président, CRIIRAD

Citizen information : taking responsibility.

Paul LANNOYE (Belgium) Scientist, Honorary Member of European Parliament : *Why have the risks of exposure to radioactivity always been underestimated ?*

9.50 Overview of the radiocontamination in Japan and the Health consequences of Chernobyl

- Chair : André LARIVIÈRE

Alexei YABLOKOV (Russia) Environmental scientist, Adviser, Academy of Sciences :

The diversity of biomedical consequences of Chernobyl.

Shinzo KIMURA (Japan) Professor, University of Hokkaido, Specialist in radioprotection.

Extent of contamination and first clinical symptoms following the Fukushima catastrophe.

Eisuke MATSUI (Japan) Director, Institute of Environmental Medicine of Gifu, Specialist in respiratory illness.

Action taken by Japanese scientists and citizens concerned about low-doses internal radiation exposure in Japan.

11.25 Radioprotection against internal contamination

- Chair : Wladimir TCHERTKOFF

Galina BANDAJEVSKAIA (Belarus) Pediatrician, cardiologist
Health status of children in Belarus since the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor.

Alexei NESTERENKO (Belarus) Director, Belrad Institute
Implementation of radioprotection for population at local level.

Radioecological atlas : human beings and ionizing radiation.

Vladimir BABENKO (Belarus) Assistant Director, Belrad Institut : *From Chernobyl to Fukushima... A practical guide to radioprotection.*

14.00 Management of the catastrophe by the authorities and its effects on society. - Chair : Eric PEYTREMANN

Sophie FAUCONNIER (France) Practitioner, author of studies on the impact of Chernobyl in Corsica

Health impact of the Chernobyl accident in Corsica : an independent epidemiological study finally established.

Paul JOBIN (France) Director CEFCTapei (French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Taiwan Branch), Associated Professor, University of Paris Diderot : *Fukushima : "Radiation Management" and Epidemiological Dissidence in the Nuclear Establishment.*

Kolin KOBAYASHI (Japan) Journalist, correspondent, 'Days Japan' : *Nuclear energy in Japan, from Hiroshima to Fukushima, and the antinuclear movement*

15.20 Civil society : Following Chernobyl and Fukushima, NGOs, individuals citizens, politicians, doctors, scientists, and journalists take action.

- Chair : Marc MOLITOR

Youri BANDAJEVSKY (Belarus) Anatomopathologist, Président, Center for Analysis and Coordination "Ecology and Health" : *From the syndrome of chronic incorporation of long half-life radionuclides to the creation of programs and radioprotection policies for populations : - an example of an integrated model.*

Aya MARUMORI and Wataru IWATA (Japan) Independent Laboratory CRMS : *Independent initiatives and activities following Fukushima*
Michèle RIVASI (France) Member, European Parliament, co-founder CRIIRAD.

What is Europe doing in the area of radioprotection ?

Miwa CHIWAKI (Japan) Representative, Association of Mothers from Fukushima : *Our struggle for survival continues.*

Chris BUSBY (United Kingdom) Chemist, chemical physicist, Secretary ECRR

Small area cancer epidemiology for the citizen : some approaches.

Michel FERNEX (Switzerland) Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, Basel, former consultant, WHO.

Fukushima : precious time has been lost.

Conclusion

* Programm 9.05.12