

## **FOREWORD**

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This special section has been made additionally to the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum Book, as it describes a number of activities being carried out after the Kiev Forum.

The 7<sup>th</sup> international HCH and Pesticides Forum in Kiev has created a new international movement and commitment towards solutions for the problems of obsolete pesticides in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The book documents this common vision towards a real and feasible solution. We have also included the actions that followed thereafter.

### **What happened after Kiev, June 2003?**

In this section we have included the most recent developments after Kiev, being:

1. The visit of Mr. Ivan Zayets, Vice Deputy of the Committee on Environmental Policy, Nature Resources, Utilization and Elimination of the Consequences of the Chernobyl Catastrophe of the Ukrainian Parliament to European Parliament and EU Commission, 24 to 26 November 2003, Communiqué by Alex de Roo and John Vijgen
2. Report of Plenary Session of European Parliament, Sitting of Tuesday 13 January 2004, Question Time (Commission), Report on questions by Members of Parliament and Answers of Commissioner Patten on the issue of obsolete pesticides in Ukraine
3. Letter from IHPA to Mr. Victor Slavuta, the Ukrainian Minister of Agricultural Policy, 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2004 (the same letter has been forwarded on 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2004 to Mr. Serhiy Polyakov, Minister for Environment Protection and Natural Resources)
4. European Parliament, Implementation of the 2004 budget, 4 February 2004, Section of WORKING DOCUMENT (specific section on elimination of pesticides) on requests made to the Commission in resolutions related to the 2004 budget, Committee on Budgets, Rapporteur Jan Mulder
5. Letter from IHPA to EU Commissioner for Environment Wallström, 5 March 2004

The frequent activities after the Kiev Forum show the strong commitment to really bring the issue forward. The letter to Ms. Wallström is of specific interest, as it gives an overview of efforts initiated by EU Parliament and IHPA towards the EU Commission, and by the international organisations over the last 4 years since the 6<sup>th</sup> International HCH and Pesticides, May 2001.

We are sure that more and more parties will join us in our common works and goals to eliminate obsolete pesticides in the region.