Speaker Biographies

**Darren Abrahams**  
Barrister & Partner | Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
Darren Abrahams is an English barrister, Steptoe partner and Avocat at the Brussels Bar. His practise is focused on EU regulatory requirements and the related commercial issues in the environment, chemicals and life sciences areas. Chambers Europe praises his “great knowledge and advice” adding that he “adapts to the client’s needs and gets to the point quickly”. Legal 500 EMEA notes his “comprehensive understanding” and “detailed and expert knowledge” of EU environmental regulation and identifies him as one of the field’s leading individuals.

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**David Ashworth**  
Senior Consultant | TSGE Consulting  
Director | Klarus Consulting Limited  
David Ashworth is a Senior Consultant at TSGE Consulting and a Director of Klarus Consulting Limited, advising the biocides community on the complex issues associated with ensuring the regulatory compliance of their products. Previously David was Global Development Manager at BASF where he was responsible for all aspects of the development, marketing and use of biocides. Whilst in this role he advised on the use of active substances in applications such as disinfection, oilfields, preservation and water/paper industries. His specialist skills include strategy development, guidance on dossier compilation - particularly the role of efficacy in risk assessment and evaluation of company position with regards to biocide markets.  
He is active in the development of international test methods for determination of biocidal product efficacy. With a wealth of experience in the biocides industry, gained with key players in the sector, David brings a sound knowledge of the commercial, technical and regulatory aspects of the use of biocides and their products.  
David leads the BACS Biosciences and Biotechnology Group, is active on Standards committees both at a local (BSI) and international (CEN) level. He is a Chartered Biologist and holds an MBA from Loughborough University.

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**Dr. Mike Baldry**  
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs | Antec International Ltd  
After completion of his chemistry degree and doctorate at Oxford University, Mike joined Laporte as a research chemist and microbiologist, working initially in the Interox joint venture with Solvay on the properties and applications of peroxygen biocides. He later held a number of R&D, technology development and regulatory positions with Laporte and Solvay. He has been involved with the BPD/R from the earliest days and was an independent regulatory consultant before joining Antec International, now a subsidiary of Lanxess.  
Mike is currently a Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager within the Actives and Disinfection business of Lanxess Material Protection Products. His main areas of work are active substance approval under the BPR and related biocidal product authorisations under the BPR and national legislation. Mike is a professional chemist and biologist, a member of the CEFIC EBPF Management Committee and chairs the British Standards technical committee responsible for efficacy test methods for disinfectants.
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Hans Marquart
Senior Researcher | Triskelion B.V.
Hans is an occupational hygienist by training. He works for TNO and (since the spin-out) for Triskelion for more than 25 years now in the field of human exposure assessment and exposure modelling. He participated in the creation of the models Stoffenmanager, RISKOFDERM and ART. His main area of expertise is exposure assessment for regulatory risk assessment. Earlier, he was already involved in assessments for the New Substances Directive, followed by the Existing Substances Directive and now by REACH. Hans participated in the development of the guidance for REACH on worker exposure assessment and in the recent guidance for SMEs. Next to REACH, he is also active in the Biocidal Product Directive. Next to human exposure assessment, he also is involved in cost-benefit analyses and Socio-Economic Analyses.

Ian Pepper
Independent Consultant | Biotactix Consulting Ltd
Ian Pepper is a chartered biologist now working as an independent Regulatory Affairs Consultant. He started his career with five years’ experience at Fisons Agrochemicals where he worked as an agronomist in crop protection product sales. He then joined Ciba-Geigy, later Novartis, where he moved over to plant protection product development, field trials and marketing.

After seventeen years in the agricultural sector, Ian joined Rentokil Initial plc in 1990, as General Manager, Technical Services within the Research and Development Division. Here he was responsible for global regulatory affairs and product registration.

With his team he submitted five biocidal active substance dossiers under the original directive and achieved the first ever biocidal product authorisation at Member State level.

Ian left Rentokil in 2010 and now works as an independent consultant, concentrating on the strategic development of active substance dossiers and product authorisations for many businesses. He also advises on mitigating the commercial impact of the BPR for industry members.

Outi Priha
Scientific Officer, Biocides Assessment Unit | European Chemicals Agency
Outi Priha joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in March 2016, and is currently a Scientific Officer in the Biocides Assessment Unit. She is a member of the Efficacy Working Group of the Biocidal Products Committee and a microorganisms expert.

Before joining the agency, Outi worked as a scientist at VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland for 14 years, where she was involved with applied research in close co-operation with the industry. Her main research activity was on managing and controlling biofouling in various industrial settings, including pulp and paper mills, as well as the food and beverage industry.

She has specific experience with functional coatings preventing microbial attachment and cell-to-cell signalling (quorum sensing) of bacteria. She also acted as the curator of the VTT Culture Collection; an international resource centre of microbial pure cultures.

Outi has graduated from the University of Helsinki, majoring in environmental microbiology. She completed her PhD at the Finnish Forest Research Institute on soil microbiology and had post-doctoral positions in INRA – Nancy and University of Helsinki.
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Tatjana Röder
Business Development / Marketing | aquagroup AG

Tatjana Röder studied at the University of Regensburg (Germany) and the University of Boulder, CO (USA). After graduation (M.A.) she worked for a management consultancy company in telecommunication. Afterwards, she gained expertise in customer relation management and to complete her portfolio she achieved a diploma in communications management.

Tatjana has accompanied aquagroup AG from the very beginning in 2004, beginning in order processing, customer relation management and technical support. Today she is responsible for Business Development, IT and last but not least regulatory issues. Since aquagroup is specialised in building in situ devices to generate active chlorine from sodium chloride by electrolysis, her special interests are in situ active substances and products.

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Ian Watt
European Product Stewardship and Regulatory Manager, Global Regulatory Sciences and Product Sustainability | Dow Microbial Control

Ian Watt has a career in biocides spanning more than 20 years, including Sales and Account Management, Technical and Product Development and roles of increasing responsibility in the Regulatory and Product Stewardship function within The Dow Chemical Company. He is responsible for leading the strategic development and implementation of global regulatory and product stewardship plans in the Personal and Home Care and Hygiene market segments as well as holding specific responsibilities for the regulatory management of key active ingredients.

Ian works closely with regulatory agencies and other key stakeholders to advocate for the application of appropriate legislation and for the successful introduction or maintenance of Dow technologies and products on the European and global markets. Ian is chair of a number of sector- or product-specific biocide industry task forces and consortia.

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