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a fragile but essential dimension
to sustainable development

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Dear participants,

It is an honour to welcome you for this symposium hosted by the Ministry of the inclusive and ecological Transition, which has been supporting our awareness

raising and advocacy activities on health and environment for 10 years. Let us thank the Ministry for its valuable support.

Today's symposium celebrates 10 years of activity of WECF in France, and is an opportunity to acknowledge a decade of commitments, combining awareness raising among citizens for a better living with advocacy at national and international level towards policies which protect both human health and the environment.

WECF France cares especially for the protection of most vulnerable populations, including women and babies, in France, in Europe, and in many countries where policies do not provide the same level of protection of human health.

Through our mission, we strengthen both individual and collective capacities to empower each one, and concrete tools to reduce exposure levels to pollutants, to protect health, in particular that of the most vulnerable.

Optimism does not seem on the agenda: not a day goes by without evidence that our daily environment and products – from cosmetics to sport pitches, toys or kitchen utensils – are contaminated with substances of potential concern, which are not always bringing an added value for our quality of life.

And how not to get indignant about international deregulations, violence, especially against women, rising of fascisms, and living conditions which our development model and our ever increasing consumption impose on populations, triggering more deadly egoisms, destructions and predations?

And once more the first victims of this situation are the most fragile amongst us.

These worrying trends and their consequent threats are of no help to reach the Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030, set by the international community to put an end to poverty, protect ecosystems and build a planet where all

humans can live in dignity.

But what is at stake is both enthusiastic and essential, and has to do with all of us.

Because health is both a fragile and essential element to sustainable development, it requires individual awareness, collective actions and proactive policies. We would like to trigger a debate on how the world's going, and how this impacts our lives.

Our vision prioritizes women, because they are more vulnerable, due to their biological specificities, their living conditions and the roles they are assigned by societies.

At the same time we know that women, closer to ecosystems, are actors of the ecological and inclusive transition. They are able to address major issues, and implement long-term and efficient solutions to what threatens our health. As well, they know how to positively impact their closest environment, and decision-makers. Work for and with women guarantee to build "a healthy, sustainable and equitable future" for all.

Today, we will have the opportunity to provide a cruel and lucid assessment of the state of our environment, and inequitable conditions of access to basic health services. At the same time, we wish to unveil a series of positive initiatives and local solutions. Upscale and duplicate these initiatives will allow to build sustainable perspectives, for a better living of today's generations and the survival of future generations.

I wish you enriching and successful debates, allowing you to explore your wishes for a transition towards a world where energy saving solutions and decreasing consumption are a reality, and more equal relations exist between human beings and between humans and ecosystems.

Together, citizens, professionals, decision-makers, we have the power to act; Let's commit ourselves to action!

Véronique Moreira
President, WECF France

Communiqué de presse 3 - Paris, le 5 octobre 2018

WECF France ... 10 ans cela se fête ! « Construire avec les femmes un monde sain, durable et équitable »

Depuis dix ans, WECF France mène des actions de plaidoyer et agit sur le terrain pour « construire avec les femmes un monde sain, durable et équitable ». Le contenu de la journée est donc aussi l'occasion de revenir sur les temps forts et les thématiques majeures qui ont jalonné ces 10 ans. Sous l'impulsion de sa fondatrice Anne BARRE, l'ONG, présidée depuis 2016 par Véronique MOREIRA, a développé de nombreux projets. On retiendra notamment Nesting, le projet de sensibilisation des futurs et jeunes parents à la création d'un environnement sain pour leur enfant, les campagnes pour des jouets sans danger pour la santé, la mobilisation sur le dossier des perturbateurs endocriniens ou la promotion du rôle des femmes dans la lutte contre le changement climatique.

10 ans d'initiatives autour des thèmes d'action de WECF France :

- *Au plan national* : 3 plans nationaux sante-environnement (PNSE) successifs dont le dernier pour la période 2014-2019, la mise en œuvre de la stratégie nationale perturbateurs endocriniens (SNPE), et tout récemment les Etats Généraux de l'Alimentation,
- *Au plan européen* : la mise en œuvre de réglementations chimiques (REACH, biocides, pesticides, etc.) joue un rôle majeur, alors qu'une définition réglementaire des perturbateurs endocriniens vient d'être adoptée,
- *Au plan international* : la Cop21 à Paris et les suivantes consacrées au changement climatique et la prise en compte du genre dans cette thématique, les progrès réalisés grâce aux conventions chimiques (Rotterdam, Stockholm, Bâle) et processus SAICM, les travaux de l'OMS sur le rôle de l'environnement dans les maladies non transmissibles, l'engagement international pris en 2015 en faveur des Objectifs de Développement Durable (ODD) sont autant de points majeurs.

10 ans d'activités de sensibilisation, de formation et de plaidoyer :

- Projets Nesting « Créer un environnement intérieur sain pour son enfant » et Ma Maison Ma Santé,
- Développement d'un réseau d'animatrices et animateurs santé-environnement,
- Valorisation d'un réseau de femmes rurales,
- Evénements pour réduire les expositions aux polluants en période périnatale,
- Mobilisation pour réduire l'exposition des enfants aux pollutions environnementales : campagnes pour des jouets sains et éco-conçus, sur la présence de substances chimiques préoccupantes dans les cosmétiques et les textiles, etc.
- Collaboration avec des professionnels de santé : Fédération Internationale des Gynécologues-Obstétriciens (FIGO) depuis 2015, etc.
- Plaidoyer autour des sujets du quotidien (accès à l'eau, à l'assainissement, alimentation, produits de consommation courante, circuits courts)
- Formations et plaidoyer genre et climat (pour des politiques climat intégrant le genre)
- Promotion et sensibilisation autour des ODD

Pour fêter ses 10 ans ... WECF France organise un Colloque international sur « La Santé, patrimoine fragile et enjeu essentiel du développement durable », état des lieux de 10 ans d'engagement par des femmes pour un monde plus sain...

Le jeudi 22 novembre de 9h à 18h

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Programme

8.30 - 9.30 am	Welcome and coffee
9.30 - 10.30 am	<p>Opening</p> <p>Introduction and welcome, Véronique Moreira, president WECF France Opening by Madame Elisabeth TOUTUT-PICARD, Member of Parliament, President, Group Health and Environment Opening speech, Anne Barre, founder and former president of WECF France 10.00am - 10.30am : Opening conference, Dr Maria Neira, Director Public Health Department, health and social determinants, World Health Organisation</p>
10.30 - 11.30 am	<p>Session 1 : How climate change and biodiversity impact our health</p> <p>Facilitation : Véronique Moreira, president WECF France <i>Biodiversity: a factor of good health</i>, Pr Lorraine Maltby, Sheffield University <i>Climate change's impacts on human health</i>, Mathilde Pascal, French Agency for Public Health <i>Agriculture and food: which models for a good health?</i> Marion Guillou, Board Chair, Agreenium <i>Gender and climate solutions, an innovative approach to climate change</i>, Ghislaine Tandonnet-Guiran, General Delegate, Foundation RAJA-Daniele Marcovici</p> <p>Keynote speech (video) by Corinne Lepage, Chair of WECF International Foundation</p>
11.30 - 12.30 pm	<p>Session 2 : Challenges and specific patterns of women's health</p> <p>Facilitation : Sabrina Debusquat, board member, WECF France <i>Protecting pregnant women and newborns from early exposures : the first 1000 days of life</i>, Dr Jeanne Conry, International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (FIGO) <i>Women's health at the workplace</i>, Henri Bastos, French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety <i>The gender approach for a better health</i>, Sascha Gabizon, Executive director, WECF International</p>
12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunch break

1.30 - 1.50 pm	Grand témoin <i>The initiative of EDC-free cities,</i> Anne Souyris , deputy mayor of Paris responsible for health, City of Paris
1.50 - 2.30 pm	Session 3 : Chemical pollution, human rights and environmental justice: specific impacts on women's health Screening of the movie "What has gender got to do with chemicals?" – a scoping study on POPs in Nigeria by WECF and Women's Environment Network Facilitation : Elisabeth Ruffinengo , advocacy and project manager, WECF France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie-Laure Métayer, Head of the Division of health risks related to the environment, chemicals and agriculture, Directorate of health risk related to environment, waste and diffuse pollution, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, Ministry of ecological and inclusive transition, France • Chiara Macchi, European Chemicals Agency • Michèle Rivasi, Member of European Parliament
2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session 4 : Protecting children's health from environmental exposures Facilitation : Elisabeth Ruffinengo , advocacy and project manager, WECF France <i>Effects of exposure to radiofrequencies on children's health</i> , Dr Annie J. Sasco , epidemiologist <i>How endocrine disruptors impact brain development</i> , Pr Barbara Demeneix , Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle <i>Children's health in the national health and environment action plan</i> , Caroline Paul , General Directorate for Health, Ministry of health
3.30 - 3.45 pm	Break
3.45 - 5.30 pm	Session 5 : Mobilizing the general public, public and private stakeholders to preserve our health, and future generations Facilitation Marie-Jeanne Husset , board member and secretary general, WECF France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Encouraging substitution and best practices</i>, Laura Maxim, CNRS • <i>Towards a sustainable and healthy design: training future designers</i>, Alain Pineau, designer • <i>Training health professionals on environmental health</i>, Vaia Tuuhia, 4D • <i>Tools to educate citizens: eco-friendly beauty bloggers</i>, Samia Mokrani, Naturalistas • <i>Training health professionals on environmental health</i>, Philippe Perrin, eco-nurse and director of IFSEN • <i>Engage citizens for environmental health</i>, Jacqueline Collard, president SERA • <i>NGOs commitment for a EDC-free Europe</i>, Genon Jensen, Health and Environment Alliance • <i>Awareness raising at the local level</i>, Claire Morisson, ARS Nouvelle-Aquitaine • <i>The Nesting pedagogy: building a healthy indoor environment for babies and children</i>, Emilie Delbays, WECF France
5.30 pm	Closing - Veronique Moreria, president, WECF France



Véronique Moreira

President, WECF France

Véronique Moreira became chair of WECF France after several mandates at the Regional Council of Rhône-Alpes, as vice-president for inclusive cooperation, in charge of developing policies of international development and education to worldwide citizenship. She holds a master's degree in foreign languages and civilisation, and has been teaching at all levels of the national school system, including training trainers in foreign language. As chair of the board, she supervises all fields of activities (environmental health, climate change, SDGs) of WECF France, with a gender transversal approach. She contributes to research on development and gender issues, through collaborating to collective publications, partnerships with universities and NGOs. She is board member of several civil society organizations active in international cooperation, education, rural development, education to citizenship and international cooperation.



Anne Barre

*Gender and climate coordinator, WECF International,
founder and president of honour of WECF France*

Anne Barre holds a bachelor's degree in literature, and a European master's in management. She has been taking part to WECF activities for 18 years, first as project manager for water, sanitation, agriculture and sustainable energy, before setting up WECF France in 2008. She chairs WECF France for 8 years, at a time where the organization develops its awareness raising and prevention programme on environmental health and indoor environments Nesting and Ma Maison Ma Santé, which focuses on individual behaviour change. She is now gender and climate policy officer for WECF International, and has been in charge of the activities of the Women and Gender Constituency during climate COPs since COP21. She is coordinator of the Prize "Solutions Genre & Climat", and vice-president of Climate Chance, a network of non-state actors for climate.



Dr Maria NEIRA

Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization

Dr Maria P. Neira was appointed Director of the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland in September 2005. Prior to that, she was Vice-Minister of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. She had previously held several senior positions in WHO. Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in the Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). Dr Neira is a Spanish national, and a medical doctor by training. She specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases; and Public Health. Dr Neira has been awarded the Médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite by the Government of France and is a member of the Academy of Medicine, Asturias, Spain.



Pr Lorraine MALTBY

Professor of Environmental Biology, Sheffield University

Lorraine Maltby is Professor of Environmental Biology and Deputy Vice-President for Research and Innovation at the University of Sheffield, UK. Her research aims to understand how ecosystems respond to environmental stressors and the consequences of these responses for the contributions ecosystems make to human wellbeing. The output from this research is used to inform environmental decision making and to influence policy development and implementation. Lorraine has served on UK government advisory committees and was chair of the Environment Panel of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. She has held science-policy fellowships with the UK and Scottish governments and is a member of the Scientific Committee of the European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals. She is an elected Fellow of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.



Marion GUILLOU

Chair, Agreenium Board

Marion Guillou, is member of the Council of State in extraordinary service, and has been chairing Agreenium's Board, the French Agricultural, Veterinary and Forestry Institute since 2015. She holds a number of national and international responsibilities in public bodies: Biodiversity, the international research center on agricultural biodiversity of Universcience, the Institut des hautes études en sciences et technologies (IHEST), the Strategic Council for research, the Academy of technologies. She is board member of different private companies and NGOs. She was President Director General of Inra (National Institute for Agronomic Research) between 2004 and 2012, chair of the Board of the Ecole polytechnique between 2008 and 2013, general director of Inra between 2000 et 2004, Director general for food (Ministry of Health) between 1996 and 2000. She is the author of numerous publications on food, climate change, health and food safety, agro-ecology, etc. She holds a diploma from the Ecole polytechnique (X73) and from Ecole nationale du génie rural, des eaux et forêts (78), and a doctorate on food sciences.



Mathilde PASCAL

Project officer Air, health and climate, Agence Santé Publique France

Mathilde Pascal is an epidemiologist and works in the Department of health and environment of Santé publique France, where she is in charge of the issue of Adaptation to climate change. She contributed to the development of the alert system on heat waves and health, and evaluation tools of health impacts of air pollution.



Ghislaine TANDONNET-GUIRAN

General delegate, Foundation RAJA-Danièle-Marcovici

Ghislaine Tandonnet-Guiran holds a diploma from ESSEC, and masters's degrees in economy of the environment, development and climate. Before joining foundation RAJA, she worked in private companies (ECOFYS, Artelia group) or as consultant for French and international stakeholders. She was missioned by the French Ministry of Ecology and by public local authorities to support the definition of the National Action plan of Adaptation to climate change, and local Climate Action Plans. She has been working on the carbon trade issue and funding of development for NGOs and international organizations, and specialized in sustainable development issues in a climate change context. More recently, she worked with the World Bank, United Nations agencies, African Bank of Development to build projects, fundraising, develop tools and methodologies for monitor and assess Climate and Development projects.



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Sabrina DEBUSQUAT

Journalist, Board member WECF France

Sabrina Debusquat is an independent journalist specialized on health issues, with a focus on women's health. She is a radio presenter for Radio France and created the website *CaSeSaurait.fr*. Ecology and feminisms are two dimensions of her work. In 2017, she released her second book «J'arrête la pilule» (Les Liens qui Libèrent), a one-year investigation on the contraceptive pill which launched a public debate on the contraceptive burden and the impact of synthetic hormones on women's bodies and the environment. In 2014, she was the first journalist to dedicate an exhaustive investigation on gynaecological violences. She is a regular speaker at France Inter and releases articles and reports for written media such as feminist websine Cheek Magazine, Nexus or Huff Post. Her website *CaSeSaurait.fr* (natural well-being and health) has more than 40 000 monthly visitors.



Dr Jeanne CONRY, MD, PhD

President elect, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)

Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD was the 64th President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a membership organization representing over 57,000 obstetricians and gynecologists. She has led guideline development and national policy on the important role of Reproductive Health and the Environment and was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region Children's Environmental Health Champion Award. She is leading the Women's Preventive Services Initiative, a national collaboration to define and implement optimum women's health services across their lifespan. For twenty-eight years, Dr. Conry was a practicing obstetrician gynecologist at Kaiser Permanente, the largest health maintenance organization in the United States, where she served in a leadership capacity. Dr. Conry currently serves as President and CEO of the Environmental Health Leadership Foundation. She sits on the Executive Board for the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics and co-leads their working group on Reproductive and Developmental Environmental Health. She received the Visionary Leadership Award from the University of California, and The United States House of Representatives acknowledgment for accomplishments in women's health. Dr. Conry earned her medical degree and completed residency at the University of California, Davis. She served as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Davis. She has a PhD in biology from the University of Colorado.



Sascha GABIZON

Executive Director, WECF International

Sascha Gabizon spent her first years in West Africa, went to school in the Netherlands, and then completed an international business masters from ESCP/EAP France. She developed the organisation Women Engage for a Common Future – WECF – which resulted from the Sustainable Development process of the United Nations, where 9 'Major Groups' including the civil society 'Women's' organisation are encouraged to engage in global environmental policy processes. Sascha Gabizon has been elected as regional facilitator to UN Environment for the civil society organisations from the European region, and she will soon be handing over her mandate to a new elected facilitator. Sascha has been engaged in the global processes of UN Environment since more than 15 years, and has worked on several studies including the Global Gender & Environment Outlook, and specific studies such as "Gender & Plastic Marine Litter". Recently she worked in Nigeria and Indonesia on a study concerning "Gender, Chemicals and Waste" from which a documentary film was made. Before joining WECF, Sascha Gabizon worked at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate Environment and Energy in Germany.



Henri BASTOS

Deputy director for Occupational Health, French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety

Henri Bastos holds a doctorate in radiobiology from the University Paris XI. His research focused on genetic risks associated to the exposure to ionizing radiations. In 2004, he joined INRS (National Institute for Health and Safety at Work) as toxicologist in charge of risk assessment of chemicals and biocidal products as part of EU regulations. He takes part in the classification and labelling of chemicals and the Programme of the European Strategy for Risk Reduction of several substances in relation with occupational safety. In 2006, he joins Afsset, which will become Anses, where he takes part in the creation of the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization of Chemicals) and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) Unit, which he supervises until 2012. He is involved in the first European discussions on the implementation of REACH (identification of candidate substances to authorization, restriction dossiers) and CLP regulations in France. Henri Bastos was member of the Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) from 2008 to 2011. In 2013, he joins the Direction for risk assessment of Anses, as Deputy Director for occupational health.



Anne SOUYRIS

Deputy mayor for Health and relations with AP-HP, City of Paris

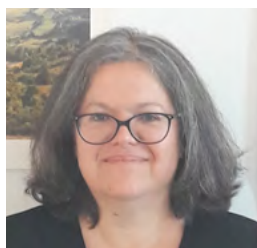
A primary school teacher, Anne Souyris takes part in social, societal and feminist fights of her time. She has been elected as member of the Council of Region Ile-de-France for 6 years. A former spokesperson of the Green Party, and journalist specialized on health issues, Anne Souyris has been co-chair of the group of the Green party in the Council of Paris for two years, before joining the City of Paris as Deputy Mayor for Health and relations with AP-HP. Fighting social and territorial health inequalities, provide access to health services for migrants and most precarious populations, and environmental health are main focus areas of her action.



Elisabeth RUFFINENGO

Advocacy and project manager health and environment, WECF France

Elisabeth Ruffinengo holds a master's degree of international and European relations from the Universities of Grenoble. She joined WECF France in 2009, after several missions for WECF International. She is in charge of health and environment advocacy and project management. She takes part in various policy processes (Health and environment action plan, national strategy on endocrine disruptors, steering committees of Anses, etc.), monitoring of European regulations (biocidal products, REACH, cosmetics regulations, etc.), or international chemical conventions. She is in charge of event organization, drafting of website contents, elaboration position papers and publications, fundraising, links with scientific experts. She participates as speaker to different events dealing with environment, health and chemicals policy, and gives courses at IFSEN (Institute for Training in Environmental health) since 2013.



Marie-Laure METAYER

Sub-director, Sub-directorate health-environment chemicals agriculture, Department on environmental health risks, waste and pollutions, General Directorate for Risk prevention, Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition

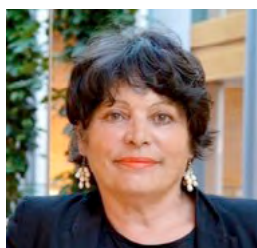
Marie-Laure Métayer is Chief veterinary public health's inspector. She was trained at the Alfort National Veterinary School and National Veterinary Training College for veterinary officers. From 1993 to 1999, she is the head of the food sanitary safety department and inspector for the classified installations in the agrifood industry in the department of Yvelines. From 1999 to 2003, she is head of the animal's health and welfare department and inspector for the classified installations of the livestock industry in the department of Aisne, before joining the French Embassy of Spain as deputy's Agricultural Counselor. In 2006, she becomes head of the natural resources and natural areas department in the « Lorraine » environment, planning and housing regional agency, of the French Ministry of environment, energy and sea, deconcentrated services in regions. In 2011, she joins the French ministry of agriculture, agrifood and forestry as head of the executive management department in the Human Resources Directorate, and then deputy's sub-director for animal's health and welfare in the general directorate for food. In December 2016, she becomes sub-director for environmental health and safety in the General Directorate for risk prevention at the Ministry of Ecological and Fair transition.



Chiara MACCHI

Head of PIC regulation Unit, European Chemical Agency (ECHA)

Chiara Macchi is head of the PIC (Prior Informed Concern) regulation Unit at ECHA in Helsinki. She is in charge of the implementation of regulation EC No 649/2008 (PIC regulation) implementing the Rotterdam Convention at EU level dealing with the Prior Informed Consent in international trade of certain chemicals and pesticides of high concern. She started work on the PIC regulation in 2004, within the European Commission, and is part of the most renowned experts on the issue at EU level. She is also responsible for the webtool ePIC, which stakeholders use to submit data and PIC import notifications, and share information with competent authorities worldwide.



Michèle RIVASI

Member of European Parliament

Michèle Rivasi is a politician who comes from the civil society. A qualified teacher in biology, she was trained at the *École normale supérieure de Fontenay-aux-Roses* and is a IUFM (French school of education) teacher. After Chernobyl Accident in 1986, she founded the Independent Research and Information Commission on Radioactivity (CRIIRAD) after Chernobyl. She is vice-president of the Independent Research Center on Electromagnetic Radiations (CRIIREM), and was director of Greenpeace France from 2003 to 2004. She was member of French parliament (Drôme department) from 1997 to 2002, and is Member of European Parliament (MEP) since 2009. She is member of the ENVI (Environment and Public Health) and ITRE (Industry, research and energy) committees. Her activities focus on health, environment and energy issues: nuclear, shale gas, medicinal products and plants, GMOs, radiofrequencies, social responsibility of companies. As a scientist, she endeavours to raise awareness on these numerous issues which are at the core of their activities, and impact the general public, which is most of the time unfamiliar with the activities of MEPs in Brussels. In 2016, she as candidate to the primary Green Party for the presidential election. In 2018, she supported the *Marche des cobayes* for environmental health and justice.



Dr Annie J. SASCO, MD, MPH, SM, DrPH, HDR

Epidemiologist

Annie Sasco was Research Director in the Inserm Unit of the University of Bordeaux. Dr Annie Sasco (born 1951) is a French medical doctor and renowned epidemiologist. After medical school and public health training (two Masters degrees and a Doctorate in public health and epidemiology from Harvard), she pursued her research on tobacco and several cancers. She worked 22 years at the International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) in Lyon, including 9 years as head of group and unit on cancer prevention epidemiology, and 2 years as head of the Programme for cancer control of World Health Organization (WHO). Dr Sasco was visiting professor of several international universities, and has been teaching in France, Italy, Greece, the USA, Canada, several African countries, China, Korea and Turkmenistan. She is a renowned international expert on various controversial topics. She is the author of more than 400 publications, of which 200 published on *Medline*, and a member of editing committees of peer reviewed journals. She co-founded the European Society of Environmental Health et contributed to the *Phonagate* alert. A member of the Collegium Ramazzini, she was among the 1000 women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.



Pr Barbara DEMENEIX

Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle

Barbara Demeneix has studied and taught in the United-Kingdom, France, Canada and Germany. She is a Professor and Head of Department in the Natural History Museum, Paris, France. She is an internationally recognised expert on both thyroid function and on the problem of endocrine disruption, notably by chemicals affecting thyroid hormone function. The author of over 180 scientific publications, she has coordinated large-scale European projects on different aspects of endocrine research, aging and gene function. She has been received numerous awards for her work, notably the *Mentoring Award* by the journal *Nature* in 2011, and CNRS Medal for Innovation in 2014. Barbara Demeneix is member of several international committees dealing with thyroid hormones and endocrine disruption (OECD, European Thyroid Association, etc.). In 2017, she released « Toxic cocktail : how chemical pollution is poisoning our brain » (Odile Jacob).



Caroline PAUL

Head of Unit Outdoor environment and chemicals, General Directorate for Health, Ministry of solidarities and health

After graduating from university in environment, biochemistry and analytical chemistry, Caroline Paul was chemical safety manager for several companies and research institutes. She then joined the Ministry of Labor as engineer in prevention, to manage the monitoring and negotiation of European and international elaboration processes of technical standards for placing on the market and use of chemicals, and health standards for workers protection. Since 2002, she is head of the unit Outdoor environment and chemicals in the General Directorate for Health. The unit is responsible for the implementation of health environment policies on chemicals, toxicovigilance, biomonitoring of emerging risks, air quality, waste and polluted soils, at national, European and international levels. She was in charge of representing France at the WHO, to elaborate and monitor the implementation of European and international conventions on health and environment.



Marie-Jeanne HUSSET

Journalist, Board member and secretary of WECF France

Until December 2012 and for 18 years, Marie-Jeanne Husset was managing editor of the magazine *60 Millions de consommateurs*, and director of the magazine from 2006 to 2012. Trained as a physicist, and a mathematics teacher, she is a journalist since 1975. She collaborated to *Le Monde* and to *Science et vie*, and was section editor for the magazines *Industries et techniques*. In 1980 she took part to the creation of the magazine *Ça m'intéresse* where she was head of the unit Sciences and technics since 1989. She then became managing editor of the magazine *Sciences et Avenir*. She was producer of scientific reports for TV («Envoyé Spécial») and radio (France Culture). She has been president of the Association des journalistes scientifiques de la presse d'information (AJSPI). She took part in many debates on science and society. In 2009, she joined WECF France experts committee, before joining the board in 2018.



Philippe PERRIN

Eco-nurse, teacher, director of IFSEN (Institute for Training in Environmental Health)

Philippe Perrin is « eco-nurse», specialized in health education and environmental health, teacher and trainer in IFSI (nurses training institute) and midwives training institutes. He holds a nurse diploma from an IFSI (Le Creusot, 1992), with a research on “eco-nurse, an alternative way?”. Based on his passion for environment and health, he integrates environmental health in his own professional training, and the practice of health professionals. He follows a course of adviser on environment (éco-conseil, Strasbourg) and obtains a diploma on public health and environment (Grenoble Universities). He becomes member of SERA (Santé Environnement Rhône-Alpes) a local association, where he is currently vice-president. In 2008, he starts his collaboration with WECF France to organize training sessions on environmental health. In 2013, with partner organizations WECF France, SERA, ATC and others, he creates the “IFSEN” and becomes its director.



Laura MAXIM

Institute of sciences of communication, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Laura Maxim follows a pluridisciplinary training in ecology and after a thesis in ecological economy, she studies the role of scientific uncertainty in chemical risk governance. Her research covers several aspects such as: discursive constructions of the uncertainty by stakeholders involved in controversies, modes of intervention of uncertainty in the functioning of expert groups and in relations between experts and decision-makers – users of the expertise. Lately, she analysed uncertainty as a driving factor for transforming environmental policies in the field of chemistry, and associated trends in economy and research, to encourage the emergence of “green chemistry”.



Alain PINEAU

Designer, PLP Design

Alain Pineau holds a diploma from ENSAAMA (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Appliqués et des Métiers d'Art). His work is oriented towards products designed for children, toys, child articles, creations and educational products. He acts as design consultant for the strategy of high-technology, luxury or retailer brands. Since 2012, while continuing to manage his own studio design in Paris, he is director for the creation and design manager for *PlanToys*. *PlanToys* is a company based in Thailand, which has been developing wooden toys for more than 30 years, taking into account sustainable development and childhood. Alain Pineau was a design teacher for several years, and is a speaker in numerous events in France and abroad. He takes part in the project of the new business model «Human to Human » lead by Force Technology in Denmark. Since 2010, Alain Pineau created a number of exclusive products for Nature et Découvertes. He was awarded by many prizes all along his career. In 2017, he was member of the jury of the contest *Design-moi un jouet* organized by WECF France.



Samia MOKRANI

Beauty blogger

Samia Mokrani is a teacher of history and geography, and author of a blog on ecology: *LesideesdeSamia.com*. Her interest in renewable energy and sustainable development was an incentive to question her consumption, way of living, and impact on the planet. In 2013, she decided to share her own experience through a blog and social networks. In 2016, with other female bloggers, she created the association *Les Naturalistas*, and organized, together with another youtubeuse (Laetitia, from *le Corps La Maison L'Esprit*), a tour of Zero waste PickNick during summer 2016 and 2017. Since 2017, she gives conferences on one of her favourite topics: #Jedéculpabilise. These conferences are an opportunity to share her experience, tell about her own path towards a zero waste, minimalist and as ecological as possible way of living, and share mistakes with the audience.



Vaïa TUUHIA

General delegate, Association 4D

Vaïa Tuuhia holds a diploma from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Rouen), and studied urbanism and environment at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, and EU international relations at Université Libre de Bruxelles. She is general delegate of association 4D since 2010. Before joining 4D, she was representative of Polynésie française at the EU from 2005 to 2010, consultant in the cabinet Ethicity, and product manager in start-up. Sustainability is at the core of her activities, whether at local (sanitation, innovation, tropical biodiversity, etc.) or international level (Conference Rio+20, COP climate, Sustainable Development Goals). Since 2014, she takes part in workshops and conferences to encourage citizens and stakeholders to contribute to solutions and anticipate climate and energy scenarios. She is vice-president of *Climate Chance*, a network of non-state actors for climate.



Jacqueline COLLARD

President, Santé environnement Rhône-Alpes (SERA)

Jacqueline Collard was a researcher in industrial chemistry, before teaching at various school levels, and at university. At the same time, she becomes involved in the non-profit sector, to disseminate information on health and environment to a wide audience, in areas such as air and water quality, food, consumer products. She meets WECF in 2008, and participates to the elaboration of the Nesting project. She is member of WECF France's experts committee. She participates to the creation of the IFSEN, with WECF France and other partners. Jacqueline Collard has been for years speaker in many conferences, roundtables, workshops, debates, during which she raises awareness on health and environment. She is president of Santé-environnement Auvergne Rhône-Alpes (SERA), president of L'air et moi Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, vice-president of Association Santé Environnement France (ASEF), and board member of different other entities.



Genon K. JENSEN

Founder and Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance

Génon K. Jensen is the Founder and Executive Director of HEAL, with 20+ years of experience on environmental health issues. She has been an official member of the World Health Organization's European Environment and Health process representing the health sector since 2000, sits on the Steering Committee of the International POPs Elimination Network. In 2013, she helped build and launch a Europe wide campaign, called EDC-Free Europe to raise public awareness and reduce exposures to endocrine disrupting chemicals through policy. She currently acts as a spokesperson and represents the NGO coalition, with over 80 campaign partners, at high-level events. Genon frequently contributes articles on environmental health policy, including on children's health, climate change, pesticides, mercury, endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) to various European and international specialist publications and newsletters. She is a co-author of several publications and reports, including recently *Detoxing Carpet – Pathways Towards Safe And Recyclable Carpet In A Truly Circular Economy* (March 2018), *Toxic Loophole: Recycling Hazardous Waste into New Products* (October 2018). Genon's recent articles include The role of civil society and organisations (Oxford Textbook of Nature and Public Health. The role of nature in improving the health of a population, 2018).



Claire MORISSON

*Sanitary engineer, Health and Environment Department,
Directorate general for public health, Regional Health Agency Nouvelle-Aquitaine*

Claire Morisson is agricultural engineer (ENSAR Rennes) and sanitary engineer (Ecole des Hautes Etudes de Santé Publique-EHESP, Rennes). From 1996 to 1998, she supervises the health and environment department at the Departmental Directorate for Health and Social Action (DDASS) of Val de Marne. Then, she joins the Regional Directorate of Environment (DIREN) of Bretagne, where she is in charge of water quality until 2004. After that, she joins the Regional Directorate for Health and Social Action (DRASS) Aquitaine and is in charge of several thematic issues (outdoor air, indoor air), and missioned to elaborate the first two Regional Health and Environment Action Plan (PRSE) Aquitaine. Since 2014, and after completing a certification in health promotion and prevention at EHESP, she is in charge of elaborating and implementing the regional strategy for prevention and promotion of environmental health for early childhood for the territory of Nouvelle-Aquitaine.



Emilie DELBAYS

Coordinator and educational manager on environmental health, WECF France

Emilie Delbays joins WECF France in 2011 as facilitation and project officer and is now coordinator and educational manager on environmental health. Her professional background in education sciences and medical hypnotherapy, coupled with experience in non-profit organisations dealing with environment, parenthood, breastfeeding, is an added value for her role of coordinator of the facilitators network on health and environment of WECF France. Emilie Delbays is in charge of the educational and lifelong training of the team of facilitators and develops activities related to the projects. She is a speaker in different events, where she shares her experience in developing schemes to support behaviour change in environmental health and takes part to consultancies for public entities and private companies. She participates in the design, creation and update of the programmes and teaching materials on health and environment, to empower vulnerable and isolated populations, so that they can integrate prevention of harmful environmental exposures.



WECF France : committed for 10 years for “building with women a health, sustainable and equitable world”

A dynamic team and supporting partners

Staff and board members

Since 2008, staff and board members, volunteers and partners work together to implement WECF France’s activities. WECF France was founded by **Anne Barre**, who previously worked for the international network WECF. In 2016, **Veronique Moreira** succeeded her as president. Today, **staff** include a group of seven members who are responsible for different activities, including a director, and staff responsible for advocacy, fundraising, awareness raising, training and education, communication, project and financial management, and administration. WECF France’s **board** has ten members, who are a group of experienced volunteers.

Experts committee

In 2009, WECF France set up an experts committee to strengthen the quality and accuracy of its activities, ensure its **representation in scientific and technical panels**, and support the team in developing various projects. Committee members are volunteers, and most of them have known WECF France for years, during which a variety of professional backgrounds has been represented in the committee: **engineer and consultant in sustainable consumption**, doctor in pharmacy, **paediatrician**, bio-electrician, **chemist-toxicologist**, eco-nurse, **epidemiologist**, **scientific journalists**, representatives of non-profit organisations and **specialists of consumer rights**.

Health and environment facilitators network



Les animateur-trice-s santé-environnement réuni.e.s pour les journées de suivi, Annemasse, mars 2018 © WECF

- **More than 200 members** in France
- **In 2017, more than 1 workshop organised per day**
- **Lifelong training sessions** to update knowledge and tools, organized in partnership with Anses (French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety)
- **Educational tools** provided and updated
- New workshop facilitators in environmental health every year

Protecting children's health : promoting healthy and eco-designed toys

2008-2015 : WECF France, a key player of campaigns for toxic-free toys



Tests de jouets en public, Paris, 2008



Colloque « Jouets et substances chimiques préoccupantes », Paris, 2010



Conférence de presse au Parlement européen, Bruxelles, 2012



Remise aux ministères de la santé et de l'écologie de la pétition *Stop aux perturbateurs endocriniens dans les jouets*, Paris, 2014

- 2008 : campaign with WECF network to ban chemicals of concern in the new Toys Safety Directive
- 2009 : release of French version of ***Nesting toys pocket guide***
- 2010 : **international symposium "Toys and chemicals of concern"** gathering manufacturers, retailers, experts, designers, decisionmakers, risk assessors, NGOs and MEPs
- 2009-2012 : **public campaign of toys testing**, in France, at the European parliament, in laboratory, reveal presence of toxic chemicals in toys
- 2009-2012 : participation to the working group of ADEME/Afnor on toys and games, and survey of toys manufacturers and retailers on implementing the new toys safety directive
- 2013 : **symposium and workshops "eco-design of toys and games"**, gathering designers and experts of eco-design
- 2014 : campaign for **EDC-Free toys**. The petition organized in partnership with Change.org gathers **30,000 signatures** and is officially given to ministries of health and environment.

2016-2017 : *DESIGN-MOI UN JOUET*, first contest of WECF France for the creation of eco-designed and healthy toys



Les lauréates des 1er Prix et 2ème Prix du concours *Design-moi un jouet*, avec des membres du jury, lors de la remise des Prix et l'exposition des projets, Paris, novembre 2017



- **Contest open to students** in French-speaking design schools
- Goal is to raise awareness on eco-design and substitution of materials of concern
- **10 projects submitted** by students, alone or in team (France, Switzerland, Belgium)
- **Jury of 5 professionals** (designers, ADEME, eco-design experts, engineers)
- **Partnership with IPAC-Design** (Geneva) to build an exhibition of the projects and award-winning projects
- November 2017: exhibition and award-winning event for the **1st** and **2nd Prizes** granted by jury members

Nesting and Ma Maison Ma Santé projects : tools to raise awareness on environmental health

Project Nesting – Building a healthy environment for babies

- **1 website** including news, positions, publications, Q&A section, etc.
- **8 information pocket guides** : toys, cleaning products, decoration and renovation, baby cosmetics, pregnant women cosmetics, endocrine disruptors, electromagnetic fields, textiles.
- **60,000 Nesting pocket guides** disseminated in 2017 to health and early childhood professionals kindergarden, municipalities, or individuals



Les guides d'information Nesting

Health and environment workshops : acting at individual level

To support action at individual level, WECF France has developed an original educational method, and builds a unique network of health and environment facilitators.

- **200 facilitators certified** or following certification
- **More than 365 workshops** organized in 2017 in France
- **More than 15 000 participants to workshops since 2009**
- 5 regional coordinators (Grand Est, PACA, Ile-de-France, Aquitaine)
- **A training session including theory and educational methods**, followed by a certification
- **A monitoring session and contents** provided by WECF France including regular exchanges, intranet, news watch, two annual sessions to upgrade practical and scientific knowledge



Atelier Nesting à Frangy (74) en 2013

Nesting for maternity hospitals : in public and private hospitals

To answer the concrete demands of parents-to-be, WECF France trains midwives to facilitate Nesting workshops.

- **2010 : Belledonne private hospital** (Grenoble, Isère), led by Dr André Benbassa, becomes the first private hospital to organize Nesting workshops
- **More than 200 midwives trained** since 2010 : in Grenoble and Bourgoin-Jallieu (Isère), Lyon (Rhône), Nîmes (Gard), Plérin (Bretagne), Annemasse (Haute-Savoie)
- **44 maternity hospitals** in France offer Nesting workshops to parents and moms to be

In 2017, WECF France is missioned for a survey on "perinatal period and health", together with Artemis network, for the foundation Avenir of the Mutuelle familiale.



Un atelier Nesting organisé par des sages-femmes de la clinique Belledonne (38), en 2014

Advocate for policies which protect public health from environmental

Prevent exposures to pollutions at national level

- 2009 : campaign for banning bisphenol A in baby bottles, together with other NGOs WECF France takes part to
- **French National Health and environment action plan (PNSE)**
- Participation to consultative committees and consultations of Anses (French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety)
- Participation to events, symposiums, roundtables, workshops, etc.



Publications and reports to raise concerns and change regulations

- 2012 : **French version of Girl, disrupted** (Yves Michel editions) on the impact of chemicals on women's reproductive health
- 2014 : **Textiles : stop the chemical overdose !** report elaborated with the collaboration of European experts, allowing the publication of a textiles pocket guide
- 2016 : **Cosmétiques bébés : trop de substances indésirables !**

a survey of more than 300 baby cosmetics placed on the market in France, demanding the ban of certain allergenic and sensitizing ingredients in baby cosmetics

Mobilizations with civil society organizations at European and international levels

- Observer at EU **biocidal products** competent authorities meeting
- Mobilization for regulations protective from human health: **REACH, cosmetics, toys**, etc.
- Monitoring and campaigning for strong international chemical conventions, together with WECF network: **Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**



Endocrine disruptors : a priority

- Member of the **EDC-free Europe coalition** (more than 70 members) since 2011
- 7 years of action programmes on endocrine disruptors
- Participation to the elaboration and monitoring of **SNPE (French National Strategy on Endocrine Disruptors)**, to drafting a guidance for substitution methodology, to consultations by Anses and other stakeholders
- More than 250 news articles on EDCs released in 10 years



Membres de la coalition EDC-Free Europe lors d'une action devant la Commission européenne, Bruxelles, novembre 2013

Protect pregnancy and early life from harmful chemical exposures



Ouverture du colloque *Halte à la contamination chimique des femmes enceintes et des bébés !* par la ministre de l'écologie Ségolène Royal (1), et intervention de Véronique Moreira (2), présidente de WECF France, Paris, juin 2016



(3) Intervenant.e.s lors des tables-rondes du colloque *Cancer du sein et environnement* lors du Ruban de l'Espoir, Lyon, octobre 2014

(4) Participant.e.s à l'atelier de travail *Shaping our planetary legacy, un agenda pour la santé reproductive environnementale* de la FIGO, Vancouver, octobre 2015

WECF France promotes relations and exchanges between public institutions, scientists, health professionals, civil society and the general public, by organizing on a regular basis international events on the impact of exposures to chemicals of concern and endocrine disruptors on women's and children's health.

- 2014 : **international symposium *Breast cancer and the environment***, as part of Ruban de l'Espoir (Lyon), with scientists of the Programme for Reproductive Health and the Environment (UCSF – University of California San Francisco) and of IARC (International Agency for Cancer Research)
- 2015 : **collaboration with FIGO** (International Federation for Gynaecology and Obstetrics) to disseminate its Opinion on reproductive health impacts of exposure to toxic environmental chemicals
- 2016 : **international symposium *Stop pregnant women and children chemical contamination !*** (Paris) to disseminate FIGO's 2015 recommendations



Institute for Training in Environmental Health: In 2013, WECF France, in collaboration with Philippe Perrin, eco-nurse, and other partners (SERA, le C2DS, ATC, IFSI Saint-Egrève, CRIIRAD, Sevene and André Benbassa, obstetrician-gynecologist) set up the IFSEN. IFSEN is a unique lifelong training institute in France, which provides a long-term training and courses in environmental health for health and social professionals. The training lasts 189 hours, and is organized in nine monthly sessions of three days each. At the end of 2018, around 75 professionals have followed IFSEN training. Next session will start in January 2019.

On the field : develop and implement healthy, equitable and sustainable solutions with women and local organizations

Women entrepreneurs in rural areas for healthy food and a sustainable economy

Femmes rurales network, Haute-Savoie :

- Set up in 2011 with the support of WECF France to promote exchanges of best practices, advises, sustainability and empower women initiating projects in rural areas
- **26 women** trained



Agricultrice membre du réseau Femmes rurales, Haute-Savoie, 2013

Supporting the autonomy of women farmers in villages of Ditak and Solak, Armenia:



Agricultrice arménienne lors d'une visite d'échanges, Arménie, 2014

- **120 women trained** in agro-ecology, and in technics for drying fruits and sending them on local markets, with partner organization AWHHE (Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment)
- **2 study and exchange visits** between women entrepreneurs in rural areas in France and Armenia in 2015 and 2017

Promote the gender approach in local policies

- 2009, March 8th : **campaign "With Women, let's change the world with women"** presented at Palais des Nations (Geneva)
- 2010 : **project "gender equality between boys and girls: a first step towards a culture of non-violence and peace"**, with the support of region Rhône-Alpes:
 - 32 workshops to promote gender equality at school
 - 180 pupils reached
- 2015 : **exhibition « Les Métiers ont-ils un sexe ? »** organized with the lycée professionnels of Salève (Annemasse, 74), as part of the Quinzaine de l'égalité :
 - 300 persons reached
 - 70 young adults made aware of gender equality



Acces to water and sanitation and right to health

Since 2008, WECF France collaborated to several projects to improve this essential aspect of health, with partner organizations in central and eastern Europe.

- 11 sustainable toilets built in schools and **100 Ecosan family toilets built in 35 villages** (Ukraine)
- Installation of a ecological treatment system of wastewater, benefiting to more than 100 children with disabilities in a specialized school institution (Bulgaria)
- **1800 school pupils in 13 villages** made aware of water quality and sanitation, installation of Ecosan toilets in a school for 164 pupils (Moldovia)
- Rehabilitation of the water system of the village of An-Oston (Kirghizistan)



Accès à l'eau potable dans le village de An-Oston, Kirghizistan, 2017
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Climate change : promote gender and climate solutions

- Climate COP : **COP21** and **human chain for climate justice** (Paris, 2015), COP22 and trainings for civil society (Marrakech, 2016), COP23 and update of educational posters on gender and climate (Bonn, 2017), **Climate March** (September 2018) etc.
- Member of the *Women and Gender Constituency*, WECF France contributes to strengthening the role of women in adaptation to climate change
- 2015 : facilitation of the « **Gender and development** » **network**, Rhône-Alpes
- Since 2016 : organization of the ceremony and award « **Solutions Genre et Climat** »
- **Study « Gender and climate »** (2016) on the state of the integration of the gender dimension in policy approaches of several European countries

Encourage energy transition through healthy, sustainable and affordable solutions

- Since 2012 : WECF France is member of the **Climate Action Network France (RAC)**
- 2009-2013, Georgia, Kirghizistan: supporting the implementation of affordable and renewable energy solutions (forced air-heating system, thermal solar panels, etc.) through a partnership with students of professional bachelor's degree on renewable energies (France), private companies (Germany) and NGOs on site

Promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Partenaires du projet « Construire une Europe durable pour toutes et tous lors des Journées européennes du Développement, Bruxelles, Juin 2018

Since SDGs were officially announced in 2015, WECF France endeavours to implement the 2030 agenda through various activities:

- **project « Building a sustainable Europe for all »**, with the support of the European Commission, 25 participant organizations in 15 EU member states
- Contribution to the **web platform « Les ODD et nous »**
- Facilitation of 3 thematic campaigns : **reducing inequalities, sustainable agriculture and food, responsible production and consumption**
- Facilitation of a network of SDGs stakeholders at local, regional and national levels

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