

The 9th Annual Conference on Women's Health and the Environment

Monday, October 24, 2005

Are We Living in a Chemical Stew?

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA
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National Conference on Women's Health and the Environment

A project of the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation, this conference is the ninth in a series entitled *Women's Health and the Environment*. Previous conferences have explored risks to women's health in the workplace, health risks from the cultural environment, women's economic health and caring for women's mental health. This year's conference focuses on new developments in understanding environmental risks to women's health and new opportunities to translate scientific knowledge into effective prevention.

The theme of this year's conference is "Are We Living in a Chemical Stew?" The panelists and speakers will focus on the potential relationship between the incidence of many diseases and risks to women's health from unregulated chemicals. They will present information from new studies and help participants understand environmental research. Keynote speakers will describe options for healthier futures ranging from regulation to design concepts that depend only on natural or recyclable materials.

The *Women's Health and the Environment* series encourages women to take an active and responsible role in decision-making about their health, lifestyle choices and economic futures. Although women have more access to information and greater autonomy than in the past, many women still have limited control over their daily lives and futures. Women often find it difficult to understand and make decisions based on complex scientific studies. They want information they can use to make choices for themselves and their families.

Directions and Parking

To get to the BCEC via public transit:

Silver Line – The closest Silver Line stop is the World Trade Center (WTC) stop. Exit the station at the top level and the BCEC is a 2-minute walk down WTC Ave.

Red Line – The closest Red Line stop is at South Station. Turn right down Summer Street for the 10-12 minute walk to the BCEC.

If you are driving:

Valet Parking is available at a cost of \$20 for the day.

The BCEC is currently constructing a parking lot at the rear of the facility that will be available to attendees at a cost of \$10 for the day. Visit www.reginavilla.com/heinz2005.html for more updates.

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Preliminary Program

8:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Teresa Heinz

Chairman, Heinz Family Philanthropies

9:15-9:45

Keynote – The Precautionary Principle vs. Regulation

Sandra Steingraber, PhD

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, *Ithaca College*

Author, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment*

10:00-11:15

Interactive Panel I:

Are Chemicals Changing Our Bodies?

Lynn Goldman, MD, MPH

Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Chair, Interdepartmental Program on Applied Public Health

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

New Persistent Pollutants in the Environment and Reproductive Health

Lovell A. Jones, PhD

Director, Center for Research on Minority Health

Professor, Departments of Gynecologic Oncology and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Health Disparities in Medically Underserved Populations

Michele Marcus, PhD

Associate Professor of Epidemiology, *Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University*

University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Environmental Exposures and Reproductive Health: Focus on Early Puberty

Marcia Stefanick, PhD, FAHA

Professor of Medicine, *Stanford University School of Medicine*

Menopause Is Not a Disease

Moderator:

Julia Brody, PhD

Executive Director, *Silent Spring Institute*

11:30

Keynote – A New Conceptual Framework for Product Design: Remaking the Way We Make Things

William McDonough, FAIA

Founding Partner, *William McDonough + Partners*

12:15 Lunch (Box lunch provided)

12:45-1:30

A Lunch Conversation: Changing the Way We Do Business in America

Kaye Gosline

Director, *Contract Fibers, Solutia, Inc.*

The Equation for Change in the Chemical Business

Horst M. Rechelbacher

Philanthropist-Ecopreneur, *Intelligent Nutrients, HMR Foundation, HMR Studios, HMR Galleries*

Consumer Democracy

Moderator:

Jane Houlihan

Vice President for Research, *Environmental Working Group*

1:45-3:00

Interactive Panel II:

Understanding Environmental Research and Reporting

Douglas Fischer

Environmental Reporter, *Oakland Tribune*

What We Don't Know: A Newspaper's Investigation of Our Body Burden

Kenneth Olden, PhD, SCD, LHD

Former Director, *National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH*

Understanding Environmental Health Research

Richard Joseph Jackson, MD, MPH

Adjunct Professor, *University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health*

A Public Health Perspective

Moderator:

Liz Brunner

Co-Anchor, *NewsCenter5*

3:00

Closing Remarks:

Teresa Heinz

On behalf of the members of our community with multiple chemical sensitivities, we request that participants kindly refrain from wearing fragrances to the event.

Registration

There is no charge for the conference. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis **until October 14**. Due to overwhelming response, we cannot accept registration by telephone. You can register by mail, fax or on the Internet.

By mail: Heinz Foundation Conference

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Register Online!

Online registration is now available at our website: www.reginavilla.com/heinz2005.html.

Heinz 2005 Conference Registration Form

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City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Company/Affiliation _____

Daytime Phone () _____

Email Address _____

Registration Code _____

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