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The 25th National Pesticide Forum

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:00-4:00 pm	Rooftop-Garden Tour
5:00-7:00 pm	Registration
6:00-7:00 pm	Pesticides 101
7:00-11:00 pm	Welcome Reception 7:00 - 7:50 pm: Reception and Welcome 7:50 - 8:10 pm: Speaker: Shelley Davis 8:10 - 8:30 pm: Dragonfly Award Presentation 8:30 - 9:00 pm: Speaker: Warren Porter, Ph.D. 9:00 - 11:00 pm: Reception

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 - 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:20 am	Welcome
9:20 - 11:10 pm	Climate Change: Consequences and the organic response
11:30am - 12:45pm	Toxic Policies that Hurt Communities of Color
12:45 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:15 - 4:10 pm	Emerging Science Panel
4:30 - 6:00 pm	Workshops I Climate Change Discussion ■ Toxic Policies that Hurt Communities of Color Discussion ■ Emerging Science Discussion ■ Healthy, Organic Food in the Community
7:00 pm	Organic Night-on-the-Town (\$25)

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 - 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 am	Practicing Precaution
9:30 - 10:15 am	Protective Policies and Effective Advocacy
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Workshops II Precaution and Policies Discussion ■ Pesticides, Water and the Great Lakes ■ Creating Healthy Indoor Environ- ments ■ Introduction to the Pesticide Working Group
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Closing (PWG strategy meeting to follow)

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CALL TO THE CONFERENCE

We celebrate Rachel Carson's legacy and commitment to understanding and respecting our relationship to nature in this year of her 100th birthday. We come together at this 25th National Pesticide Forum at a time when the need for action is urgent.

This conference explores the interconnectedness of the environmental and public health crises associated with chemical-intensive approaches to modern living.

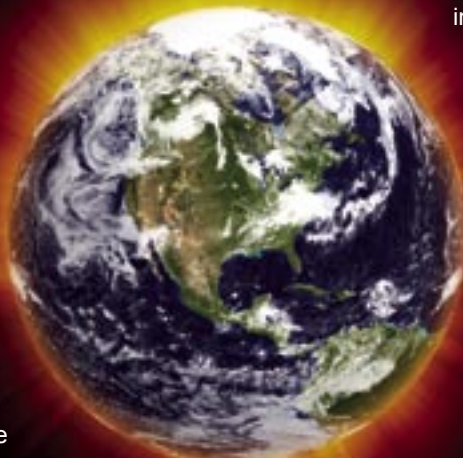
At the same time, we strike a hopeful note in discussing solutions that are within our reach. In addressing the urgency of the problem, we offer ourselves, our communities, and our elected officials challenges that we must and can meet. We use the opportunity of this Forum to share the cutting edge science, current policy, and community experience for the purpose of empowering meaningful change.

At a time when global climate change has attracted national attention, it is clear that warming trends increase invasive plant and insect-borne disease pressures, which in turn result in increased calls for pesticide

use—a response that can only lead to elevated public health and environmental hazards identified by the scientific findings that are presented at this conference. Critical research data focuses our discussion on organic practices as a powerful tool in averting a global warming catastrophe, by reducing fossil fuel use significantly and increasing by four times the sequestering of atmospheric carbon. Simultaneously, organic systems eliminate dependency on toxic pesticides and support ecological balance.

The Forum recognizes the importance of change through local action and offers an opportunity to discuss the necessary strategies for moving from current statutory and regulatory approaches that ineffectively define acceptable chemical risks to precautionary approaches that chart a safer and sustainable path. Thanks for joining us at the Forum!

Jay Feldman
Executive Director
Beyond Pesticides



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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:00 - 4:00 pm

[meet in 1st floor lobby]

■ **Garden-Rooftop Tour** - led by **Rachel Rosenberg**, *executive director, Safer Pest Control Project, Chicago, IL*

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Registration [Kasbeer Lobby]

6:00 - 7:00 pm

[Room 306]

■ **Pesticides 101**

Caroline Cox, *Beyond Pesticides board member; research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA*

Terry Shistar, PhD, *Beyond Pesticides board member; Kaw Valley Greens, Lawrence, KS*

Jay Feldman, *moderator, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*

7:00 - 11:00 pm

[Kasbeer Hall]

■ **Welcome Reception**

Sponsored by Farmworker Justice

7:00 - 7:50 pm

Socializing and Welcome

Robina Suwol, *Beyond Pesticides' board president; executive director, California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA*; **John G. Johnson**, *Safer Pest Control Project board president; assistant director of university development, North Park University, Chicago, IL*

7:50 - 8:10 pm

Protecting Farmworkers in the 2007 Farm Bill

Shelley Davis, *Beyond Pesticides' board member; deputy director, Farmworker Justice, Washington, DC*

8:10 - 8:30 pm

Dragonfly Award: Samuel S. Epstein, MD

Jay Feldman, *executive director of Beyond Pesticides* will present the award to **Catherine Epstein**. Dr. Epstein cannot attend due to an illness.

8:30 - 9:00 pm

The Big Picture: Linking Pesticide Science and Health Effects

Warren Porter, PhD, *professor of Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

9:00 - 11:00 pm

Reception and Socializing

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 - 8:45 am

[Rubloff Lobby]

Continental Breakfast/Registration

9:00 - 9:20 am

[Rubloff Auditorium]

Welcome

Jay Feldman, executive director, *Beyond Pesticides*, Washington, DC

Rachel Rosenberg, executive director, *Safer Pest Control Project*, Chicago, IL

9:20 - 11:10 am

[Rubloff Auditorium]

■ **Climate Change**

9:20 - 10:40 am

Consequences

Peter Orris, MD, associate director, *Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Lewis Ziska, PhD, plant physiologist, *USDA Crop Systems and Global Change Lab*, Beltsville, MD

Pamela Miller, executive director, *Alaska Community Action on Toxics*, Anchorage, AK

10:40 - 11:10 am

The organic response

Paul Hepperly, PhD, research and training manager, *The Rodale Institute*, Kutztown, PA

Roult Reigart, MD, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; director of *General Pediatrics*, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston

11:10 - 11:30 am

[Rubloff Lobby]

Break

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

[Rubloff Auditorium]

■ **Toxic Policies that Hurt Communities of Color**

Cecil Corbin-Mark, program director, *West Harlem Environmental Action*, New York, NY

Cheryl Johnson, executive director, *the People for Community Recovery*, Chicago, IL

Shelley Davis, *Beyond Pesticides'* board member; deputy director, *Farmworker Justice*, Washington, DC

Andrea Kidd Taylor, DrPH, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; professor, *Morgan State University School of Public Health*, Baltimore, MD

12:45 - 2:15 pm

[Kasbeer Hall]

Lunch

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 (CONTINUED)

2:15 - 4:10 pm

[Rubloff Auditorium]

■ *Emerging Science*

Muhammed Towhid Salam, MD, researcher, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Jennifer Sass, PhD, senior scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC

Rolf Halden, PhD, PE, co-founder, Johns Hopkins Center for Water and Health, Baltimore, MD

Tyrone Hayes, PhD, professor of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley

Warren Porter, PhD, professor of Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

4:10 - 4:30 pm

[Rubloff Lobby]

Break

4:30 - 6:00 pm

■ Workshops I

1) Climate Change Discussion

[Room 211]

Peter Orris, MD, associate director, Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Lewis Ziska, PhD, plant physiologist, USDA Crop Systems and Global Change Lab, Beltsville, MD

Paul Hepperly, PhD, research and training manager, Rodale Institute, Kutztown, PA

Pamela Miller, executive director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Anchorage, AK

Kim Stone, moderator, associate director, Safer Pest Control Project, Chicago, IL

■ **As follow-up to the Climate Change: Consequences and the organic response panel, this workshop will allow for an in-depth discussion of how global climate change will impact pesticide use, agriculture and public health, and how organic agriculture is an important part of the solution.**

2) Emerging Science Discussion

[Room 306]

Muhammed Towhid Salam, MD, researcher, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Jennifer Sass, PhD, senior scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC

Rolf Halden, PhD, PE, co-founder, Johns Hopkins Center for Water and Health, Baltimore, MD

Tyrone Hayes, PhD, professor of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley

Karl Tupper, staff scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

Caroline Cox, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA

■ **As follow-up to the Emerging Science panel, this workshop will allow for more discussion of the issues presented, as well as a look at pesticide drift data showing real-world pesticide combinations.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 (CONTINUED)

4:30 - 6:00 pm

■ Workshops I (continued)

3) Toxic Policies that Hurt Communities of Color Discussion

[Room 206]

Cecil Corbin-Mark, *program director, West Harlem Environmental Action, New York, NY*

Shelley Davis, *Beyond Pesticides board member; deputy director, Farmworker Justice, Washington, DC*

Margaret Reeves, PhD, *senior scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA*

Cheryl Johnson, *moderator, director, People for Community Recovery, Chicago, IL*

■ As follow-up to the Toxic Policies that Hurt Communities of Color panel, this workshop will allow for more discussion of the topics presented. It will also look at issues faced by farmworkers across the country and examine new “biodrift” data.

4) Healthy, Organic Food in the Community

[Room 105]

Abby Mandel, *president, Green City Market, Chicago, IL*

Parris Brewer, *assistant marketing representative, Growing Home, Chicago, IL*

Jim Riddle, *moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; organic outreach coordinator, University of Minnesota Organic Ecology, Lambert, MN*

■ This workshop will explore the role that organic farming methods play in growing food in community gardens and local farms. We will hear about an innovative Chicago farmers’ market, as well as a program creating employment opportunities in organic agriculture for homeless and low-income Chicagoans.

7:00 pm

■ Organic Night-on-the-Town (\$25)

Safer Pest Control Project and Beyond Pesticides are hosting a party at the Butterfly Social Club. All conference participants are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 and includes an organic dinner, transportation from the Forum to the club, and admission to both the Butterfly Social Club and the Funky Buddha Lounge next door. There will be a cash bar with drink specials.

The interior of the all-natural Social Butterfly Club is built out with a mud, sand, clay and straw mixture formed into trees (with real leaves) growing out of the wall. Sit snug in your own little “treehouse” nook coated in beeswax while looking around at a space designed from recycled materials. Look for the spot’s namesake: Mirrored mosaic butterflies can be spotted on the walls. Solar power keeps the lights going and the global-beat DJs spinning while you sip chemical-free drinks and juices in a smoke-free spot.

Space is limited. Please sign-up in advance at the registration table if you would like to join us!

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 - 8:45 am

[Rubloff lobby]

9:00 - 9:30 am

[Rubloff Auditorium]

9:30 - 10:15 am

[Rubloff Auditorium]

10:15 - 10:30 am

[Rubloff lobby]

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

1) Practicing Precaution and Protective Policies Discussion

[Room 211]

Debbie Raphael, program manager, *Toxics Reduction and Green Building Programs, San Francisco, CA*

Jason Rupaka, Plainville Conservation Commission, Plainville, CT

Fawn Pattison, executive director, *Pesticide Education Project, Raleigh, NC*

Joel Kupferman, executive director, *New York Environmental Law and Justice Project, New York, NY*

Robina Suwol, moderator, executive director, *California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA*

■ An indepth followup to the *Practicing Precaution and Protective Policies* plenary sessions.

Continental Breakfast/Registration

■ *Practicing Precaution*

Debbie Raphael, program manager, *City and County of San Francisco Toxics Reduction and Green Building Programs, San Francisco, CA*

Allen Spalt, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides board member; chair, Pesticide Education Project, Agricultural Resources Center, Carrboro, NC*

■ *Protective Policies and Effective Advocacy*

Jason Rupaka, member, *Plainville Conservation Commission, Plainville, CT*

Robina Suwol, executive director, *California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA*

Joel Kupferman, executive director, *NY Environmental Law and Justice Project, New York, NY*

Fawn Pattison, executive director, *Pesticide Education Project, Carrboro, NC*

Lorna Donaldson, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides board member; Donaldson Farms, Tiptonville, TN*

Break

■ Workshops II

2) Healthy Indoor Environments

[Room 105]

Cecil Corbin-Mark, program director, *West Harlem Environmental Action, New York, NY*

Tom Green, president, *IPM Works, Madison, WI*

Rachel Rosenberg, executive director, *Safer Pest Control Project, Chicago, IL*

Alan Cohen, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides board member; president, Bio-Logical Pest Management, Washington, DC*

■ More studies are showing the health impacts of indoor pesticide exposure. Learn effective strategies for staying pest-free without poisoning your family.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 (CONTINUED)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm ■ **Workshops II** (continued)

3) Threatened Waters: The Great Lakes and Pesticides

[Room 306]

Elizabeth LaPlante, *senior manager, EPA Great Lakes Protection Office, Chicago, IL*

Rolf Halden, PhD, PE, *co-founder, Johns Hopkins Center for Water and Health, Baltimore, MD*

Merrill Clark, *Roseland Organic Farms, Cassopolis, MI*

Tessa Hill, *moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; executive director, Kids for Saving Earth Worldwide, Minneapolis, MN*

■ **The Great Lakes form the largest surface freshwater system on Earth. Studies show nearly all surface water to contain one or more pesticides at detectable levels. Learn what's threatening the Great Lakes and what you can do.**

4) Introduction to the Pesticide Working Group

[Room 206]

John Kepner, *program director, Beyond Pesticides; PWG co-chair, Washington, DC*

Kristin Schafer, *campaigns director, Pesticide Action Network North America; PWG co-chair, San Francisco, CA*

■ **The Pesticide Working Group (PWG) will be hosting a strategy meeting, immediately following the Forum, to develop a collaborative workplan for the movement over the coming year. The meeting will focus on policy, messaging and organizing tools. This session will bring activists interested in joining PWG up to speed prior to the meeting. Please see John or Kristin prior to the session.**

12:00 - 12:30 pm **Closing**

[Rubloff Auditorium]

The Coming Clean Pesticide Working Group (PWG) will be hosting its strategy meeting immediately following the Forum. If you are interested in attending, please see PWG co-chairs, John Kepner (Beyond Pesticides) or Kristin Schafer (Pesticide Action Network North America), to sign-up for this invitation-only meeting.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all those who have sponsored Changing Course in a Changing Climate, the 25th National Pesticide Forum. They are all special supporters of Beyond Pesticides and our programs. Take a look through the program and get in touch with these people. They want to work with you!