

Workshop: *Thirty years after the Chernobyl accident what do we know about the effects of radiation on the environment?*

Venue: Chernihiv, Ukraine

Dates: 30th-31st August 2016

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. To mark this, the last of the COMET sponsored workshops will be held in the Ukraine.

The workshop will focus on what we have learnt from studies of the effects of radiation on the environment in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (CEZ) and what questions still remain. It will include presentations giving an overview of results from those groups which have studied the environment with the CEZ and also those currently working there. An evaluation of studies conducted to date in Japan following the Fukushima accident will also be given. There will be a number of discussion sessions on topics such as:

‘How do we resolve the anomalies between field and laboratory studies?’

‘Implications of Chernobyl (and Fukushima) studies for current benchmark dose rates’

‘What next for field studies in Chernobyl?’

Each of these sessions will have one or two introductory presentations to set the scene for subsequent discussions.

More details and a provisional agenda will be available in late January 2016 from www.radioecology-exchange.org/.

Aims of the workshop: *To recognise the implications of contrasting results from studies in the CEZ and to identify priority research needs and possibilities.*

Timetable:

29th August: Meet Kiev Borispol for transportation to Slavutych (latest landing 15:30)

30th-31st August: Workshop

1st September: Optional trip to the CEZ or transport to Borispol

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