

**Characterization and Remediation of Per-  
and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Other  
Emerging Contaminants  
(PFAS)**

**FINAL PROGRAM**

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- 5) All presentations are power point.

## **MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021**

### **Session A: PFAS Removal – Laboratory Work – I**

- 11:00 – 11:25 **Field Applicability of New Methods for PFAS Removal from Water**  
Keynote  
Lecture **Katrin Mackenzie, Anett Georgi, Sarah Sühnholz, Lin Qian, Navid Saeidi and Frank-Dieter Kopinke**  
Helmholtz-Center for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany
- 11:25 – 11:45 **Degradation of PFOS Adsorbed on Fe-zeolites under UV Irradiation**  
**Lin Qian, Anett Georgi and Frank-Dieter Kopinke**  
Department of Environmental Engineering  
Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Leipzig, Germany
- 11:45 – 12:05 **Iron Minerals as Catalytic Activators for Persulfate for PFAS Degradation**  
**Sarah Suehnholz, Frank-Dieter Kopinke and Katrin Mackenzie**  
Helmholtz-Center for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany
- 12:05 – 12:10 **Discussion**
- 12:10 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 13:00 – 13:20 **Mechanism and Kinetics of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Degradation in Water by UV/Sulfite System**  
**Zhongfei Ren and Tiina Leiviskä**  
Chemical Process Engineering, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland

13:20 – 13:40 **Electrochemical degradation of PFASs in Wastewaters Using Boron Doped Diamond (BDD) Electrodes**  
**Uwayezu J. N<sup>1</sup>, Ivan Carabante<sup>1</sup>, J. Kumpiene<sup>1</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>Waste Science and Technology, Luleå University of Technology, Luleå, Sweden

13:40 – 13:45 **Discussion**

## **Session B: Field Experience of PFAS – I**

13:45 – 14:05 **Framework for Evaluating Emerging Substances of Concern**  
**David Moore<sup>1</sup>, Betsy Ruffle<sup>2</sup>, Sagar Thakali<sup>3</sup> and Andrew McQueen<sup>4</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, MS, USA  
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<sup>3</sup>AECOM Environment, Conshohocken, PA, USA  
<sup>4</sup>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, MS, USA

14:05 – 14:25 **Alternatives for a PFAS Groundwater: Treatment Train Including an Emerging On-Site Destruction Technology**  
**Clive Rivers<sup>1</sup>, Dave Woodward<sup>2</sup>, Nathan Hagelin<sup>2</sup> and Rob Singer<sup>2</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>Wood E&IS, Germany  
<sup>2</sup>Wood E&I Solutions, USA

14:25 – 14:45 **PFAS Removal System for Town Water Supply in Australia**  
**Mark Rebentrost<sup>2</sup>, Marilyn Sinnett<sup>1</sup> and Steve Woodard<sup>3</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>San Diego, CA, USA  
<sup>2</sup>Canberra, ACT, Australia  
<sup>3</sup>Portland, ME, USA

14:45 – 14:50 **Discussion**

14:50 – 15:05 **Break**

15:05 – 15:25 **Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in U.S. Market Basket Fish and Shellfish**  
**Betsy Ruffle<sup>1</sup>, Dorin Bogdan<sup>2</sup>, Martha Maier<sup>3</sup>, Catherine Schwach<sup>5</sup> and Usha Vedagiri<sup>4</sup>**  
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<sup>4</sup>Wood, Rancho Cordova, CA, USA

<sup>5</sup>AECOM, Oakland, CA, USA

15:25 – 15:45 **Airport/Airbase Aquifer PFAS Remediation using Resin Technology**

**Mark Rebentrost<sup>2</sup>, Marilyn Sinnett<sup>1</sup> and Steve Woodard<sup>3</sup>**

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**Session C: Pitch Presentations of Posters**

15:45 – 15:55 **PFOA Removal from Aqueous Solution using Chitosan Beads**  
**Rahim Shahrokhi and Junboum Park \***

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Seoul National University, Seoul 08826, Republic of Korea

15:55 – 16:05 **Reduction of Halogenated Organic Compounds in Water: Comparison of Catalysts and Reagents**

**Ali Shee\*, Frank-Dieter Kopinke and Katrin Mackenzie**

Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany

16:05 – 16:15 **A Generic Method for the Quantification of 13 Legacy, Precursor and Substitute PFASs in Various Sample Matrices**  
**Jana Rupp, Thorsten Reemtsma and Urs Berger**

Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Department of Analytical Chemistry, Leipzig, Germany

16:15 – 16:25 **Combined Adsorption and On-Site Adsorbent Regeneration for Treatment of Groundwater Contaminated with Chlorinated Hydrocarbons**

**Hans-Jürgen Stanger<sup>1</sup>, Silke Wozidlo and Anett Georgi<sup>2</sup>**

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# TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

## Session D: PFAS Removal – Laboratory Work – II

- 11:00 – 11:20     **Optimizing PFAS Adsorption by Improved Understanding of Surface Chemistry and Microporosity Effects**  
**Anett Georgi<sup>1</sup>, Navid Saeidi<sup>1</sup>, Lin Qian<sup>1</sup>, Zhe Yi<sup>1,2</sup>, Urs Berger<sup>2</sup> and Frank-Dieter Kopinke<sup>1</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup> Helmholtz-Center for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany  
<sup>2</sup> Helmholtz-Center for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Analytical Chemistry, Leipzig, Germany
- 11:20 – 11:40     **Electrosorption/Desorption for Removal of Perfluoroalkyl Acids from Water**  
**Navid Saeidi, Anett Georgi and Frank-Dieter Kopinke**  
Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research – UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany
- 11:40 – 12:00     **Testing PFAS-Immobilization**  
**Thomas Bierbaum<sup>1</sup>, Hue Nguyen<sup>1</sup>, Norbert Klaas<sup>1</sup>, Claus Haslauer<sup>1</sup>, Jürgen Braun<sup>1</sup>, Frank Thomas Lange<sup>2</sup>, Marco Scheurer<sup>2</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>Universität Stuttgart, IWS/VEGAS, Stuttgart/Deutschland  
<sup>2</sup>TZW: DVGW-Technologiezentrum Wasser, Karlsruhe/Deutschland
- 12:00 – 12:05     **Discussion**
- 12:05 – 13:00     **Lunch Break**
- 13:00 – 13:20     **Organically Bonded Fluorine & PFAS – A Treatment Challenge?**  
**Jurgen Buhl**  
Cornelsen Umwelttechnologie GmbH, Essen, Germany
- 13:20 – 13:40     **CTA Organoclay as Propitious PFAS Remediation**  
**Paul Scapan<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Christine Guhl<sup>1</sup>, Martin Bertau<sup>1</sup>, Brigitte Haist-Gulde<sup>2</sup>, Frank Sacher<sup>2</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup> Leipziger Str. 29, 09599 Freiberg, Germany; <sup>2</sup>Karlsruher Str. 84, 76139 Karlsruhe, Germany

13:40 – 14:00 **Potential of different remediation techniques for removal of PFAS from water samples. Case study: fire incident site in France**  
**Atefa Moravej**  
VALGO, Petit-Couronne – France

14:00 – 14:05 **Discussion**

## **Session E: Analytics of PFAS**

14:05 – 14:25 **Using the TOP Assay to Detect Unknown PFAS in German Rivers**  
**Bernd Goeckener<sup>1</sup>, Heinz Ruedel<sup>1</sup>, Mark Buecking<sup>1,2</sup>, Ina Fettig<sup>3</sup>, Jan Koschorreck<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Fraunhofer Institute for Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology IME, Schmallenberg, Germany

<sup>2</sup> School of Chemistry, Monash University, Victoria, Australia

<sup>3</sup> German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt), Berlin, Germany

14:25 – 14:45 **Compound-Specific Carbon Isotope Analysis (CSIA) to Determine the Origin and Degradation of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**  
**Kevin Kuntze<sup>1</sup>, Sarah Sühnholtz<sup>2</sup>, Katrin Mackenzie<sup>2</sup>, Anett Georgi<sup>2</sup> and Anko Fischer<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Isodetect GmbH, Leipzig, Germany

<sup>2</sup>Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung - UFZ, Leipzig, Germany

14:45 – 15:05 **Modelling Sorption of Perfluoroalkyl Substances in Soils**  
**Joel Fabregat, Miquel Vidal, Anna Rigol**  
Department of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Chemistry, University of Barcelona, Spain

15:05 – 15:25 **A Novel Non-Target Method Using Ultra-High Resolution Mass Spectrometry for the Identification of PFAS in Environmental Samples**  
**Christine Wernicke, Nils G. Keltsch, Jan M. Kaesler, Oliver J. Lechtenfeld, Thorsten Reemtsma, Urs Berger**  
Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Department of Analytical Chemistry, DE-04318 Leipzig

15:25 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 15:45 **Break**

## **Session F: Field Experience of PFAS – II**

15:45 – 16:05 **Comparison of Innovative and Conventional Treatment Techniques of PFASs in Water and Soil**

**Lutz Ahrens<sup>1</sup>, Vera Franke<sup>1</sup>, Mattias Söregård<sup>1</sup>, Winnie Nassazzi<sup>1</sup>, Georgios Niarchos<sup>2</sup>, Fritjof Fagerlund<sup>2</sup>, Dan Berggren Kleja<sup>3,4</sup>, Philip McCleaf<sup>5</sup> and Karin Wiberg<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> Swedish Geotechnical Institute (SGI), Stockholm, Sweden

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16:05 – 16:25 **Immobilisation of PFAS In Soil – A New Approach**  
**Jurgen Buhl**

Cornelsen Umwelttechnologie GmbH, Essen, Germany

16:25 – 16:45 **Treatment Train Suggestion for Drinking Water Producers Dealing with Contaminated Raw Water**

**Vera Franke<sup>1</sup>, Philip McCleaf<sup>2</sup> and Lutz Ahrens<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Department of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden

<sup>2</sup> Uppsala Water and Waste AB, Uppsala, Sweden

16:45 – 17:05 **Distribution and Impact Study of Perfluorinated Compounds in the Various Environmental Representative Compartments of the Seine River, Following an Industrial Accident**

**Hugo Carronnier**

VALGO, Petit-Couronne – France

17:05 – 17:10 **Discussion**



# WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

## Session G: Other Contaminants – I

- 11:00 – 11:20 **Electrosorption of Polar Organic Micropollutants on Activated Carbon-Based Materials**  
**Jieying Zhou**, Navid Saeidi, Frank-Dieter Kopinke, Lukas Y. Wick and Anett Georgi  
Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Department of Environmental Engineering, Leipzig, Germany
- 11:20 – 11:40 **Estimation of Sorbed-Phase Biodegradation Rate in Activated Carbon Barriers Using Microbial Diagnostics, CSIA and *In Situ* Microcosms**  
**Jeremy Birnstingl**<sup>1\*</sup>, Matthew Burns<sup>3</sup> and Samuel Rosolina<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Regenesis Ltd., Bath UK  
<sup>2</sup>Microbial Insights, Knoxville, TN, USA  
<sup>3</sup>WSP, Boston, MA, USA
- 11:40 – 12:00 **Iron-montmorillonite-cyclodextrin composites as recyclable sorbent-catalysts for the adsorption and surface oxidation of per-fluorinated compounds**  
**Samapti Kundu and Adi Radian\***  
Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Technion City, Haifa 32000, Israel
- 12:00 – 12:20 **Combined Thermal Desorption of Chlorinated Solvents and PCBs**  
**Laurent Thannberger**  
VALGO, Petit-Couronne, France
- 12:20 – 12:25 **Discussion**
- 12:25 – 13:25 **Lunch Break**

## Session H: Field Experience – PFAS – III

- 13:25 – 13:50 **Groundwater Remediation and Soil Washing: Best Practice Processes and Costs for PFAS-Contaminated Media**  
Keynote  
Lecture  
**Hans-Georg Edel**  
Züblin Umwelttechnik GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

- 13:50 – 14:10 **Development of an In-Situ Remediation Method for PFAS Contaminations in the Vadose Zone - From Lab Experiments to Field Application**  
Anja Wilken<sup>1</sup>, Debora Reinke<sup>2</sup>, Stephan Hüttmann<sup>1</sup>, Harald Oeder<sup>2</sup>, Martin Groß<sup>3</sup>, Michael Schwarze<sup>4</sup> and Reinhard Schomäcker<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Sensatec GmbH, Kiel, Germany  
<sup>2</sup>GEOlogik Wilbers & Oeder GmbH, Münster, Germany  
<sup>3</sup>Technische Universität Berlin, Department of Chemistry, Berlin, Germany  
<sup>4</sup>Technische Universität Berlin, Department of Process Engineering, Berlin, Germany
- 14:10 – 14:30 **Development of a Remediation Concept and Long-Term Execution in a PFAS-fire Foam Damage Case**  
Doreen Mäurer and Stefan Wagner  
Tauw GmbH Germany, Münsters, Germany
- 14:30 – 14:35 **Discussion**
- 14:35 – 14:55 **Colloidal Activated Carbon for *In Situ* Remediation of PFAS: A Review of Multiple Case Studies**  
Jeremy Birnstingl<sup>1</sup>, K. Thoreson, P. Erickson and S. Wilson<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>REGENESIS, Bath, UK  
<sup>2</sup>REGENESIS, San Clemente, CA, USA
- 14:55 – 15:10 **PFAS Removal from Water by Plants**  
Tommy Landberg and Maria Greger  
Dept. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
- 15:10 – 15:15 **Discussion**
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Break**

## Session I: Other Contaminants – II

- 15:30 – 15:50 **Nanoscale Zero-Valent Iron Particles: An Efficient Tool for Elimination of Persistent/Halogenated (F, Cl, Br) Compounds**  
Viktorie Víchová<sup>1</sup>, Jan Filip<sup>1</sup>, Martin Solár<sup>1</sup>, Tomáš Cajtham<sup>2,3</sup> and Petr Kvapil<sup>4</sup>  
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<sup>3</sup>Institute for Environmental Studies, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

<sup>4</sup>Photon Water Technology s.r.o., Liberec, Czech Republic

- 15:50 – 16:10 **Tuning the Mobility of Particles for Nanoremediation Interventions: A Modeling Approach**  
**C. Bianco** and **T. Tosco, R. Sethi**  
Groundwater Engineering Group, DIATI, Torino, Italy
- 16:10 – 16:30 **Evaluation of Sources and Sinks for Chiral Pesticides in Groundwater – A Case Study**  
**Kevin Kuntze**<sup>1</sup>, **Katerina Tsitonaki**<sup>2</sup>, **Sandra Roost**<sup>2</sup>, **Stella Dalby Agger**<sup>3</sup>, **Schouw Christiansen**<sup>3</sup>, **Nanette Levanius**<sup>4</sup> and **Anko Fischer**<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Isodetect GmbH, Leipzig, Germany  
<sup>2</sup> Orbicon A/S, Taastrup, Denmark  
<sup>3</sup> The Region of Zealand, Denmark
- 16:30 – 16:50 **Improved Detoxification of Hexachlorocyclohexane by Newly Developed Anaerobic Microbial Consortia**  
**Muhammad Imran Khan**<sup>1,2</sup>, **Muhammad Hayder Ali**<sup>2</sup>, **Carsten Vogt**<sup>1</sup> and **Ivonne Nijenhuis**<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Department of Isotope Biogeochemistry, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research- UFZ, Leipzig, Germany  
<sup>2</sup>Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan
- 16:50 – 16:55 **Discussion**
- 16:55 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks**