

## ILPPWA 2019 report - Eco-Accord, Russia

2019 INTERNATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK OF ACTION

Name of Event/activity: "LEAD IN PAINT - A THREAT TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH"

Date, Time and Location: October, 23, 2019, Moscow

**Description of the Event/activity:** 

• **Type of activity :** round table

• Target audience(s): governmental institutions, NGOs, experts, international organizations, industry, trade

• Outcome of activities: exchange of views, recommendations Co-Organizers if any: UNEP office in Russia

Number of People Who Attended:

Region:	Community:	Number of participants	
Russia		partsparts	Percentage
	governmental institutiions	4	
	NGOs	6	
	industry	3	
	trade	1	
	experts	4	
	international organizations\	3	
	Total:	21	
	Men	10	48 %
	Women	11	52 %

## List of Influential Individuals from the Government, Industry and/or Civil Society Who Attended:

Ms. Anna Zuevskaya, head of the Technical Regulation unit, Eurasian Economic Commission

Dr. Boris Revich, a famous and influential expert on heavy metals and health

Mr. Vladimir Moshkalo, Head of UNEP Russian office

Mr. Serguei Fedotov, Head of the Russian Association of Paint Quality

Dr. Simon Avaliany, Head of Department, Erisman Federal Scientific Center for Hygiene under the Russian Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor)

**Media Coverage:** 

https://ria.ru/20191023/1560092491.html

http://www.unic.ru/event/2019-10-21/v-mire/svinets-v-kraske-ugroza-zdorovyu-lyudei

https://ria.ru/20191023/1560092314.html



We assess coverage as 5,000 people minimum. Eco-Accord list (800 NGOs and experts)

## **Evaluation:**

• <u>Did the number of people who attended meet or exceed expectations or were you disappointed in the turnout?</u>

It would be nice to have more people from some key Russian ministries (Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Health), however, their understanding is still low. Nevertheless, we got successful consultations with the ministries during the preparation of the round table and it gives the hope to make our work more successful in future

• Did the event attract the target audience(s) you hoped for? Was there participation by individuals or organizations that you hadn't anticipated in advance? Who didn't come that you wanted to be there?

We also planned to have Duma (Russian Parliament) representatives to participate in our event. However, interested people could not participate because of the busy schedule.

• <u>Did the event agenda go off as planned? What might you improve for next time?</u>
Yes, event went as planned, except technical problem faced by the Ministry of Investments and Development of Kazakhstan Republic. As a result their representative Mr. Kanagat Dyussenbaev, could not make his presentation via Skype.

• <u>Did you meet or exceed your objectives for the event or were you unable to achieve your objectives? Please explain.</u>

Despite some technical issues, the following tasks have been successfully achieved:

- raise awareness of the problem of lead paints;
- raise awareness of the regulatory processes for lead in paint at the international level and in other countries;
- outline a plan for what the government, non-governmental organizations, and industry should do in the nearest future to solve the problem of lead paints.
  - <u>Did you have the right materials/handouts? If not, what materials/handouts would be helpful</u> to have in the future?

We prepared a folder that included:

- 1) WHO materials on lead paints;
- 2) Research on lead pollution and health in Russia;
- 3) Results of lead paint projects implemented by Eco-Accord and IPEN.

We received many thanks for the materials.

• What would you do differently if you could do the event all over again?

We would raise more funds to get extra special activities for mass media.

• How do you plan to follow up after the meeting?

We plan to:

- 1) conduct new testing of paint for lead contamination;
- 2) continue the dialogue with the governmental bodies on the importance of strengthening the regulation on lead paints and control over its implementation;
- 3) participate in the discussion of a new draft technical regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union.



• Photos of the event



"LEAD IN PAINT - A THREAT TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH" Round Table in Moscow

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