



## Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

“Protecting children’s health in a  
changing environment”

Parma, Italy, 10–12 March 2010



### Ministers from 53 European countries to meet in Parma, Italy, to measure progress in protecting health from hazardous environments and combat new threats

- When** Wednesday, 10 March to Friday, 12 March 2010
- Where** Parma Municipality Congress Centre, Viale Barilla 29/a, 43100 Parma  
Web site: <http://www.congressi.comune.parma.it>
- Why** More than ever, our health is at risk from a changing environment. Financial constraints, broader socioeconomic and gender inequities and more frequent extreme climate events are amplifying environmental health impacts. They pose new challenges to reducing death and disease through effective interventions. Building on 20 years of environment and health action in Europe, the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health will track countries’ commitments on priority risk factors and will set the European agenda on environmental health challenges for years to come.
- What** In response to the evolving context, ministers of health and ministers of environment from 53 countries in the WHO European Region will gather for the first time in over 5 years to negotiate and adopt a declaration. Through it, they are expected to reinforce the pledges they signed five years ago on major environmental risk factors, like inadequate water and sanitation, poor air quality, injuries and physical inactivity and hazardous chemicals, and to increase efforts to address emerging global threats. A European framework for action on climate change and health will be launched. Documents and other Conference information can be found at <http://www.euro.who.int/parma2010>.
- Who** The WHO Regional Office for Europe, in collaboration with the government of Italy, represented by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, and the European Environment and Health Committee (EEHC) form the Steering Committee organizing the Conference. It will be attended by ministers of health and of environment, together with scientists, European Commissioners and delegations from civil society.

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#### Conference Secretariat

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### **MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

Journalists are invited to a **curtain raiser press conference** organized by WHO/Europe and the Italian government on **Wednesday 10 March at 12:30** in the Auditorium Niccolò Paganini of the Parma Municipality Congress Centre (address above). Regular press briefings will be held throughout the Conference after each plenary session. A **closing day news conference** is planned on **Friday 12 March**. Journalists are also invited to an **introductory press briefing** on **Tuesday 9 March** from 09:00 to guide them through the Conference proceedings. A press work space will be available in the Media Centre. Communication officers (see below) will facilitate briefings and interviews.

*Correspondents wishing to cover the Conference and/or attend Conference's press events will need to be accredited.* This can be done by returning the attached form to Ms Cristiana Salvi, at: [press.he@ecr.euro.who.int](mailto:press.he@ecr.euro.who.int). Registration for accredited journalists will take place from 10:00 to 18:00 on Monday 8 March and from 08:30 on Tuesday 9 March at the Parma Municipality Congress Centre (address above).

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