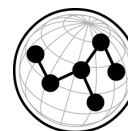




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P61 National Training Starts

After completing successful Regional Training in Laos PDR and Singapore the next phase of the project has started in Viet Nam

P61 will be visiting 9 Partner Countries within the next 6 months to deliver the national training phase of the project. The first of these is Viet Nam, with Laos PDR, Indonesia and



Cambodia also set to receive training before the end of 2019.

The two week event in Viet Nam was opened on the 9th September by Ms. BUI Thi Thuy Anh, Director of the International Cooperation Division of the Vietnam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety (VARANS). Over 160 Vietnamese nationals from a range of professional backgrounds are due to attend, and some of these were trained as trainers in order to spread best practice further around the country. Selected trainers will also attend the final Train the Trainer course in mid 2020.

The workshops cover issues such as dealing with chemical decontamination, chemical recovery and remediation, sampling and identification, CBRN terrorism and chemical risk management. They are delivered by experts from Public Health England (PHE) and the International Security and Emergency Management Institute in Slovakia (ISEMI). Details of the other national training events can be found at the back of this newsletter.

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Public Health England (PHE, UK)

International Security and Emergency Management Institute (ISEMI, Slovakia)

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P61 Regional Training goes down well in Vientiane

Between the 2nd and 10th July, 80 delegates from 9 Southeast Asian countries attended a series of regional workshops in the Laos PDR Capital, Vientiane, gaining valuable expertise in a range of chemical management issues.

Delivered by experts from Public Health England and legal group the Verification Research,

Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), the workshops covered the following topics:

International Legal Frameworks for Chemicals

Cross Border Chemical Incident Management

Developing National Chemical Risk Assessments

National Recovery and Remediation for Chemical Incidents

Further training on these issues will be incorporated into the national training courses. The workshops were implemented in close collaboration with the CBRN CoE National Focal Points of Lao PDR, Mr. Phouthanouthong Xaysombath, Director of the Local and Domestic Cooperation Division, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ms. Viengsavanh Bouttanavong, Deputy Director of the International Organisations Division at the same department.

Professor Raquel Duarte-Davidson, lead expert at the event said: 'We were really pleased with the engagement from delegates who were keen to learn and get the most out of these workshops. We're also grateful for the good feedback we have received, and look forward to continuing this work with the national training workshops which start in the Autumn.'



Robert Frank, EU Regional Cooperation Officer for South East Asia, opened the training

Judicial Reinforcement: Work Package 1 Update

The activities under Work Package 1 focus on the legal aspects of chemicals management. Since the last newsletter in June 2019, VERTIC has presented on the international legal framework for chemicals during P61's Regional Workshop in Lao PDR. The presentation in July focused on international legal obligations under the relevant international instruments, and participants from Partner Countries discussed what strategies they could employ to facilitate the implementation process in their own jurisdictions.

In addition, VERTIC has finalised a number of templates for legislation surveys. Work has also begun to develop country-specific legislation surveys on the implementation of international instruments concerning chemicals and their wastes. Significant progress on surveys has been made in relation to the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Stockholm Convention and the Rotterdam Convention as well as analysis of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and their target with regard to safe management of chemicals.



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P61 Laboratory training teams up with CBRN partners in Singapore

In cooperation with DSO Laboratories, Singapore, Project 61 continued its round of regional training workshops over the summer. 16 delegates from 8 Southeast Asian partner countries attended a five-day workshop on sampling, detection, identification and quantification of high-risk chemicals. Further training on these issues will be incorporated into the national training courses.



The week was formally opened by Ms. Sng Mui Tiang, Director, Defence Medical & Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories of Singapore, and Mr. Balazs Ujvari, Political Officer, Political, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to Singapore, on Monday, July 15, 2019.



Held in DSO National Laboratories of Singapore, the workshop was designed to improve laboratories standards and techniques, to develop chemical detection abilities, and to help to develop a network of chemical laboratory experts across the participating countries. It was led by expert trainers from National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) of the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

The last day of the workshop was held at Agilent Technologies, where delegates had an additional laboratory tour and spent more time with hand held detection equipment.

Work Package Leader, André van Esburg, from RIVM, commented: 'We had a very engaged and enthusiastic group of delegates and had a very successful week. I'm extremely grateful to DSO Laboratories for hosting us, and to Agilent Technologies for the lab tour.'



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P61 Event Calendar

09-20/09/2019 WP 2,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Viet Nam

23/09/2019 – 04/10/2019 WP 2,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Lao PDR

04-15/11/2019 WP 2,3,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Indonesia

18-29/11/2019 WP 2,3,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Cambodia

Dec 2019 - Steering Committee Meeting, to be confirmed but likely to Jakarta 13/12/2019

13-24/01/2020 WP 2,3,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Myanmar

21 – 22/01/19 WP 3 National Workshop, Malaysia

28/01/2020 – 07/02/2020 WP 2,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Malaysia

09-20/03/2020 WP 2,3, 4,5 Multiple National Workshops in The Philippines

16 – 17/03/19 WP3 National Training, Thailand

23/03/2020 – 04/04/2020 WP 2,3,4,5 Multiple National Workshops in Brunei

25 – 29/05/19 – WP4 National Training, Thailand

01-26/06/2019 - WP 2,4,5 Regional Train the Trainer Courses, locations to be confirmed

Jun or Jul 2020 – Final Steering Committee Meeting Date / location to be confirmed

01/09/2020 Project ends

N.B. The Calendar above was correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change. The live P61 on-line calendar can be viewed at:

<https://teamup.com/ksq9onkvrmvkc9av>



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