



Living Downstream: A personal exploration of cancer and our environment & European 'environmental prevention' policies

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Speakers' Biographies



Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D. is an environmental scientist (biologist), author, cancer survivor and an internationally recognised expert on the environmental links to cancer and human health. Her work as a science writer has received many honours and awards, including the Jenifer Altman Foundation's first annual Altman Award for "the inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer", and the Hero Award from the Breast Cancer Fund. Her highly acclaimed book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment* presents cancer as a human rights issue. Originally published in 1997 and released as a second edition in 2010, *Living Downstream* has been adapted for the screen by The People's Picture Company of Toronto.



Professor Andrew Watterson – is a professor of Health Effectiveness, Director of the Centre for Public Health and Population Health, and the Head of the University of Stirling's inter-departmental Occupational and Environmental Health Research Group. He is a Chartered Fellow of the UK Institutions of Occupational Safety and Health, a Fellow of the esteemed Collegium Ramazzini (an independent, international academy of 180 world renowned experts in occupational and environmental health), and a Board Member of the International Occupational and Environmental Cancer Prevention Campaign. He has published widely on asbestos, breast cancer, occupational cancer, and pesticides.



Viorica Cursaru is a cancer survivor, and from the Myeloma Euronet in Romania, and a very active member of the European Cancer Patients' Coalition. She has worked as an English Professor, been an interpreter / translator for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent in Romania, and is currently employed with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bucharest.



Genon K. Jensen is the Executive Director of the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL). Before setting up HEAL, she was the Director of the European Public Health Alliance. She has been an official member of the World Health Organization's European Environment and Health Committee since 2000, and sits on the Steering Committee of the International Persistent Organic Pollutants Elimination Network. She has a degree in journalism and international politics from George Washington University in Washington, DC and an MA in European Administrative Studies from the College of Europe, Belgium.



Sirpa Pietikäinen is a member of the European Parliament (MEP) for Finland, and belongs to the European People's Party (EPP) political group. She is member on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee and the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China. MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen is also substitute on the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee, and the Special Committee on financial, economic and social crisis. She is an economist by training, served as a Member of the Finnish Parliament, and held the post of Finnish Minister of the Environment from 1991-1995.



Petru Constantin Luhan, member of the European Parliament (MEP) for Romania, and belongs to European People's Party (EPP) political group. He is member on Regional Development Committee and the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee. Mr. Petru Constantin Luhan is also a substitute member of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Subcommittee on Security and Defense, Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand. He is a supporter of the Forum Against Cancer Europe, an initiative launched by the European Cancer Patients' Coalition in June 2010.

