

# MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management

## Research Project Symposium 2008

Management Auditorium, RHUL

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### 09.00 Registration & Coffee

09.20 **Welcome:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw (MSc Programme Director)

09.25 **Opening Remarks:** Dr David Waltham (Head of Department of Earth Sciences)

**Chair: Kevin C Clemitshaw**

- 09.30 Ademola Adeseun "Derivation of UK compliant criteria for human health risk assessments using inhalation data for total petroleum hydrocarbons" (*Atkins*)
- 09.45 Yasaman Akbarzadehyazdi "Assessment of current risks to soil, groundwater and human health from a historical fire training area" (*MWH UK*)
- 10.00 Gifty Amo-Danso "Derivation of assessment criteria for WHO-12 polychlorinated biphenyls" (*Buro Happold*)
- 10.15 Michael Andrews "A critical review of the PG01 risk prioritisation methodology" (*Mouchel*)
- 10.30 Ancuta Asandei "Evaluation of Environment Agency sediment sampling strategies used in the environment monitoring programme around Sellafield" (*Environment Agency*)

### 10.45 Coffee & Posters

**Chair: Dr Steven Smith**

- 11.00 Gurpreet Bharth "Environmental and ecological impacts of <sup>137</sup>Cs from different types of nuclear reactor" (*British Energy & Viridian EMPower*)
- 11.15 Emily Boram "Impact of combined sewer and surface water outfalls on the aesthetic, water and ecological quality of a receiving riverine system" (*RPS Group*)
- 11.30 David Chapman "A characterisation study of the Bermuda Airport landfill site" (*Bermuda Department of Environmental Protection*)
- 11.45 Luiza Dumitrescu "Comparison between modelled and measured vaporisation of hydrocarbons at two sites in SE England" (*Atkins*)
- 12.00 Simon Elliott "A critique of the Ground Gas Guidance and application of GIS and Gas Volume Models to a site in the North West of England" (*Mouchel*)
- 12.15 Stephen Gray "Do low level receptors receive a higher dose of nitrogen dioxide than standard inlet height suggests?" (*London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames*)
- 12.30 **Lunch & Posters** Posters illustrate further highlights of the research projects

**Chair: Dr Steven Smith**

- 13.30** Daniela Ledrova "Human health risk assessment of petroleum hydrocarbon contamination of soils"  
*(Waterman Environmental)*
- 13.45** Abida Khan "An assessment of the bioavailability of heavy metals in airborne particulate matter"  
*(Royal Holloway, University of London)*
- 14.00** Ifigenia Kiriakoglou "Phase II investigation of the agricultural area of Pithiou in Evros prefecture in Greece"  
*(Institute of Geological & Mineral Research, Xanthi, Greece)*
- 14.15** Michelle Lewis "Design and interpretation of statistically validated ground contamination investigation data"  
*(Arup)*
- 14.30** Rebecca Martin "A review of remediation technologies for radionuclide contaminated soil"  
*(AWE, Aldermarston & Viridian EMpower)*
- 14.45** Pegah Massahzadeh "Assessment of a free and dissolved-phase hydrocarbon plume in a chalk aquifer"  
*(MWH UK)*

**15.00 Tea & Posters**

**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

- 15.30** Tom McDonagh "Evaluation of benzo-a-pyrene levels across borough of Caerphilly, Wales"  
*(Sinclair Knight Merz)*
- 15.45** Alexandra Petrotou "A phase II study of heavy metal contamination in the Ptolemais-Kozani Basin in Greece"  
*(University of Thessaly, Greece)*
- 16.00** Gezim Ramabanaj "Investigation of inorganic contamination of Brentham allotments land in Ealing Borough, London"  
*(London Borough of Ealing)*
- 16.15** Sinbad Sweeney "Retrospective analysis of ambient elemental carbon and its significance in London particulate matter concentrations"  
*(King's College London)*
- 16.30** Mark Thorne "Investigation of contamination on a former sewage works and an infilled mineral extraction site"  
*(Elmbridge Borough Council)*
- 16.45** Steven Vaughan-Jones "Risk and uncertainties: Performance and costs of waste treatment options"  
*(SLR Consulting)*

**17.00 Closing Remarks: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**17.05 End of Research Project Symposium 2008**

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**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**10.30 Constantina Antoniou** *(Medisell, Cyprus)*  
"Assessment of particulate matter in Cyprus"

**10.45 Willena Bondurant** *(University College London & RHUL)*  
"Physical and chemical properties of bio-aerosols and infection control"

**11.00 Rachel Church** *(Environment Agency (Portsmouth), & University of Portsmouth)*  
"Diagnosis and assessment of water pollution in Portsmouth Harbour. The role of faecal coliforms and eutrophication between 2004-2009"

**11.15 Lynsey Coles** *(Atkins, Epsom)*  
"The effects of soil type and soil organic matter input variables on generic screening values derived using CLEA v1.04"

### 11.30 Coffee

**Chair: Dr Martin King**

**11.45 Gurpriya Kang** *(London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames)*  
"The analysis of annual and seasonal trends in ambient BTEX levels across the London Borough of Richmond"

**12.00 Conor Keane** *(Environment Agency (Penrith), & EMpower)*  
"Investigate the approach taken to groundwater management on and around nuclear sites for robustness to climate change impacts"

**12.15 Annett Kiss** *(NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford)*  
"Understanding algal growth in rivers and predicting their response to climate change"

**12.30 Penelope Lloyd** *(NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (Lancaster), & University of Lancaster)*  
"Are cancer drugs in the River Douglas? Developing liquid chromatography triple quadrupole tandem mass spectrometry to analyse cyclophosphamide"

### 12.45 Lunch

**13.45 Award of The Arup Prize, 2007-08 (Chris Barrett, Arup & Kevin C Clemitshaw, RHUL)**

**Chair: Dr Steve Smith**

**14.00 Callum McKendrick** *(University of Warwick Horticultural Research Institute)*  
"Development of novel compounds and products for industrial applications from lignocellulosic straw waste by utilising enzymatic microbial activity"

**14.15 Mark McLaughlin** *(Dublin City University, Ireland)*  
"A bio-augmentation product for fats, oils and grease degradation"

**14.30 Olusola Ojo** *(MWH UK (Gerrard's Cross), & RHUL)*  
"Health health risk assessment for Royal Air Force base residential housing in Feltwell, Norfolk"

**14.45 Duncan Rose** *(Forestry Commission (Farnham), & RHUL)*  
"Stimulating the bio-degradation of PAHs in soil with a history of contamination using physical and chemical techniques"

### 15.00 Tea

**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**15.15 Marie Sanchez** *(Environment Agency (Preston), University of the West of England, & EMPower)*  
“An assessment of the impact of authorised radioactive waste discharges on wildlife in Natura 2000 sites using the ERICA assessment tool”

**15.30 Peter Sheppard** *(Arup, London)*  
“Derivation of standard exposure conditions for potentially contaminated non-standard land uses for incorporation into CLEA v1.04”

**15.45 Athina Vasilakou** *(RHUL)*  
“Air pollutants with adverse impacts upon climate and health”

**16.00 Closing Remarks:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw

**16.05 End of Research Project Symposium 2009**

**16.30 Drinks Reception in the Department of Earth Sciences**

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# MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management

## Research Project Symposium 2010

Management Auditorium, RHUL

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### Programme

**09.45 Registration & Refreshments**

**10.05 Opening Remarks:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw (MSc Programme Director)

**10.10 Welcome:** Dr David Waltham (Head of Department of Earth Sciences)

**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**10.15 Kate Brady** *(Sellafield Ltd & EMpower)*  
"The setting of standards for exclusion of solids from aqueous waste discharges for the nuclear industry"

**10.30 Hannah Brown** *(NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford)*  
"Revision and update of the QUESTOR model of algae growth in the river Ure"

**10.45 Shirley Cade** *(National Nuclear Laboratory, Warrington, & EMpower)*  
"The use of groundwater level and temperature data to investigate groundwater recharge and movement"

**11.00 Stephen Cassells** *(Arup, London)*  
"Evaluation of the performance of the UK air quality review and assessment process"

**11.15 Lucia Cavalcanti** *(RHUL)*  
"Particulate air pollutant episodes in London"

**11.30 Refreshments**

**Chair: Dr Dave Alderton**

**11.45 Rebecca Jones** *(Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture, Isle of Man)*  
"Discrepancies in dioxin monitoring at the Isle of Man Energy from Waste Facility: The impact of clinical waste"

**12.00 Hassan Kani** *(London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, Kings College London & RHUL)*  
"Analysis of ambient BTEX levels at contrasting locations within the UK"

**12.15 Chris Morris** *(National Physical Laboratory & EMpower)*  
"Instrumental radiochemical analysis system for environmental waste management"

**12.30 Kabir Muktar** *(RHUL)*  
"A laboratory-based study of contaminated mine waters with special focus on removal of lead, zinc, arsenic and antimony"

**12.45 Bojana Nanic-Holden** *(Environment Agency, Penrith, & EMpower)*  
"A review of permeable reactive barrier conceptual design for Sellafield Site using updated characterisation data and revised conceptual models"

**13.00 Lunch**

**13.50 Award of The Arup Prize 2008-09: Chris Barrett (Arup) & Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**Chair: Dr Martin King**

- 14.00 Maria Ntantou** *(University of the Aegean, Greece)*  
“Optimisation of a methodology to manage small scale catchments: The case of Mytilene (Lesvos, Greece)”
- 14.15 Jun Hyun Park** *(Arup, London)*  
“Improving annual average NOx modelling techniques in urban locations”
- 14.30 Ben Parry** *(Forestry Commission, Farnham, & RHUL)*  
“Potential of nettles cultivated in a closed-loop system to provide biomass and treat landfill leachate”
- 14.45 Ben Smith** *(Atomic Weapons Establishment, Aldermarston & EMpower)*  
“Influencing staff attitudes and behaviour towards energy conservation”
- 15.00 Krzysztof Turowski** *(London Borough of Hounslow)*  
“Assessment of human health risks posed by a potentially contaminated land site in East Bedfont”

**15.15 Refreshments**

**Chair: Dr Steve Smith**

- 15.30 Maria Vigano** *(Arup, London)*  
“Asbestos in soil: Guidelines for investigation procedures and risk assessment”
- 15.45 Thomas Whitaker** *(NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford)*  
“Exposure assessment for engineered silver nano-particles through Sewage Treatment Works”
- 16.00 Ruth Williamson** *(NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford)*  
“The relationships between phytoplankton density and community structure with river depth and time, in the River Thames”
- 16.15 Christine Wissink** *(Kent County Council)*  
“Downscaling climate change projections and communicating potential impacts within local communities: A case study for the Kent coast”
- 16.30 Closing Remarks:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw
- 16.35 End of Research Project Symposium 2010**
- 17.00 Drinks Reception in the Department of Earth Sciences**

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# MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management

## Research Project Symposium 2011

Queen's Building Lecture Theatre, RHUL

Wednesday 31 August

### Programme

**12.45 Registration & Lunch**

**13.50 Opening Remarks:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw (MSc Course Director)

**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**14.00 Chris Ball** *EDF Energy (Barnwood) & EMpower*  
The evolution of a diesel spill and the development of a predictive fate and transport model

**14.20 Holly Banham** *EA (Nottingham, Preston & Warrington), Severn Trent Water & EMpower*  
Implications of permitted discharges of radioactive substances to low-flow environments

**14.40 Lucia Cavalcanti-Vervecken** *RHUL*  
Analysis and interpretation of CO<sub>2</sub> data recorded at contrasting sites within the EU

**15.00 Emma Fromant** *Arup (London)*  
Assessment of the ability for odour standards and modelling to predict odour complaints

**15.20 Charlotte Hidson** *Hyder (Guildford)*  
An evaluation of the performance of permeable reactive barriers

**15.40 Refreshments**

**Award of The Arup Prize 2009-2010: Chris Barrett (Arup) & Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**Chair: Dr Steve Smith**

**16.00 Chris Jury** *London Borough of Sutton*  
Modelling of scenarios to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the London Borough of Sutton

**16.20 Cyrus Larijani** *National Physical Laboratory (Teddington) & EMpower*  
The production and purification of radiotracer <sup>236g</sup>NP for environmental applications

**16.40 Zuoyi Liu** *EPA, Changchun City, Northeast Normal University & University of Jilin (China)*  
Impacts of snow-melting agents on soil and ground-water: A case study of Changchun, China

**17.00 Alice Waylett** *NERC Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (Wallingford)*  
Analysis of QUESTOR modelling relating to phytoplankton in the upper part of the River Thames

**17.20 Closing Remarks:** Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw

**17.25 End of Research Project Symposium 2011**

**17.30 Drinks Reception**

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# MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management Research Project Symposium 2012

Moore Auditorium, RHUL

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

## Programme

**09.45 Registration & Refreshments**

**10.15 Opening Remarks:** **Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw (EDM MSc Director)**  
**Dr Dave Waltham (Head of Department of Earth Sciences)**

**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**10.30 Ellen Barrow** Arup (London), Forest Research (Farnham) & RHUL  
Amendment with biochar of heavy metal contaminated soils as an alternative to phytoremediation

**10.45 Oscar Chow** NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (Wallingford)  
What is the scientific basis for using earthworms to remediate land contaminated with organic contaminants?

**11.00 Robyn Cummings** Environment Agency (Penrith) & EMpower  
Options for leak management from nuclear legacy facilities during decommissioning

**11.15 Annabelle Dodson** Syngenta International Research Centre (Jealott's Hill) & RHUL  
Effect of management and vegetation type on earthworm populations in field margins and a crop at Jealott's Hill

**11.30 Refreshments**

**Chair: Dr Dave Lowry**

**12.00 Lauren Dombowsky** Atkins (London)  
The study of a successfully remediated historic landfill

**12.15 Camilla Ghiassae** King's College London  
Remote sensing of primary CO, NH<sub>3</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and hydrocarbon combustion emissions from on-road black cabs in the City of London

**12.30 Peter Henshaw** Arup (London)  
Investigation into cumulative impacts of emissions from decentralised energy plant on local air quality in London

**12.45 Ayshan Isgandarzada** RHUL  
Evaluation and assessment of behaviour and attitudes towards recycling of waste at Royal Holloway University of London

**13.00 Lunch**

**13.45 Award of The Arup Prize 2010-12: Chris Barrett (Arup)**  
**Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**



**Chair: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

- 14.00 Ellen Jones** Arup (London) & Anglian Water (Peterborough)  
The development of an odour risk screening methodology for Anglian Water
- 14.15 Jasmeet Kaur** NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (Wallingford)  
The role of Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) grazing in controlling phytoplankton communities and algal blooms in the River Thames
- 14.30 Stina Nikolaysen** Waterman Environmental (London)  
Comparison of measured and modelled concentrations of nitrogen dioxide with height above ground
- 14.45 Camille Peers De Nieuwburgh** Shell Technology Centre (Thornton)  
Analysis of the cause of continued vapour intrusion following a high volume fuel release in Northern France

**15.00 Refreshments**

**Chair: Dr Dave Alderton**

- 15.15 Emma Phillips** WSP Environment & Energy (London), Trucost & RHUL  
Integrating environmental and social risk in to supply chain decision-making”
- 15.30 Ana Ramalho Carneiro Da Silva** Arup (London)  
An approach to assess risk of harm to human health from lead in soil on contaminated sites
- 15.45 Ellie Walshe** NERC British Geological Survey (Keyworth) & RHUL  
The effect of flooding and drying cycles on element mobility in soils
- 16.00 Matthew Wright** EDF (Barnwood) & EMpower  
Sensitivity of discharge monitoring programmes from nuclear power with respect to climate change

**16.15 Closing Remarks: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**16.20 End of Research Project Symposium 2012**

**16.30 Refreshments in Crosslands, Founder’s Building**

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# MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management Research Project Symposium 2013

Queen's Lecture Theatre, RHUL

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September



## Programme

**13.00 Registration & Lunch**

**13.50 Opening Remarks:** **Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw (Director, EDM MSc)**  
**Professor Jason Morgan (Head of Department, Earth Sciences)**

**Chair: Dr Dave Lowry**

**14.00 Robert Ashpole** Parks Canada Agency & RHUL  
Mountain Pine Beetles (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) and their implications for management in Yoho National Park, British Columbia, Canada

**14.20 Natalja Cekalina** Atkins (London)  
Analysis of ground gas monitoring at a potential Part 2A site on the south coast of England

**14.40 Christina Clarke** Syngenta International Research Centre (Jealott's Hill) & RHUL  
Factors affecting earthworm populations in vegetated field margins and crop soils at Jealott's Hill

**15.00 Natasha Dayes** Abbot's Mill & Atkins (London)  
Development of the Abbot's Mill Management Plan: Environmental quality synopsis

**15.20 Refreshments**

**Arup Prize 2011-12: Chris Barrett (Contaminated Land Team Leader, Arup)**  
**Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**Chair: Dr Dave Alderton**

**15.40 Rachel Freese** AMEC (Ashford) & RHUL  
Development of a modified short-term leaching protocol for mining waste

**16.00 Joanna Haywood** NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (Wallingford)  
Agri-environment schemes and ecosystem service management: Soil carbon sequestration

**16.20 James Keeble** Worley Parsons (London)  
Assessment of groundwater conditions at a disused gas works site in East London

**16.40 Refreshments**

**Chair: Dr Steve Smith**

**17.00 Morolake Kolade** NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (Wallingford)  
The change of water quality along stretches of the River Thames and River Nidd

**17.20 Banyu Putro Solichin** NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (Wallingford)  
Links between environmental change and its impacts on river flow regime and quality in urban catchments

**17.40 Jessica Sandhu** EDF (Barnwood) & EMpower  
The impact of fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on natural <sup>14</sup>C concentrations

**18.00 Closing Remarks: Dr Kevin C Clemitshaw**

**18.05 Refreshments**

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