



Members of HEAL's delegation to the COP21 Paris climate negotiations

In alphabetical order

HEAL is pleased to welcome health and medical professionals from Turkey, Germany, Serbia, France, Romania, Sweden and Poland among its official delegation to COP21, from 30 November to 11 December in Paris, France.

Lukasz Adamkiewicz

Łukasz Adamkiewicz is HEAL's Coal and Health Adviser in Poland, working on educational and advocacy activities with the health and medical community. Łukasz holds a Masters in Environmental Protection from the Faculty of Environmental Engineering at the University of Technology (WUT) in Warsaw, Poland, and is currently finishing a PhD on the assessment of the health damage caused by traffic pollution. Łukasz has previously worked for the Ministry of the Environment, Innovation Accelerator of Federation of Engineering Associations and he held the position of Chairman of the Board of PhD students at the University of Technology (WUT).

Dr. Isabella Annesi-Maesano

Isabella Annesi-Maesano will be representing the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and the European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA).

ERS brings together over 11,000 physicians, healthcare professionals, scientists and other experts in respiratory medicine. ECDA consists of twelve European organisations to reverse the alarming rise in chronic diseases by providing leadership and policy recommendations based on contemporary evidence.

Isabella is Director of research at INSERM and head of the Epidemiology of Allergic Respiratory Diseases (EPAR) team within the Institute Pierre-Louis Public Health INSERM/UPMC, where she conducts research on the etiology of allergic and respiratory diseases. She is also Professor of Environmental Epidemiology. Her research questions include the explanation of the development of allergic and respiratory diseases and their comorbidities (metabolic diseases, cardiovascular diseases, neurodevelopmental troubles...) through an exposomic approach. The impact of outdoor and indoor air pollution, indoor environment, climate changes has been central to her research.

Luisa Georgiana Baca

Luisa is pursuing her medical training in the National Health Service in London and a postgraduate program in Medical Education at University College London. Treating patients and advocating for disease prevention make her pose a fundamental question: With climate change as a disease time-bomb, how can every healthcare professional do more today to engage and empower every patient to maintain health and achieve wellbeing by directly protecting the planet?

Luisa is a member of the Junior Doctors Network of the World Medical Association (WMA) and former Director of the Standing Committee on Medical Education of IFMSA, the International Federation for Medical Students Associations. She read Medicine at undergraduate level at "Carol Davila" University of

Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest. She has 9 years of experience in non-governmental organisations and has led numerous local and international volunteer projects in medicine and education. Luisa keeps a close connection with British and Romanian junior doctors and medical students in an effort to bridge lessons learnt internationally throughout health systems with the local socio-economic realities in lower income areas.

Benoit Briault

Benoît Briault is Partnership Coordinator at Generations Cobayes, a French movement of youths aged 18-35 years. Benoit is a social entrepreneur working to get elderly people out of depression and denutrition, through gatherings where citizens cook for their elders. After a first life as a Biomedical Engineer, he graduated in International Affairs, specialized in sustainable development, health and environment and had diverse work experiences. Fond of cooking and trekking, he raises with Générations Cobayes youth awareness on environmental health issues and puts forward positive solutions.

Marie Colegrave Juge

Marie Colegrave-Juge is the legal adviser in charge of the Department of International and European Union Affairs of the French Medical Council (CNOM). CNOM is the French Chamber for physicians and a member of the World Medical Association and the Standing Committee of European Doctors and has a representative office in Brussels.

Björn Fagerberg

Björn Fagerberg represents the Swedish Medical Association and participates in a working group that wrote a policy program on Climate and health for the association. Björn is also a board member of the organisation Swedish Doctors for the Environment and Prof (em) in internal medicine at Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden. His current research is focused on cadmium exposure of the general population and cardiovascular disease in terms of risks and underlying mechanisms.

Dr. Bayazit Ilhan

Dr. Bayazit Ilhan MD, is the President of the Central Council of the Turkish Medical Association (nationally known as TTB), the organised voice of physicians in Turkey, with 80% of physicians in the country as members. Bayazit graduated from Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine in 1993. He is an ophthalmologist and works in Ankara Ulucanlar Eye Education and Research Hospital. Bayazit worked in different bodies of Turkish Medical Association, and was TTB's Secretary General between 2012 and 2014.

Dr. Ilhan and the TTB have been vocal on the issue of coal-fired thermal power plants in Turkey and he wrote the preface to the recent report, "The Unpaid Health Bill: How coal power plants in Turkey make us sick". He is also the Vice President of the Turkish chapter of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Génon K Jensen

Génon K. Jensen is the Founder and Executive Director of the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL). Ms. Jensen has been an official member of the World Health Organization's European Environment and Health

process representing the health sector since 2000, and serves on the WHO European Region's Health in Climate technical committee. She is also on the Steering Committee of the International POPs Elimination Network, and serves as the coordinator for the working groups on climate and asthma of the US Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE). She received the 2014 Clean Air in Cities Award for her valuable personal contribution to improving air quality in London and elsewhere.

Genon K. Jensen is a co-author of several publications and reports, including "Halting the child brain drain: why we need to tackle global mercury contamination" (2006), "Acting NOW for better health: A 30% reduction target for EU climate policy" (2010), "The Unpaid Health Bill: How coal power plants make us sick" (2013), and "Health costs in the EU - How much is related to EDCs?" (2014). In advance of the COP21 Paris talks, Ms. Jensen contributed a Letter to the Editor entitled "How to deliver the most important public health treaty of the century", in the Annals of Global Health, Volume 81, Number 3, Climate Change, Global Health and Human Rights, both scheduled to appear in November 2015.

Before setting up HEAL, she was the Director of the European Public Health Alliance. She has a degree in journalism and international politics from George Washington University in Washington, DC and an MA in European Administrative Studies from the College of Europe, Belgium.

Professor Dr. Marija Jevtic

Marija Jevtić is a full professor at the University of Novi Sad Medical faculty, and also Head of Department of School Hygiene at the Center of Hygiene and Human Ecology of the Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina.

Marija is a former assistant health minister (2011-2012) and general manager at the Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina (2008-2011). As a medical doctor and public health specialist (hygiene) she has over 20 years' of experience in air pollution and environment and health in Serbia, and advocacy on public health; Marija has also worked extensively with undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students.

Dr. Stefanie Kolb

Dr. Stefanie Kolb, who holds a medical degree and a Master in Public Health, is a member of the German Society of Hygiene, Environmental and Public Health Sciences, a leading specialist society in Germany, and is chair of GHUP's climate change committee. She is a specialist in occupational medicine, hygiene and environmental medicine. Stefanie is the Vice head of department for occupational and environmental medicine/epidemiology of the Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority.

Professor Kayihan Pala

Kayihan Pala, MD, PhD is a Professor at the Department of Public Health, Uludag University Faculty of Medicine, in Bursa, Turkey. He graduated from medical school in 1988 at Uludag University and he obtained a PhD degree in public health from the same university Institute of Health Sciences in 1997. His research interests are in areas of health policy and administration, health economics and occupational & environmental health and safety. Kayihan is a member of the Turkish Medical Association working on climate change and air quality issues.

Weronika Piestrynska

Weronika Piestrzyńska is HEAL's Communications Adviser on Coal and Health in Poland. Her main activities are carrying out communications and outreach activities to raise awareness among the public and the media on health impacts of air pollution and Polish coal-fired power plants. Weronika successfully developed HEAL's extensive communication and media tools ([Polish website](#), social media), as well as implemented a communications strategy for HEAL Poland. She leads in media relations in Poland, and managed to secure over 60 articles in leading Polish media in 2014.

Ms. Piestrzyńska is a co-author of several articles of health magazines (Medycyna Praktyczna, Moda na Zdrowie) and an editor of HEAL publications on air quality, energy and health including "Spalanie węgla w domowych piecach. Zagrożenia zdrowotne" (2014) and co-author of "Zanieczyszczenia powietrza. Zagrożenia zdrowotne (2015)" and "[Subwencje dla energetyki węglowej a koszty zdrowotne. Studium przypadku elektrowni łączna](#)" (2015).

Before joining HEAL, Ms. Piestrzyńska worked as a Climate Consultant for Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE) on issues of networking, alliance building, political and media advice within the preparations to and during the COP19 Climate Summit in Warsaw. She provided research work for CEE Bankwatch Network, delivering a report "Analysis of new lignite open-pit mines and coal mines planned in Poland in the 2013-2030 period". She finished a Master in Geographical Sciences at the University of Lodz, Poland and completed an ERASMUS semester at Université Lumière Lyon 2 in France.

Diana Smith

Diana G. Smith has been working with HEAL as a freelance communication and media consultant since 2004. She provides guidance on the overall communication strategy of the organisation and manages relations with the press, radio and television as well as with specialist publications covering EU policy, medicine, health, and environmental issues.

Before joining HEAL, Diana was editor of the European Public Health Update magazine at the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and has undertaken consultancies at many international governmental and other non-governmental organisations, including OECD, UNICEF, UNFPA, Medecins sans Frontieres and several HEAL and EPHA member organisations.

Previously, she worked in Geneva at the World Health Organization and at the World Council of Churches; as a freelance contributor to BBC radio, national press and magazines in London, and as the editor of Far East Health, a UK magazine for doctors in Asia. She has a degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Anne Stauffer

Anne is Deputy Director at the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL). She leads HEAL's overall policy input to the EU Institutions and provides expertise for decision-making processes on climate and energy, outdoor and indoor air quality, and strategic EU files such as Better Regulation and the EU Environment Action Programme.

Anne has been a member of the DG Environment Stakeholder expert group on EU air policy, the DG SANCO Indoor air quality expert group and contributed to various EU research projects such as ESCAPE, SINPHONIE, APHEKOM, ERA-ENVHEALTH. She sits on the advisory board of the World Health Organization's Environmental Health Economics Network (EHEN). In 2013, Anne received the Clean Air in London Award for her contribution to improving air quality in London. Anne also supports HEAL's member organisations in strengthening their policy and advocacy capacity.

Anne is the author of several articles and publications on environment and health issues, including the report “The Unpaid Health Bill: How coal power plants in Turkey make us sick (2015)”.

Before joining HEAL, Anne worked as a research and policy advisor in the European Parliament on environmental health issues, and as a project coordinator for the National Council of German Women’s Organisations. She holds an M.A. in Sociology and Political Science from the University of Freiburg, Germany, and has completed graduate work in Gender Studies in the United States.

Dr. Peter Van den Hazel

Dr. Peter van den Hazel, medical doctor and co-founder, International Coordinator of International Network for Children’s Health, Environment and Safety (INCHES), is the President of HEAL. He has been on the Executive Committee since 2004.

INCHES’ mission is to promote healthy and supportive environments that protect the foetus and child from environmental and safety hazards. As Chair of INCHES board, Peter helped ensure that children’s environmental health became an issue at the World Summit for Children and the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Peter has received advanced training in management of non-profit organisations, epidemiology, medical statistics, radiation safety, policy writing, corporate environmental care, and project management. He has worked as an Environmental Health Specialist for several Municipal Health Services in Gelderland, Netherlands and as a consultant and partner in the Bureau of Environmental Medicine.

Peter was President of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment, ISDE, 2001-2003 and has served as an advisor to Margot Wallstrom, EU Commissioner for the Environment. He has coordinated several EU-funded projects, such as PINCHE (Policy Interpretation network on children’s health and environment), CHEST (Children’s Health, Environment and Safety Training/EU DG Sanco 2003310), PRONET, PHEEDUNET, Climate TRAP, and for a tender on Training of Professionals (TOP).

Peter provides HEAL with support in the field of children’s environmental health, chemical hazards and climate change.

Dr. Tadeusz Zielonka

Tadeusz M Zielonka MD, PhD. is a specialist in lung diseases and internal medicine, and assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, at the Medical University of Warsaw. Tadeusz is President of the Warsaw-Otwock Branch and a member of the Board of the Polish Society of Lung Diseases. This Society was founded in 1934 and brings together about 1100 respiratory specialists. In addition, he is also a doctor accredited the Embassy of France in Warsaw.

Dr. Zielonka is the author of over 650 articles and 150 reports of lung diseases and medical ethics. He also organizes and lectures for periodic educational sessions in the field of lung diseases as well as workshops on spirometry, smoking cessation, bronchoscopy and radiological within the postgraduate education of physicians.