



Science & Policy Panel and Plenary Discussion

Monday 3 November 2014, 17.15 – 18.30

ETH Zurich LFW building, Universitätsstrasse 2, LFW C1

Science in policy on the use of systemic pesticides

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Formulating policies on the use of pesticides often involves reconciling conflicting interests and dealing with uncertainties. The European Commission recently instituted a 2-year restriction on the use of three neonicotinoid insecticides, to be reviewed according to scientific developments. This past June the Task Force on Systemic Pesticides published the results of its 4 year meta-analysis study on the impacts of systemic pesticides on biodiversity and ecosystem services. With a growing body of evidence on the impacts of pesticides, how is this information incorporated into policy-making? How do scientists engage in these discussions and how do policy-makers work through the variety of information available?

In this panel discussion, experts from research and policy institutions will exchange their ideas and experiences around the use of science in designing policy to manage the use of pesticides.

Anybody interested in the role of science and researchers in policy-making is welcome to attend and contribute to this event – PhD students, postdocs, and PIs alike.

Free entrance, no registration required, language English

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