

Tentative Agenda

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THURSDAY, 16/3/2006

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 8:45 Introduction of participants

8:45 - 9:00 **Opening Speech**, Ms. Le Thi Nham Tuyet, Director of Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development, (Vietnam)

9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome speech and the expectation from participants**, Ms. Nguyen Thi Binh, President of Vietnam Peace and Development Foundation, (Vietnam)

9:15 - 9:30 **Information on the documents of the conference from the Conference's Scientific Committee**, Mr. Hoang Ba Thinh, Ph.D., Head of Sociology on Gender and Family, Sociology Department, University of Social Science and Humanity, Hanoi National University, (Vietnam)

9:30 - 9:50 Presentation 1:

Mr. **TRAN XUAN THU**, Ph.D of chemistry, Vice President and General Secretary of Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin, (Vietnam) "*About the establishment of a research and rehabilitation centre for Agent Orange/Dioxin victims*"

9:50 - 10:10 Presentation 2:

Ms. **ANNIKA JOHANSSON**, Ph.D., Sociologist, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Int.Health (IHCAR), Karolinska Institute, (Sweden), "*Consequences of the chemical warfare in Vietnam - The known and the unknown*"

10:10 - 10:25 Break

10:25 - 10:45 Presentation 3:

Mr. **LE KE SON**, Ph.D., MDH, Director of General Office, The national steering committee for the overcoming of the consequences of toxic chemicals used by USA in the war in Vietnam, (Vietnam), "*Overcoming consequences of chemical warfare – A difficult and longterm task*"

10:45 - 11:05 Presentation 4:

Mr. **JACQUES MAITRE**, Prof., Sociologist, Center for Research and for Actions against Trauma and Exclusion, France) "*Agent Orange in front of social science*"

11:05 - 11:20 Presentation 5:

Mr. **PHAN BAO HOA**, President of Red Cross Association in Dong Nai, (Vietnam), "*Conscience and responsibility toward Agent Orange/Dioxin victims*"

11:20 - 11:50 Presentation 6:

Ms. **DEBRA JEANNE KRAUS**, Artist, (USA). "*Fiat Lux: An Artistic Dialogue about Agent Orange*"

11:50 - 12:10 Presentation 7:

Mr. **HOANG TRONG QUYNH**, Ass.Prof., Ph.D., MD, Director of Centre for Ecologically and Sustainable Agriculture, (Vietnam), "*Dioxin and the environment in Vietnam*"

12:10 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 13:20 Presentation 8:

Mr. **KHONG DIEN**, Prof., Ph.D., Director of Institute for Social Science in the central region and the highland, (Vietnam), *"Damaging effects of Agent Orange/Dioxin; the pain of many communities, families and generations"*

13:20 - 13:40 Presentation 9:

Ms. **DIANE NICBLACK FOX**, Fellow in Asian studies, Hamilton College, (USA) *"Speaking with Vietnamese Women on the Consequences of War, Writing Against Silence and Forgetting"*

13:40 - 14:00 Presentation 10:

Mr. **DANG DUY THANH**, MD, MA, Hospital of psychiatry of Khanh Hoa, (Vietnam), *"Posttraumatic stress disorder among Vietnamese war veterans (cựu chiến binh) living in Vietnam"*

14:00 - 14:20 Presentation 11:

Mr. **BERNARD DORAY**, psychologist, Center for Research and for Actions against Trauma and Exclusion, (France), *"An introduction to the psychological problem of war victims"*

14:20 – 14:40 Presentation 12:

Ms. **LE THI**, Prof. of Philosophy, Former director of Center for Family and Women Studies, (Vietnam), *"Vietnamese women and children facing the effects of Agent Orange"*

14:40 – 15:00 Presentation 13:

Mr. **ILYA B. TSYRLOV**, Ph.D., MDH, Chief Scientific Officer, Xenotox Inc, (USA), *"Human burden 2,3,7,8-TCDD may augment common viruses associated with cancer malignization"*

15:00 – 15:15 **Break**

15:15 – 15:35 Presentation 14:

Mr. **DAO DUY CHAP**, President of Binh Dinh Red Cross, (Vietnam), *"The chemical warfare in Binh Dinh and some activities of Binh Dinh Red Cross in the care for Agent Orange victims"*

15:35 – 15:55 Presentation 15:

Mr. **MICHAEL PALMER**, Center for Epidemiology and Reproductive Health, National University, (Australia) *"The legacy of Agent Orange: a Socio-economic impact assessment from central Vietnam"*

15:55 – 16:15 Presentation 16:

Ms. **PHAM KIM NGOC**, MA, Vice Director of Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development, (Vietnam), *"Disastrous loss of right to reproduction and damaged reproductive health"*

16:15 – 16:35 Presentation 17:

Mr. **TRAN MANH HUNG**, Head of Division for mitigation of the consequences of the chemicals use during wartime on the human health (10-80 Division), Ministry of Health, (Vietnam), *"Spina bifida occulta among the adult's children of the people living in Agent Orange/Dioxin contaminated areas during wartime was revealed by lumbar vertebra X-rays"*

16:35 – 16:55 Presentation 18:

Ms. **TRUONG THI NGOC LAN**, representative of Agent Orange victim families, (Vietnam), *"Loosing the reproductive and reproductive health rights – Disaster of the chemical warfare"*

FRIDAY, 17/3/2006

8:30 – 8:45 Presentation 19:

Ms. INDAI SAJOR, Former Executive director of Asian Centre for Women's Human rights, (Ethiopia), "*The researches on consequences of Agent Orange/Dioxin on human body in Vietnam*"

8:45 – 9:05 Presentation 20:

Mr. HOANG BA THINH, Ph.D. of Sociology, Head of Sociology on Gender and Family, Sociology Department, University of Social Science and Humanity, Hanoi National University, (Vietnam), "*Families of Agent Orange/dioxin victims of the third generations*"

9:05 – 9:25 Presentation 21:

Ms. NGUYEN HAC DAM THU, Sociologist, N-T Research Centre for psychology of children, (Vietnam), "*Echos from the Truong Son mountain*"

9:25 – 9:45 Presentation 22:

Mr. NGUYEN VAN TUONG, Ph.D., MDH, Prof. Hanoi Medical University, (Vietnam), "*Some main solutions to mitigate long-term consequences on victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin in Vietnam*"

9:45 – 10:00 Presentation 23:

Mr. PHAN KHAC TU, Catholic priest, Director of Thien Phuoc, Centre for disabled children, Ho Chi Minh, (Vietnam), "*About the disabled children*"

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 10:35 Presentation 24:

Mr. KENNETH J. HERRMANN, Prof., Director of Suny Brockport Vietnam Program in Quang Nam, Da Nang, (Vietnam), "*The simple and the spirit: Simple justice for Agent Orange victims in Vietnam*"

10:35 – 10:50 Presentation 25:

Ms. NGUYEN THI HIEN, Vice President of Da Nang Association of Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin, (Vietnam), "*The result of Fund for Agent Orange/dioxin (Da Nang Association of victims of Agent Orange/dioxin) in aiding for Agent Orange victims program from 1998 to 2005*"

10:50 – 11:05 Presentation 26:

Mr. MAI XUAN THAI, Director of Friendship village, (Vietnam), "*Activities of Friendship village...*"

11:05 – 11:25 Presentation 27:

Mr. LE TRAN NGOAN, Ph.D., MD, Department of Occupational Health, Hanoi Medical University, (Vietnam), "*Geographical difference in liver cancer incidences and its possible risk of HBV, HCV, liver fluke infections and dioxin contamination in Vietnam*"

11:25 – 11:40 Presentation 28:

Mr. PHAM TRUONG AN, Pharmacist, President of Kon Tum Red Cross Association, (Vietnam), "*Some information on victims of Agent Orange and practical help of Kon Tum Red Cross Association, Kon Tum Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin for victims...*"

11:40 - 12:00 **Conclusion on presentations**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:00 **Group discussion:**

Group 1: The Red Cross/ Association of victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin

Group 2: Centres for disabled children

Group 3: Non governmental organizations/ social organizations

14:00 – 15:00 **Reports of discussion groups**

15:00 – 16:30 **Conclusions and letter to the US court**

8:00 – 12:00 **SATURDAY 18/3/2006: FREE**

Some participants go for a field visit at Vietnam Friendship village (Van Canh, Hoai Duc, Ha Tay)