

## International EMF Conference in Stavanger, Norway: "Electromagnetic fields and health: Science pointing to new biologically-based guidelines", November 17th 2009

The rapid increase in mobile phones, phone masts and wireless communication systems has caused increased concern around the globe over the potential effects of electromagnetic pollution on ecosystem processes and environmental health. There is an urgent need for environmental risk assessment so that strategies can be devised to find new biologically-based guidelines to minimize hazards.

The European Parliament voted in favor of a resolution on health concerns associated with electromagnetic fields (Ries, April 2009). The resolution is calling for particular consideration of biological effects when assessing the potential health impact of electromagnetic radiation, especially given that some studies have found the most harmful effects at lowest levels. The European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety has said 'the limits of exposure to electromagnetic fields which have been set for the general public are obsolete'. It is calling for stricter exposure limits.

In November 2009 leading experts from all over the world will meet in Norway to start the all-important process of developing new biologically-based guidelines limiting exposure to electromagnetic radiation. Leading up to this work, on November 17<sup>th</sup> an international conference will be arranged in the city of Stavanger. Invited scientists will deliver talks and present research to initiate discussions and provide information for politicians, public health authorities and non-governmental organizations. Among the scientists attending the conference is:

- Franz Adlkofer, Professor, PhD (Germany)
- Carl F Blackman, PhD (USA)
- Grahame Blackwell, PhD (UK)
- Martin Blank, Professor, PhD (USA)
- Alvaro Augusto Almeida de Salles, Professor, PhD (Brazil)
- Yury Grigoriev, Professor, Dr of Med Sci (Russia)
- Olle Johansson, Professor, PhD (Sweden)
- Michael Kundi, Professor, PhD (Austria)
- Henry Lai, Professor, PhD (USA)
- Lukas Margaritis, PhD (Greece)
- Anton Merkulov MSc (Russia)
- Elihu D Richter, MD, MPH (Israel)
- Stelios Zinelis, MD, PhD (Greece)

The Stavanger conference will offer a unique opportunity to catch up with recent peer reviewed and published research on health effects and electromagnetic fields, ranging from behavioral and cognitive abnormalities to DNA damage and cancer.

Adoption of wireless technologies may prove to become the most severe environmental challenge of our time. We trust you will find this important conference of great interest. The final conference program will be distributed in a couple of weeks. Reservations can be made via <a href="mailto:emf2009@nmf.no">emf2009@nmf.no</a>. Fee EUR 200 / NOK 1750, lunch included.

Yours sincerely

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