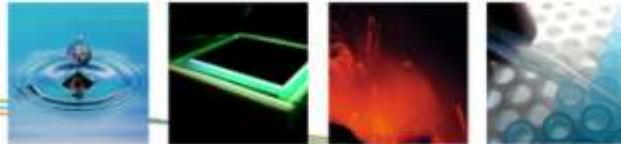




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INFLAME Kick-off meeting - Birmingham

VITO ESR 9

Stefan Voorspoels & Guy Vanermen

ESR 9 - Non-invasive bio-monitoring and exposure assessment of flame retardant chemicals

» Objective

The development and validation of non-invasive methods for the monitoring of human body burdens; exploration of the utility of non-invasive matrices like hair, saliva, nails and urine as biomarkers of internal exposure to flame retardants (FR)



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Global work program

- » Literature study:
 - » non-invasive methods for POPs
 - » analytical techniques for the determination of brominated and non-brominated flame retardants and their metabolites
- » Definition of target FR (common and novel) and metabolites; prediction of possible metabolites
- » Comparison of detection techniques and selection of most appropriate technique(s) based on LOD, selectivity, reproducibility, ease of operation and cost:

GC-(EI)MS

GC-(EI)HRMS

GC-(CI)MS

GCXGC-MS

GC-MS/MS

LC-(ESI)MS/MS

LC-(APCI)MS/MS

LC-(APPI)MS/MS

LC-ICP-MS

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- » Development of suitable analytical procedures for the determination of the target compounds in non-invasive matrices:
 - » Extraction procedures (PLE, Soxhlet, USE, ...)
 - » Clean up procedures (SPE, column chromatography, GPC, liquid/liquid partition ...)
 - » Derivatisation procedures (optional for metabolites)
- » Implementation/development of suitable analytical procedures for the determination of the target compounds in serum – cfr NIPH
- » Determination of the overall method performance (on the basis of real samples, reference materials, matrix addition experiments):
- » Assessment of the utility of non-invasive biomonitoring: comparison of non-invasive and invasive analytical data (based on limited scale monitoring of laboratory volunteers)

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- » Monitoring of FR in non-invasive human samples collected from mothers and children in Norway
- » Results
 - » Validated analytical procedures for the assessment of the degree of exposure to FR by means of non-invasive monitoring
 - » Case study: exposure results for a limited population in Norway and comparison between non-invasive and invasive biomonitoring

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Early Stage Researcher (ESR) – emission and exposure assessment of flame retardant chemicals

A 3 year PhD position is offered in the framework of the FP7 Marie Curie ITN network "Indoor Contamination with Flame Retardant Chemicals: Causes and Impacts" (INFLAME). The appointee would register for a PhD degree. The main research goal of INFLAME is to further understanding of how and to what extent flame retardant (FR) chemicals used in every-day consumer goods and construction materials enter humans and of the risk to health that such exposure presents. Our vision is that this enhanced understanding will inform management of the risk associated both with recent and current-use flame retardant chemicals, and of the development and ultimately lead to more sustainable approaches to meeting to this end. INFLAME's principal objectives are to discover: (1) the mechanisms via which FRs migrate to humans; (2) how and to what extent such migration leads to human exposure; and (3) the effects of such exposure.

ESR 4

Description
In this particular project, focus will be put on developing non-invasive methods for monitoring human body burdens. The successful applicant will be enrolled as an early stage researcher (ESR) in the INFLAME project involving mostly training through research. The ESR will focus on the development of non-invasive methods for monitoring human body burdens. The main aim is to explore the utility of non-invasive matrices like hair, saliva, and urine as biomarkers of internal exposure to FRs. Close collaboration with other consortium partners will provide additional training in sampling and preparation for analysis of such

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Following doctorates in the context of European projects are available:

- Emission and exposure assessment of flame retardant chemicals
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Other job details

Job ID: 33618850
Type of Contract: Temporary
Status: Full-time
Hours Per Week: 40
Company/Institute: Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO)
Country: Belgium
Community Language: Flemish
City: Mol

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- » Vijayakumar – 31/08/10
- » Conesa – 03/10/10
- » Cassidy – 21/11/10
- » Tutino – 01/09/10
- » Ertekin – 04/10/10
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- » Karatliev – 26/09/10
- » Cvejin – 09/11/10
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- » Gonzalez – 30/09/10
- » Kucharska – 20/11/10
- » Rafiq – 05/01/11
- » Caras Altas – 11/01/11

Recruitment @ VITO

- » Candidates were asked to send in:
 - » their CV
 - » a motivation letter
 - » 2 reference letters
 - » apply on-line on the VITO website
- » After eligibility check and 1st screening project outlines were asked
- » ESR 9: 5 candidates were interviewed (Skype):
Agnieszka Kucharska (PL) – Ozlem Ertekin (TR) – Natalija Usachova (LV) –
Enrique Cequier (ES) – Aleksandra Cvejin (RS)
- » ESR 4: Interviews are planned for the coming weeks

