

DIOXIN'82 – Salzburg, Austria

The Third International Symposium on “Chlorinated Dioxins and Related Compounds” took place in Salzburg, Austria, from 12 to 14 October 1982. As with the previous two meetings, the topic of “dioxins” attracted considerable attention from various points of view and the symposium, once again, was a great success and had seen participation of many of the leading scientists who are active in this area.

Some 50 papers presented at DIOXIN'82 were published in 1983 in two issues (4-5) of a special Symposium volume of Chemosphere (Volume 12). The published papers give an overview on “hot topics” in 1982 and range from analysis of PCDD/PCDF and related compounds such as to risk assessment, from sources to toxicological effects in laboratory animals and in humans.

Unfortunately, there are not many recordings from the Salzburg conference. A planning meeting was held one year before in Washington, DC (see below, front page of the minutes of the meeting). Besides the ones participating at the planning meeting, H. Adam and R.W. Frei were included in the organizing committee.

3rd International Symposium on Chlorinated Dioxins and
Related Compounds
October 12-14, 1982, Salzburg, Austria.

A. Notes from the planning-session, Washington,

Oct. 29, 1981

present: O. Hutzinger

E. Merian

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G. Reggiani

B. Shepard

R. Tucker (present part of session)

A. Young

The 1982 Dioxin Symposium was held as a three-day conference at the International Conference Center in Salzburg, Austria. The overall meeting organization was done out of Professor Otto Hutzinger's office at the Laboratory of Environmental and Toxicological Chemistry at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Interestingly, the European organizing committee met only at the beginning of the year 1983 to begin its organizational work. Things have changed: Today, the International Advisory Board, assigns DIOXIN Symposium organizers four years ahead of their meeting!

At that time, the major room, the Humboldt Saal, with its 240 seats was sufficient to accommodate all participants. The mayor of the City of Salzburg and the Governor of the Province hosted a reception for the delegates.

The 1982 Symposium was set-up so that the first day was dedicated to an update by experts on all subject areas with about nine presentations à 30 minutes. The second day concentrated on incineration sources with invited lectures, posters and a panel discussion. The third and last day had case studies and accidents with invited lectures, posters and panel discussion on the program.

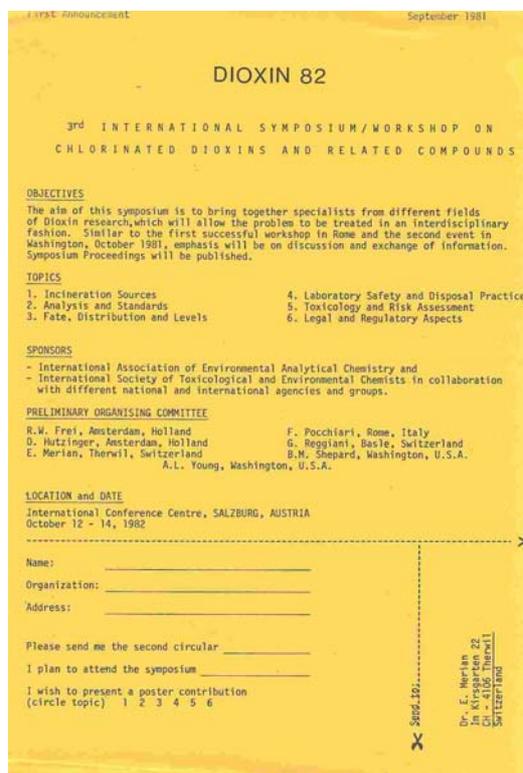
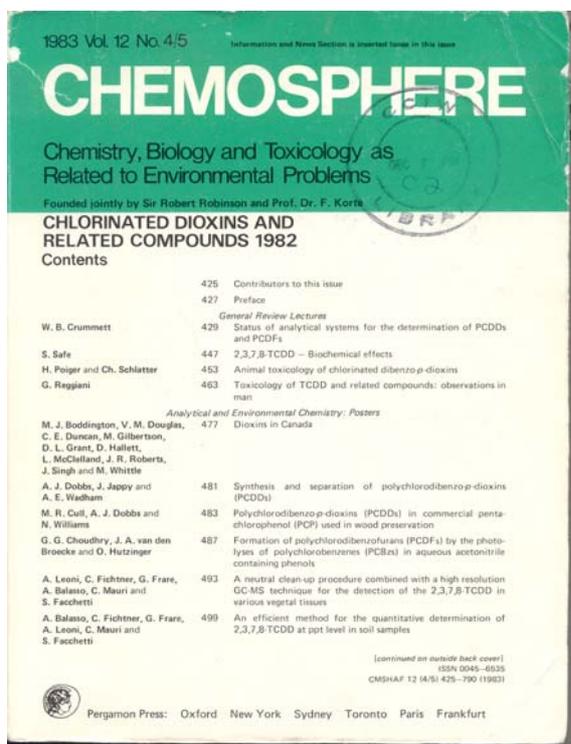
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a) Papers from Dioxin 82 were published in Chemosphere **12** (4-5) 429-790, 1983 (left).

b) Announcement for Dioxin 82 (right)