

## **PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING POPS**

Dioxin 2026 / BFR 2026 remembers 50 years since the incident in Seveso where dioxins were released into the surrounding environment. But there have been many more incidents involving the release of POPs worldwide, some major events with international impact and other much smaller events. Follow-up studies have been conducted following some of these incidents.

This special session proposes to give an overview of events that have involved contamination or the release of POPs to the environment and consequential human exposure. What have the follow-up studies concluded? What lessons have been learnt? What else can be done to minimize the prospect of such incidents re-occurring?

Those who have been involved in any way with large scale or small less well known incidents, or anyone who wishes to make a critical review of any individual or series of incidents, is invited to present a review including a summary of what occurred, any follow-up studies that were conducted, what was the economical impact, and what lessons have been learnt.

Consideration will be given to publishing a collection of these reviews either as chapters in a book or as a journal special edition if there is sufficient interest.