

**Discussion Regarding  
Joint Vietnam-United States Scientific Conference on Human Health and  
Environmental Effects of Agent Orange/Dioxins  
July 5, 2001  
Hanoi, Vietnam**

**Preconference Activities**

Training Workshop - possible topics:

Management practices for laboratories analyzing POPs

Quality assurance/quality control/quality management practices

19:00 – 21:00 Welcoming reception

**Conference Agenda**

**Day 1**

7:30 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 9:30 Opening Ceremony

1. Vietnamese government officials
2. U.S. government officials

9:30 – 10:00 Tea Break - Official Photographs

10:00 – 12:00 Key Note Speakers (Scientific overview talks)

1. Vietnamese speaker
2. US speaker
3. Other country speaker

10:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Plenary Talks

3:00 – 3:30 Tea Break

3:30 – 5:30 Breakout Sessions

1. Environmental issues
2. Health issues
3. Remediation

7:00 Banquet (speaker?)

**Day 2**

7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 Plenary Talks

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

10:00-10:30 Tea Break

10:30 – 12:00 Breakout Sessions

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Breakout Sessions

3:00 – 3:30 Tea Break

3:30 – 4:30 Breakout Sessions

4:30 – 5:30 Poster Sessions

Day 3

7:30 – 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 Breakout Sessions

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 – 12:00 Closing Remarks

1. Scientific Summary – where do we go from here
2. Government Official Remarks

12:00 Adjourn

### Possible Themes for Breakouts

#### I. Environmental Issues

1. Dioxin levels in the environment – what do we currently know
2. Effect of herbicides on the environment
3. Sampling and analytical methods for measuring dioxin
  - bioassay screening techniques
  - other new techniques
4. Fate and transport of dioxin contaminants in various media
5. Ecotoxicology

#### II. Health Issues

##### 1. Epidemiology

- Reproduction Outcomes
  - Birth defects
  - Reproductive disorders
- Cancer
- Neurobehavioral Disorders
  - Cognitive functioning
  - Motor disorders
- Other
  - Diabetes
  - Acute myelogenous leukemia

##### 2. Human Exposures

##### 3. Toxicology (Biochemistry Changes)

- Genetics
- Immunology
- Hematologic
- Endocrinology
- Biochemical (liver function)

##### 4. Endocrine Disruptors

### III. Remediation

#### 1. In humans

- Therapeutic interventions
- Physical rehabilitation
- Traditional medicine
- Reproductive counseling
- Preventive of re-exposure

#### 2. In Environment

- Control and clean-up
- Restoration
- Innovative technologies

## Breakout Sessions

	Environment	Health	Remediation
Day 1 Breakout 1 (3:30-5:30)	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Breakout 1 Theme			
Day 2 Breakout 2 (10:30-12:00)	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Breakout 2 Theme			
Day 2 Breakout 3 (1:30-3:00)	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Breakout 3 Theme			
Day 2 Breakout 4 (3:30-4:30)	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Breakout 4 Theme			
Day 3 Breakout 5 (8:30-10:30)	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Breakout 5 Theme			

Logistical Issues:

Official Conference Language – Vietnamese and English with simultaneous translation

Location Options – Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang

Conference Date - April 2002

Number of People – 150-200 (estimate)

Open meeting – Registration required

Fee – Yes, amount to be determined

Organizing Committee

Composition: 3-5 members from both Vietnam and from U.S. -

Office 33 will provide names for Vietnamese members of Organizing Committee

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Organizing Committee will be selected by August 5, 2001

First meeting of Organizing Committee to be held by August 31

Possible functions of Organizing Committee:

Selection of keynote/plenary speakers and invited guests

Agreement on agenda items and topics

Review of abstracts and selection of speakers for breakout sessions and poster session

Development of conference report

Advertisement – on internet, hold the date postcard, brochure

Mailing list to be determined by Organizing Committee