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## ICS-REM comparisons for radioactivity in the environment and food

Workshop for participants in the International Comparison Scheme for Radioactivity Environmental Monitoring (ICS-REM)

### Agenda

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Geel, Belgium  
22-23 October, 2013

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## Participants' workshop – ICS-REM comparisons for radioactivity in the environment and food

JRC-IRMM – Geel, Belgium – 22-23 October, 2013

### Tuesday, 22 October 2013

#### Comparison for gross alpha/beta determinations in water

- 12:00 Lunch at IRMM Cafeteria
- 13:00 Welcome and introduction to IRMM W. Mondelaers  
IRMM approach to ICS-REM U. Wätjen  
Preparation of gross alpha/beta comparison – selection of water samples V. Jobbágy  
Method used at SCK-CEN to determine the reference values for gross alpha/beta activity in waters E. Dupuis/SCK-CEN, Mol, BE  
Practical aspects of gross radioactivity determination using LSC A. Rozkov  
Reference value determination for gross alpha/beta ILC in drinking waters V. Jobbágy  
Direct measurement of <sup>40</sup>K in water, using low-level gamma-ray spectrometry M. Hult  
Gross alpha/beta activity results from the Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences G. Pantelic/Belgrade, SR  
Results obtained by LSC and thick source method using GPC at IST I. Lopes/IST, Bobadela, PT  
Gross alpha/beta activity using GPC A. Caballero/SGL, Nicosia, CY
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 Results of the EC comparison on gross alpha/beta determination in waters V. Jobbágy  
Spanish study about influential factors in the gross alpha activity determination in waters A. Camacho/IJPC, Barcelona, ES  
Critical remarks on gross alpha/beta activity analysis in drinking waters V. Jobbágy  
Discussion All
- 17:45 Bus back to hotels

### Wednesday, 23 October 2013

#### Comparison for radionuclides in soil

- 08:30 Pickup at hotels Corbie and Roosendaelhof
- 09:00 Characterisation of the IAEA-375 soil reference material for radionuclide activity T. Altitzoglou  
Results of the EC comparison on the determination of natural and anthropogenic radionuclides in soil J. Merešová
- 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:45 Discussion All  
Methods used for determination of radionuclides in soil, bilberry powder and water in Austria C. Landstetter/AGES, Vienna, AT  
Estimating measurement uncertainty U. Wätjen  
Evaluating laboratory performance in comparisons S. Pommé
- 12:00 Lunch at IRMM Cafeteria

### Wednesday, 23 October 2013

#### Comparison on <sup>40</sup>K, <sup>90</sup>Sr and <sup>137</sup>Cs in bilberry powder

- 13:30 Reference value determination in bilberry powder U. Wätjen  
Results of the EC comparison on <sup>40</sup>K, <sup>90</sup>Sr and <sup>137</sup>Cs determination in bilberry powder U. Wätjen  
Discussion All
- 14:45 Coffee break
- 15:15 Pitfalls in gamma-ray spectrometry M. Hult  
Radioactivity monitoring in Lithuania – experience with ICS-REM comparisons B. Silobriene/AAA, Vilnius, LT  
Radiological monitoring of commodities in routine, emergency and ad-hoc cases and the role of intercomparisons E. Florou/NCSRD "Demokritos"  
Discussion All
- 16:30 Workshop closure
- 16:45 Transfers

#### Transfers

On Wednesday afternoon, transfers from the JRC-IRMM will be organised (free of charge) to the

- Airport
- Train station Geel
- Train station Antwerp
- Hotels Corbie and Roosendaelhof