

VICO 2nd International Workshop on Vegetation Management What Future for Herbicides?



24 May	
9:30 – 10h00	Welcome Coffee
10h00-10h35	Welcome –Jean-Pierre Loubinoux , General Director, UIC Sustainable Land Use at UIC– Andrea Braschi, Environmental Advisor, UIC Key note address - Yves Fourdin – Head of Track Maintenance Division SNCF
10h35-12h15	 1- Maintenance policy: methods and legal environment Experiences from railway managers (10 min each) Micheal Below, Germany (DB) Romain Robert, France (SNCF) Graham Owen, UK (Network Rail) Questions and Answers Jonas Lycksell, Sweden (Trafikveket) Jean Pierre Deforet, Belgium (Infrabel) Thomas Schuh, Austria (ÖBB) Questions and Answers
12h15 – 13h45	Lunch
13h45-14h45	 2- Health regulations / herbicides approvals (15 minutes each) Policy View, Ethem Pekin, Environmental Economist CER Modelling Risk, Carmel Farwell, Senior Environmental Scientist Fera Science Ltd Risk Management for Weed Control on Railways in Germany, Petra Pucelik-Günther, Scientific Officer, German Federal Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) Questions and Answers
14h45 – 15h45	 3- Alternative methods Curative / preventive assessment (15 minutes each) Tests of different herbicides and alternative methods Harald Cederlund Uppsala University Jean-Pierre Pujols / Mickaël Hamon, SNCF Life Cycle Cost and impacts for mechanical / chemical / heat methods, Maxime Guerin Plante & Cité Questions and Answers
15h45 – 16h00	Summary of DAY 1 and introduction to DAY 2
16h00	Close



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8h30-10h00	 4- Data Management Environmental restrictions + spraying traceability ; GIS decision-making, Experiences from across Europe (15 min each one) Christophe Berthaud, France (SNCF) Jonas Lycksell, Sweden (Trafikverket) Jean Pierre Deforet, Belgium (Infrabel) Tony Saunders,UK (JSD Rail) Thomas Schuh, Austria (ÖBB)
	Questions and Answers
10h00 -10h30	Coffee-
10h30 – 12h00	 5- Discussion on the future of chemical weed control Presentation and Panel discussions Chris Leake, Croplife Rolf Gherardt DB Vincent Auriat SNCF
12h00 – 13h15	Lunch
13h15 – 14h30	 6- Impact of herbicides on environment Control program Groundwater, Niklas Löwegren, Trafikverket Risk analyze of glyphosate use, Harald Cederlund, Uppsala University Radiarc application system, Tony Saunders, JSD Rail Guidelines on Integrated Pest Management, Micheal Below, DB Questions and Answers
14h30-15h00	 7- Invasive species Sarah Thomas CABI (UK) Thomas Schuh OBB
15h00 - 15h45	Summary and next steps Michel Morin SNCF, Director Track Maintenance
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