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The International POPs Elimination Project

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

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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In the course of a project of the Centre for Environmental Information (Nijni Novgorod, Russia) implemented in the framework of the Global Day of Actions against POPs, mass media was used as the best tool to raise public awareness and knowledge on POPs threat and the ways to reduce POPs impact on human health and the environment in Novgorod region. Three radio broadcasts on local radio station was prepared. During the radio broadcasts the Centre for Environmental Information made a presentation about POPs impact on human health and answered questions from local citizens. TV reporting for local weekly environmental program was prepared focused on pesticide use in agriculture and pesticide impact on human health. An interview with experts from the local Committee on Environment was published in weekly newspaper "Novgorod". For further information please contact Mikhail Perfiliev, Centre for Environmental Information, cei@novsu.ac.ru