

Asbesto en Colombia 2024

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de la prohibición

Con el apoyo de:



Speakers: Asbestos conference in Colombia 2024

Session I: Perspectives on asbestos in Colombia



Nadia Georgette Blel Scaff
Congresswoman - Colombia

Lawyer, specialist in Business Management and Master in Legal Sciences. Senator of the VII Commission of the Congress of the Republic of Colombia, in which she was elected president for this legislative period. Leader of the bill that achieved the prohibition of asbestos in Colombia.

Lecture: Legal advances of the law 1968 of 2019. A perspective from the legislative field.



Daniel Pineda González. Ana Cecilia
Niño Foundation - Colombia

Physicist, geophysicist, specialist in innovation, new technologies and city management, expert in digital strategies. Co-creator of the Ana Cecilia Niño Foundation and the Colombia without asbestos movement.

Lecture: Ana's Wings



Giana Henríquez Mendoza. National Cancer
Institute - Colombia

Physician, specialist in epidemiology and occupational health, Master in Public Health, Universidad de Los Andes and in Social Studies of Science, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, PhD Candidate in Human and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Coordinator of the Policies and Social Mobilization group of the INC where she has been working on asbestos control for 10 years.

Lecture: Challenges of the asbestos legacy in Colombia



Luisa Fernanda Moyano
Researcher Project University of Cartagena - Colombia

Bacteriologist, specialist in epidemiology and health economics and management and Master in public health, extensive experience in public health policies and operational research on acute respiratory infection, antimicrobial resistance and mesothelioma statistics.

Lecture: Mortality due to mesothelioma, the case of Colombia in 25 years (1997-2022).



Guillermo Villamizar Colombia Asbestos Free Foundation - Colombia

Visual artist. Under the concept of social practice art, he has sought to influence in the different instances that participate in the problems of asbestos in Colombia: State Institutions such as Ministries, political component in the Senate of the Republic, media, academia, research and international relations.

Lecture: Post-asbestos ban scenarios in Colombia, Law 1968 of 2019



Juan Carlos Guerrero
El Rosario University - Colombia

He directs the Observatory of Networks and Collective Action (ORAC) of the Faculty of Political Science, Government and International Relations of the Universidad del Rosario, dedicated to the observation of different forms of collective action of a vindicative nature, as well as various forms of exercise of participatory democracy in Colombia. ORAC played an important role in the banning of asbestos in Colombia.

Lecture: Legislative aspects of the asbestos ban in Colombia. A before and after.

Session II: Awareness



Sean Fitzgerald
FACTS - USA

Managing Director of Fitzgerald Analytical Consulting & Testing Services. Extensive experience in the field of mineralogy, microscopy and spectroscopy. Additional expertise as a research geologist and soil research. Recently developed a new definitive microscopy technique to positively identify asbestos in talc products. Director of Research and Legal Services at the American Scientific Analytical Institute (SAI) for several years.

Lecture: Defining and identifying asbestos in the earth, in products, and in the laboratory



Shane McArdle Asbestos & Dust Diseases Research Institute - Australia

International Project Manager, Asbestos & Dust Diseases Research Institute Australia (ADDRI). He was part of the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA), oversaw and led awareness efforts to prevent asbestos exposure in order to eliminate asbestos-related diseases.

Lecture: Asbestos in Southeast Asia.



Adam Harding
UKATA - United Kingdom

Managing Director of ADM Training, he works closely with a variety of public and private sector organizations, with a particular focus on the education and healthcare sectors, providing health and safety compliance training and consultancy solutions. Adam also sits on the elected board of UKATA and provides support with the provision of strategic direction and governance.

Lecture: Recognition of asbestos in the workplace and at home.

Session III: Asbestos victims



Inés Malla

Union Association of Underground and Premetro Workers (AGTSyP - Argentina)

Diploma in asbestos issues in relation to occupational health at work. Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Commission that investigates asbestos in the subway of Buenos Aires Argentina. Member of important scenarios in Argentina such as the Intersindical space "Workers on Health, Labor and Participation", the Asbestos Commission of the Labor Protection Division (CABA) and the Workers' Central Union.

Lecture: Experience of subway workers in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Fernanda Giannasi

Associação Brasileira Dos Expostos Ao Amiant - Brasil

Civil and Occupational Safety Engineer. Labor Inspector for 30 years at the Ministry of Labor and Employment, where she was involved in the supervision of health and safety conditions at work with emphasis on the health and safety at work, on unhealthy, lethal and dangerous carcinogenic agents (asbestos, nuclear, silica) and other toxic substances such as substances such as Persistent Organic Pollutants, among others.

Lecture: The Brazilian perspective, facts and long struggle.



Liz Darlison

Mesothelioma UK - United Kingdom

Liz Darlison MBE, chief executive of Mesothelioma UK. Founding member of the International Thoracic Oncology Nurses Forum, past president and now honorary life member of Lung Cancer Nursing UK, board member of the International Mesothelioma Interest Group. Extensive experience in research and in the treatment and care of mesothelioma patients.

Lecture: The care of people diagnosed with mesothelioma.



Patrick J. Wigle
Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel - USA

Partner at Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel. He represents plaintiffs involved in product liability and toxic tort cases. His work includes helping individuals and the families of those injured by exposure to toxic substances, such as asbestos, benzene, heavy metals and other toxic materials, seek compensation through the legal process.

Lecture: Export of hazardous industries to Latin America.

Session IV: Asbestos legacy



Rodolfo Alarcón Mora
Delegate of the Colombian Ministry of Environment

Chemist from the National University of Colombia. Experience in physicochemical and microbiological analysis of environmental samples (water, soil and sediment, air quality and emissions from stationary sources). Since 2012, as an official of the Directorate of Environmental, Sectorial and Urban Affairs of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, in charge of the formulation and development of policies, regulations and projects related to the management of chemical substances.

Lecture: Public policy addressing the legacy of asbestos abatement. Article 3 of law 1968 of 2019.



Juan Pablo Ramos
Universidad de Los Andes - Colombia

Environmental Engineer graduated from Andes University, Master in Environmental Management from Duke University and Doctor in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. He is an expert in environmental health and his research focuses on the impact of environmental pollution on human health. His areas of expertise include risk analysis and the assessment of exposure to pollutants such as asbestos, lead and air pollutants.

Lecture: Impact of asbestos use on the population of Sibaté. A new Casale Monferrato.



Jodie Deakes.

Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency - Australia

She directs the Agency for Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency and administers the National Asbestos Strategic Plan and the National Silica Strategic Plan. She also oversees national actions to monitor and improve awareness of asbestos and silica safety and diseases related to exposure to both.

Lecture: Large-scale awareness raising



Manuel Saba

Cartagena University - Colombia

Civil Engineer with a Master's Degree in Structures and a Doctor cum laude in Engineering with emphasis in Materials Science and Technology. He leads the project "Asbestos in Colombia: An investigation on its impacts and risks". The project addresses various issues related to asbestos and focuses on the identification and mapping of asbestos-cement roofs in the city of Cartagena, using advanced methodologies such as hyperspectral imaging.

Lecture: On-site asbestos management

Session V: Asbestos eradication



Yvonne Waterman

European Asbestos Forum foundation - Netherlands

Expert in asbestos liability law and global asbestos networks. networks in the industry. Currently owner and director of Waterman Legal Consultancy, founder and president of the European Asbestos Forum Foundation and president of the expert Center for the Asbestos & Fibrer foundation 22 years of experience as a lecturer on legal aspects and asbestos eradication.

Lectures:

- **The new European Union asbestos directive 2023/2668 and its global relevance.**
- **New technologies for the treatment of asbestos waste.**

Session VI: Environmental monitoring and public policies for asbestos abatement



Sean Fitzgerald
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Lecture: Techniques for measuring asbestos in air, soil and water.



Marcia Cristina Kamei López Aliaga
Labour Public Ministry (MPT) - Brasil

Federal Labor Attorney at the Federal Labor Prosecutor's Office in Brazil. She holds a master's degree in International Law and Sustainability from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, where she is currently a doctoral candidate. Former manager of the National Asbestos Ban Program, a strategic project of the Federal Public Ministry of Labor, created in 2012.

Lecture: The role of the Federal Public Ministry of Labor in the long fight against asbestos in Brazil.



Andrew Paten
UKNAR - United Kingdom

Co-founder of UKNAR CIC: (UK National Asbestos Register Community Interest Company), a not-for-profit social enterprise that aims to prevent thousands of avoidable asbestos exposures by creating a national asbestos database, using current SMART technology and working in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders.

Presentation: Plan for a national asbestos database

Session VII: Mesothelioma registry and clinical overview



Tim Driscoll
University of Sydney - Australia

He leads the working group of experts on occupational risk factors in the Global Burden of Disease study. His main areas of interest include burden of occupational diseases and injuries; occupational cancer and exposure to occupational carcinogens, particularly asbestos, silica, diesel exhaust and welding fumes; and improving communication of epidemiological principles and findings to the general public.

Lecture: The Australian Mesothelioma Registry



Uribatan de Paula Santos
University of São Paulo Medical School - Brasil

Pulmonologist at the Heart Institute (InCor) of the Hospital das Clínicas of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of São Paulo. Responsible for the Ambulatory Service of Occupational and Environmental Respiratory Diseases of the Heart Institute (InCor).

Lecture: Chest X Ray or CT Scan in the evaluation of people exposed to asbestos [Video-presentation].



Arthur L. Frank
Drexel University - USA

Professor of Public Health and Professor of Medicine at Drexel University in Philadelphia, USA. He has a background in occupational medicine and internal medicine. He has studied the biological and medical aspects of asbestos exposure for about 50 years and has about 100 peer-reviewed publications related to asbestos. Dr. Frank has been involved for 40 years in asbestos-related medico-legal activities, primarily related to personal injury matters, but also with construction and insurance-related litigation, as well as asbestos-related criminal prosecutions.

Lecture: Review of the current landscape of exposure pathways, diagnosis and treatment of asbestos-related diseases.

Session VIII: The global approach to asbestos in public health for the future.



Profesor Jukka Takala
Associate Professor/TUNI - Finlandia

PhD in labor sciences. DSc, Associate Professor, Universities of Tampere - TUNI Finland, FFOM. Recognized for his numerous contributions to occupational health sciences. With an illustrious career in the service of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Finland, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the EU and the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore. President of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) (2017-2022).

Lecture: Asbestos disaster at work and in the Environment



Matthew Peters
Macquarie University - Australia

He chairs the Global Lung Cancer Coalition and was instrumental in the creation of the Kylie Johnson Lung Cancer Network. His research interests include respiratory physiology, asthma and lung cancer, with a focus on improving public health. He has made notable contributions in the area of Tobacco Control and improved care for lung cancer patients.

Lecture: What Australia learnt from Wittenoom



Kim Brislane
Asbestos & Dust Diseases Research Institute - Australia

She has over 30 years of experience and expertise in the NGO sector. She is the Executive Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for the Elimination of Asbestos-Related Diseases - ADDRI (Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute, Sydney) which is working to improve diagnosis and treatment options for mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases.

Lecture: Why scientific research and global advocacy must combine to achieve comprehensive asbestos policy change