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Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

PROPOSED AGENDA

EPMAN-7

7th meeting of the Expert Panel on Mitigation of Agricultural Nitrogen
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The suggested agenda of the 7th EPMAN meeting will be focused especially on the finalization of the Guidance Document for Preventing and Abating Ammonia Emissions from Agricultural Sources, and on the emission abatement in EECCA countries.

In this context all participants of the EPMAN meeting **are invited** to send their reflection about the current version of the Guidance Document (see website) before the meeting as a basis for a final discussion to each part of mentioned documents.

The EPMAN expects an attendance of representatives of EECCA countries so in this context we would like to introduce all activities being processed under EPMAN.

One point of suggested agenda will bring brief feedback information from the last WGSR meeting hold in September in Geneva.

Tuesday 28th February – Park Inn Pulkovskaya Hotel, St. Petersburg

Time	Activity
9:00	<p>1. Introduction from the co-chairs of the Expert Panel, and from participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the EPMAN in the process of the GP/Annex IX revision • A brief history of EPMAN activities since Nov. 2008 (EPMAN-1) <i>Shabtai Bittman</i> • ECCA countries representatives to provide a short introduction to themselves and their country <i>Martin Dedina</i>
9:30	<p>2. Discussion with ECCA country representatives about their insights, wishes, ideas dealing with GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonization of the International and National Requirements and Guidelines to Reduce N-reactive Emission from Agriculture <i>Vladislav Minin</i> • Techniques to reduce ammonia nitrogen losses in organic fertilizers production and application <i>S Lukin</i> • Field experiments to study N₂O and CO₂ emissions from arable soils and pastures in North-Western and Central Russia <i>Natalia Buchkina</i> • Biotechnological approaches to ammonia generation in livestock production <i>George Laptev</i>
10:15	<p>3. Introduction of Gothenburg Protocol (GP) principles and its aims in ECCA countries Oene Oenema and Mark Sutton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short explanation of significance of the Gothenburg Protocol, Annex IX of the GP and its dissemination • Provision of information from the 49th WGSR meeting hold in September 2011 in Geneva and Overview of current revised of the Annex IX
10:45	Coffee/tea
11:15	<p>4. Final discussion of the Guidance Document for Preventing and Abating Ammonia Emissions from Agricultural Sources Shabtai Bittman, Martin Dedina, Oene Oenema, Mark Sutton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of the chapters • Final check of its linkage with the Annex IX • Final assessment of costs need for GP principles implementation <p>What needs to be done before approval</p>
12:00	Lunch
13:00	<p>5. Final discussion of the Guidance Document for Preventing and Abating Ammonia Emissions from Agricultural Sources (continued)</p>
13:30	6. Draft Book on Cost and Benefits of NH₃ Emission Abatement
14:30	<p>7. Framework code Martin Dedina and Shabtai Bittman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the code, suggestions of aims; • Confirm lead writers • Structure and contain of the code, scale of provided information <p>Discussion about multi-pollution assessment of abatement measures</p>
15:30	Coffee/Tea
16:00	<p>8. Discussion of paper by Sintermann et al. 2011. in Biogeoscience: Are ammonia emissions from field-applied slurry substantially over-estimated in European emission inventories? http://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/8/10069/2011/bgd-8-10069-2011.pdf</p>
16:50	9. Confirming actions and key priorities (approval of the Guidance Document)
17:00	Close of meeting