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The International POPs Elimination Project

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

Global Day of Action on POPs in Uruguay

**Red de Acción sobre Plaguicidas y sus Alternativas en Uruguay
(RAPAL-UY) y REDES Amigos de la Tierra (Uruguay)**

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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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Intense activities in interviews in newspaper, radio and TV were conducted by RAPAL Uruguay and REDES to disseminate and discuss the results of the POPs egg sampling in Minas, near two cement kiln factories. The sampling results showing PCBs suggested the possibility of POPs content in kiln fuels that could come from burning chlorinated wastes. Activities included the presentation of the results on April 21 in a round table discussion in the Goethe Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay. For more information please contact, Maria Carcamo, rapaluy@chasque.net