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Global Change and Human Health: Preparedness and Surveillance

Organised by: ESSP Joint Project on Global Environmental Change and Human Health/ GECHH, IHDP Global Change and Human Health Advisory Group and IGU Commission on Health and the Environment

Convenor: Prof. Mark ROSENBERG (co-Chair, ESSP-GECHH), and Dr. Thomas KRAFFT (Chair, IHDP Global Change and Human Health Advisory Group)

Panelists: Speakers: Prof. Úrsula OSWALD SPRING, Centre for Multidisciplinary Regional Research, UNAM, México, Prof. Xueli E, Dep. of Water Quality Safety, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), Susanne WEBER-MOSDORF, Executive Director, WHO Office at the European Union, Brussels, Prof. Pim MARTENS, Director International Center for Integrated Assessment & Sustainable Development (ICIS), Maastricht University, The Netherlands - Discussants: Prof. Brij MAHARAJ, University of KwaZulu, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Venue: BMZ Nelson Mandela

Aim of this special session on Global Change and Human Health - focusing on preparedness and surveillance - is to present current concepts, strategies and actions within these fields. Changing environments, new social settings and an altered climate are exemplars of the large variety of factors which need to be included in preparedness strategies and disease surveillance systems. Human Health as a cross-cutting theme of global change research represents a major item to be tackled in the upcoming future and has been identified as a priority in many research agendas. The ESSP joint project on Human Health (GECHH), the IGU Commission on Health and the Environment and IHDP's advisory group on human health organized this session to guarantee that health issues have a prominent spot in the Open Meeting 2009. High profile speakers, of interest to a European/International audience (academic and public and private sectors) will be followed by international known discussants.