

Conference programme

TUESDAY 05 JULY

- 8.00-12.00** Registration + welcome coffee
- 8.30-9.30** WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC
- **Quieting the world by fostering a “Buy-Quiet” attitude among product purchasers: W. Lang (I-INCE) + J. Tourret (INCE/Europe)**
 - **Discussion Period**
- 9.30-10.30** INCENTIVES TO DEVELOP BETTER PRODUCTS: FROM ENERGY LABELS TO NOISE LABELS
- **Multi-criteria policy instruments addressing noise: Denis Pohl (FPS of Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium)**
 - **How the EU energy label has induced a breakthrough in energy efficiency and product performance of household appliances in less than 2 decades: Patrick le Dévéhat (GIFAM France)**
 - **Discussion Period**
- 10.30-11.00** Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30** HOW DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING LOW NOISE PRODUCTS CAN BOOST MARKET SHARE AND PROFITABILITY FOR MANUFACTURERS
- **Household appliances: Jing TIAN/Fenglei JIAO (CAS China)**
 - **Leaf blowers: Fabian Gwosdz (STIHL Germany)**
 - **Air conditioners: Lionel Audouy /David Leray (Tecumseh Europe France)**
 - **Air compressors (and tools): Raph Pauwels (AtlasCopco Belgium) ***
 - **Wood chippers: Tony Turner (GreenMech UK)**
 - **Collaborative quiet delivery schemes: Encouraging manufacturers to produce low-noise vehicles and equipment Gloria Elliot (NAS UK)**
 - **Discussion Period**
- * Paper to be confirmed
- 12.30-14.00** Lunch
- 14.00-15.00** PROVIDING INFORMATION ON PRODUCT NOISE EMISSION : EXISTING PRACTICES AND THEIR LIMITS
- **The different types of information available to characterize the noise of products: Patrick Cellard (LNE France)**
 - **Comprehensive product noise declarations for noise planning and commerce: Robert Hellweg (Consultant USA)**
 - **Product noise emission information in Europe under the Machinery Directive – Purpose, requirements and the current practice: Patrick Kurtz (BAuA Germany), Jean Jacques (INRS France)**
 - **Discussion Period**
- 15.00-16.00** NEW CONCEPTS FOR SIMPLIFIED NOISE RATING
- **Towards simplified product noise ratings for the general public: Matt Nobile (IBM + INCE/USA)**
 - **A Simplified noise labeling - Critical discussion: Fabian Gwosdz (STIHL Germany)**

- Discussion Period

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 THE NEED FOR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT, UPDATE, AND CREDIBILITY OF "RANGE-OF-LEVELS" DATABASES

- The need for range-of-levels information: Matt Nobile (IBM + INCE/USA)
- How standards can deliver reliable data for noise reference: Example of an ISO technical report : Fabian Gwosdz (STIHL Germany)
- Past experience in establishing the German VDI ETS guideline: Patrick Kurtz (BAuA Germany)
- The NOMEVAL project, evaluation of outdoor machinery noise: Michael Dittrich (TNO The Netherlands)
- Development of databases in cooperation with US manufacturers of large construction equipment: Chuck Hayden (NIOSH, USA)
- Practical experience with the quality of noise emission declarations: Jean Jacques (INRS France) + Patrick Kurtz (BAuA Germany)
- The shared responsibility in providing precise information on noise levels between test laboratories, manufacturers, and authorities: Patrick Cellard (LNE France)
- Discussion Period

19.00 Cocktail dinner party in Paris

WEDNESDAY 06 JULY

8.30-9.45 EXAMPLES OF CURRENT NOISE DECLARATIONS AND HOW THEY ARE BEING IMPROVED

- Outdoor machines / the evolution of the 2000/14 Directive: *
- The New EU labels for Household appliances: Gustav Schütz (Miele France)
- IT industries: Marco Beltman (INTEL USA)
- Discussion Period

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9.45-10.30 ENDORSEMENT LABELS AND HOW THEY COULD BE COMBINED WITH NOISE DECLARATIONS OR NOISE RATINGS

- Introduction to endorsement labels (White Swan, Blue Angel, EU Flower, and others): Robert Hellweg (Consultant USA)
- The "Blue Angel"—History, success, and specific problems: Christian Fabris (Umweltbundesamt Germany)
- The "ssSH Mark awarded by UKNA and the "Quiet Guide": Val Weedon (UK Noise Association UK)
- Discussion Period

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.45 ENCOURAGING ALL PURCHASERS TO BUY QUIET

- Guidelines for the establishment of a "Buy-Quiet" program in the US and abroad: George Maling (INCE/USA)
- Why the "Buy-Quiet" approach is promising in the management of occupational noise risks: Paul Brereton / Sarah Hayes (HSE, UK)
- The application of legally-required noise emission declarations by purchasers - 20 years of experience with a buying aid for purchasers in Germany: Patrick Kurtz (BAuA Germany)
- « Buy-Quiet » environmental noise policy for Australia: John Macpherson (Principal Environmental Noise Officer, Dept of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia)
- The impact of the "Golden Decibel" on the promotion of low noise products in the last 20 years: Alice Debonnet-Lambert (CIDB France)
- Noise Abatement Society (NAS) "Quiet Mark" initiative: Gloria Elliot (NAS UK)
- The practical development of the HSE "Buy-Quiet" project: Paul Brereton / Sarah Hayes (HSE, UK)
- Discussion Period

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.45 ROLES STAKEHOLDERS CAN PLAY IN FOSTERING "BUY- QUIET" ATTITUDE

- Purchasing low-noise equipment in municipalities: Philippe Mercier (Ville de Paris, France)
- EU 'green' Public Procurement a key requirement for IT products: Hans Wendschlag

(Hewlett-Packard Europe)

- **How other non-governmental organizations could play a role: Gloria Elliott (NAS UK)**
- **How the revised machinery directive 2006/42/EC promotes structured noise information at the point of sales – new legal requirements: a speaker from the EU DG...***
- **The role of a consumer association: Christiane Böttcher (Stiftung Warentest Germany)***
- **Involving the retail sector and setting requirements on product noise levels: Sebastian Wschiansky (BAFU Switzerland)**
- **How standards organizations could develop or improve standards for simplified product noise ratings and comprehensive product noise declarations: A representant of ISO**
- **How trade associations could develop test codes for their family of products for measuring noise levels and publishing the levels in a uniform manner for a level playing field: Matt Nobile (IBM + INCE/USA)**
- **How I-INCE and CAETS could be involved in the "Buy-Quiet" campaign: Tor Kihlman (I/INCE+ CAETS)**
- **Discussion Period**

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15.45-16.15 Coffee break

16.15-17.00 CONCLUSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- **Resolutions**
- **Issues**
- **Further activities and meetings**

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