



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

International Conference 2024: (Micro-nano)Plastics in Soil

13-14 March, 2024

Utrecht, the Netherlands

**Kind
invitation**

About the upcoming event

One of the major environmental issues in soil and water management is the presence of plastics. Awareness is growing that pollution by plastics must be prevented and recent research shows that it becomes a bigger issue especially in soil. However, little is known about the fate and impact of smaller plastic particles (micro- and nanoplastics or MNP). More knowledge about degradation, spread and exposure to MNP is needed to assess the impact on the environment and human health while a healthy soil is crucial. Knowledge about plastics in the soil is also still a young branch of science while the input sources of plastics into soil are manifold.

In October 2022, the international and previous conference on plastics in soil was organized by the German Environment Agency (UBA) in Berlin, Germany. It is of great relevance to bring experts from different disciplines together for exchanging knowledge, learning through in-depth discussions, and having discussions with decision makers in the sector and politics.

Therefore, Deltares and the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management have initiated the organization of an international conference that elaborates further on the prior event hosted by the UBA. By joining this conference: you will participate in working on the understanding of risks and developing crucial mitigation strategies, and towards limiting and managing the

impact on human health and the environment on a national, EU and international level.

**We are looking forward meeting you
in Utrecht mid-March 2024!**

Target group, registration, and participation

This international conference provides an opportunity to learn and exchange knowledge and is aimed at scientists, decision and policy makers. The conference will be free of charge after registration.



Date:	Wednesday March, 13 and Thursday March 14, 2024
Location:	Leeuwenbergh – a historical place in the center of Utrecht Servaasbolwerk 1A, 3512 NK Utrecht, the Netherlands
Event features:	Live conference with presentations, interactive workshops and poster session
Conference chairs:	<p>Petra Krystek, PhD, Deltares, Subsurface and Groundwater Quality, the Netherlands, and University of Siegen, Department Chemistry and Biology, Germany (<i>lead organizer; scientific programme</i>) petra.krystek@deltares.nl; petra.krystek@uni-siegen.de</p> <p>Lisette Peters, M.Sc., Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management (I&W), DGWB, the Netherlands (<i>lead organizer; conference facilities and environmental policy</i>) lisette.peters@minienw.nl</p>
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Day 1 – Wednesday March 13, 2024 12.00 Registration	Day 2 - Thursday March 14, 2024 09.00 Registration
SESSION 1 (Micro)plastics in soil – general insights - Presentations Coffee break with poster session	SESSION 3 (Micro)plastics in soil – Environmental risks, fate and impact - Presentations Coffee break with poster session
SESSION 2 Workshop sessions - Several topics by science meets stakeholders; details follows	SESSION 4 (Micro)plastics in soil – governance and policy - Presentations and closing (incl poster price announcement)
17.30 Networking drinks with poster session; buffet dinner	13.00 Lunch or lunch to go (optional)

Important Dates

November 30, 2023	Deadline abstract submission for contributions (oral presentation and posters) to IC-Plastics2024@minienw.nl
December 1, 2023	Second Announcement and Registration open – registration form / link follows with second announcement
January 15, 2024	Notification of contribution acceptance
February 1, 2024	Final program available
February 16, 2024	Registration deadline
March 13+14, 2024	Conference event in Utrecht

