



## 12th International Passive Sampling Workshop and Symposium

### Invitation

On behalf of the organizers (Deltares and Rijkswaterstaat-WVL), we like to invite you to the **12<sup>th</sup> International Passive Sampling Workshop and Symposium (IPSW 2020)** to be held in Utrecht, the Netherlands. This meeting will run from Monday **11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**. This time the event will focus on how science and policy relate to passive sampling and will include some interactive sessions never done before. Policymakers who are involved in their work with WFD monitoring and reporting of the results to the EU are specially invited to join this year's edition of IPSW 2020.

The platform helps communication of important topics on the use of the latest techniques for passive sampling of undesirable substances, but also to develop educational activities that are part of various projects.

The IPSW may also be used as a venue for satellite workshops related to practical methods basic skills, or international research projects. And this time the organizing parties not only want to include scientists but also policy makers.

We believe the IPSW 2020 activities will provide a valuable opportunity for experts using various passive sampling methods or want to implement them in their monitoring or policy to exchange ideas and experiences. Also those just beginning to introduce passive sampling methods into their work are very welcome. With interactive sessions supervised by professional facilitators we hope to bridge the gap between the scientific part of passive sampling and the implementation in regular monitoring.

Please add this meeting in your calendar and share this announcement with others who may be interested.

### Scientific program

The main program of IPSW 2020 will comprise *invited and contributed talks, poster presentations and interactive sessions with discussions*. The focus of the first day of the meeting will be the scientific and practical side of passive sampling with presentations e.g. on new developments and the in situ use and application of passive samplers for environmental monitoring and risk assessment. The second day will focus on opportunities and needs for implementation and acceptance in regulatory monitoring for example related to the EU water Framework Directive. This meeting will provide opportunities to share knowledge and experiences related to implementation in policies, specific practical applications of these tools, new developments, and future directions of study.

### Topics

Sessions will be assigned to the following key topics reflecting the development and application of passive samplers in sediments/soils and (ground)water:

1. Passive sampling and biota monitoring
2. Environmental applications and monitoring with passive samplers
3. Development of novel passive sampling devices
4. Toxicity assessment-based on passive sampling methods
5. Key aspects for QA/QC, accreditation, data treatment and interpretation
6. Passive sampling to support environmental policy

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any proposal for new **topics or workshops**.

## International Committee

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## Registration fees

Event	Registration	Students	Normal
IPSW2020	Early registration (until 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020)	200 EUR	400 EUR
	Late registration (16 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 – on-site)	300 EUR	500 EUR

The registration fee will cover all conference sessions: program and abstract book, certificates of attendance, refreshments, including lunches and dinners during social events. Accommodation and travel expenses are not included.

## Preliminary program

### Satellite events of IPSW 2020

<b>Satellite workshops (to be announced later)</b>	<b>Monday (May 11)</b> <b>8 AM – 9 AM</b> Registration <b>9 AM – 5 PM</b> Workshops (individual workshops to be announced)
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### Main program of IPSW 2020

<b>Monday (May 11)</b> <b>4 PM – 6 PM</b> Registration to IPSW 2020 <b>7 PM – 10 PM (Welcome drink)</b> Come relax after a long trip. Meet old friends and make new ones. <b>Tuesday (May 12)</b> <b>(1<sup>st</sup> day Scientific program)</b> <b>8 AM – 9 AM</b> Registration <b>9 AM – 6 PM</b> Introduction, opening remarks. Plenary sessions with scientific talks and poster sessions <b>(two coffee breaks, lunch and drinks will be served)</b> <b>7 PM – 12 PM</b> Evening social event and dinner	<b>Wednesday (May 13)</b> <b>(2<sup>nd</sup> day Interaction science and policymaking)</b> <b>9.30 AM – 5 PM</b> Plenary sessions. Keynote presentations, Interactive sessions and Poster sessions <b>(two coffee breaks, lunch drinks will be served)</b> <b>7 PM – 12 PM</b> Conference dinner
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## Preliminary Agenda

Registration for all meetings will be accepted only through the on-line system and will be available from beginning 2020 for the main IPSW 2020 conference.

All participants, including those making presentations, must register. An invitation to make a presentation does not imply that financial support will be provided.

More information on abstract submission will follow

## Location/Venue/Accommodation

The IPSW 2020 meeting, including satellite events will be held at Rijkswaterstaat Utrecht, the Netherlands. Information on accommodation options will follow later.

## Host City

Utrecht is one of major cities in the Netherlands located in the middle of the country. The city is famous for its canals and the 112-meter-high Dom Tower built in 1254. It has a beautiful old city Centre. It is in the Centre of the Netherlands, which makes it an important junction in the country with several trade and conference centers. The city hosts three universities, several scientific institutes and departments of Rijkswaterstaat (part of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management). For more information please go to <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utrecht>

## Contact us

Please send us an indication of your preliminary interest in the meeting (participation, scientific programme, presentation, sponsorship and any other ideas) and do not hesitate to contact anyone of us if you require further information:

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