Organizational matters

The symposium will take place in the main building of the Bundesanstalt für Gewässerkunde (BfG), Am Mainzer Tor 1, Koblenz. You can find the main entrance in the Julius-Wegeler-Straße, near the „Rhein-Mosel-Halle“. The BfG is in 10-minute walking distance from the main station „Koblenz-Hauptbahnhof“. Please note that there are very limited parking-facilities nearby.

We ask you to make sure that your registration is received by 17 October 2008. Please use the Registration Form (attached hereto) that you may return by telefax, mail or E-mail.

The registration fee is € 20 and covers the costs of all refreshments offered during the coffee breaks and the lunch. The conference fee should be paid in cash at the registration desk.

We have reserved a contingent of rooms for participants in the hotels:
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There you can book accommodation by using the keyword „sekt“ until 8 October 2008. Further information you find on the third page of this flyer.

Participants are requested to arrange their hotel accommodation themselves.

The official language of the symposium is English.

Further information about the joint research project SeKT you can find under:

http://sekt.bafg.de

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Against the background of the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) there is currently a high demand for research and development regarding the application of tools to detect potentials in sediments to cause ecotoxicological damage. Sediment contact tests are suitable tools for sediment risk assessment, as they simulate realistic exposure scenarios, considering the bioavailability of sediment bound contaminants. The joint research project SeKT – the acronym stands for the German word ‘SedimentKontaktTests’ (= sediment contact tests) – was initiated with the aim to compare recently developed or standardized sediment contact tests in terms of their variability and practical applicability in sediments with a wide range of properties. The test battery (bacteria, fungi, nematodes, oligochaetes, fish and plants) included test organisms that represent different trophic levels and cover a broad variety of uptake routes for contaminants. By defining reference conditions and toxicity thresholds, the project wanted to sharpen existing tools leading to a better interpretation of sediment toxicity data for an environmental risk assessment and helping to better imply sediment toxicity testing into routine monitoring programmes.

To round out the SeKT project, this symposium will not only summarize the outcome of the project, but connect the results with important issues in environmental science (block 1), method standardization (block 2), water management (block 3), and environmental monitoring (block 4). Within 1.5 days, stakeholders and scientists from various European countries and different disciplines, will present their view and discuss the relevance of sediment contact tests in the context of environmental risk assessment and the EU WFD.
Recommended hotels (for guests of the BfG, July 2008)

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Either Motorway A3, exit “Dernbacher Dreieck” or Motorway A61, exit “Kreuz Koblenz”, continue A48 in the direction of Koblenz, exit “Koblenz-Nord”. Follow B9 towards Koblenz for approx. 8 km. Follow signs for “Koblenz/Rhein-Mosel-Halle”. Go straight on and turn right after the 4th traffic light towards “Rhein-Mosel-Halle/Weindorf”. Follow the road to the left and go straight on at the lights. The BfG main building is on the right.

(Parking facilities: Rhein-Mosel-Halle or in streets nearby).

By aeroplane:
From Cologne Airport by train to Koblenz via Cologne (Köln). Travel time: approx. 1½ hours. Train connection approx. every half an hour.

From Frankfurt/Rhein-Main Airport by train via station „Fernbahnhof“. Travel time: approx. 1¼ hours. Trains to Koblenz go every hour.

For further information: http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en

From Frankfurt/Hahn Airport by bus to Koblenz railway station (Hauptbahnhof). Travel time: approx. 1¼ hours. Bus connections five times a day.
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I will attend the “get together” on Thursday, 13 November 2008 □ yes □ no

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