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Selected Peer-Reviewed Short Papers from ESF/CSIC Workshop: *Analysis, Toxicity and Biodegradation of Organic Pollutants in Groundwater from Contaminated Land, Landfills and Sediments*; 8–10 November 2001, Barcelona, Spain

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The workshop *Analysis, Toxicity and Biodegradation of Organic Pollutants in Groundwater from Contaminated Land, Landfills and Sediments* was held in Barcelona, Spain 8–10 November 2001. GPoll of European Science Foundation (ESF) and Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC) organized the workshop.

The analysis, fate and effects of organic pollutants in groundwater from diffuse, local, and subsurface infrastructure pollution sources were explored by the workshop. Oral and poster presentations covered various topics, including:

- Identification of major organic pollutants in groundwater resources from contaminated land, landfill, and sediments
- Sample preparation methods for groundwater organic pollutants, including Accelerated Solvent Extraction and Microwave Assisted Extraction
- Advanced analytical methods, including GC-MS and LC-MS
- Use of biosensors as rapid screening systems for the determination of target organic pollutants and their effects
- Evaluation of biosensors compared with current analytical techniques
- Genotoxicity measurements and receptor assays to assess the impact of organic pollutants on the ecosystem and different organisms
- Biodegradation of organic pollutants
- Risk assessment

TheScientificWorld is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of a collection of selected peer-reviewed short communication papers from the workshop in *TheScientificWorldJOURNAL*. Guest Editors of the collection are Damià Barceló, Jordi Dachs, and Mira Petrović, IIQAB-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain. Damià Barceló was Chair of the Coordinating Committee and Mira Petrović was Scientific Secretary. Jordi Dachs was a Member of the Coordinating Committee. Papers will be published immediately on peer review and acceptance.

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