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## **The International POPs Elimination Project**

*Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in  
Preparation for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

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# **Global Day of Action on POPs in Russia**

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## About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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## Global Day of Action on POPs in Russia

On April 22, 2005, in Moscow, students of the Chemical Department of Moscow State University conducted the action "MSU Students against POPs". The students made presentations on: "Chemical Boomerangs as a Global Environmental Problem"; "New Approaches to Analysis of Dioxins in Environmental Media"; "Global Biosphere Pollution by Polychlorinated Biphenyls"; "Biota Environmental Stress by Organotin Ecolotoxicants"; "Mercury Compounds in the Environment"; "Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Sediments of the Moscow River"; "Environmental Problems of Pesticide Application"; "What Should be Done with Obsolete Pesticides?". Summing up the action results, MSU students approved their appeal to V.V. Putin, the President of Russia, calling for cancellation of POPs use in Russia. For additional information on the action, please contact Professor V.S. Petrosyan, by e-mail: [petros@org.chem.msu.ru](mailto:petros@org.chem.msu.ru)