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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

'Asbestos & The State of the Art'

5th European Asbestos Forum

10 - 11 November 2022

Hotel Van der Valk Oostzaan, Netherlands



WELCOME FROM THE EAF FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

On behalf of the European Asbestos Forum foundation, I welcome you to beautiful Amsterdam for its fifth international conference.

This year's main theme is: The State of the Art. We'll be looking at this topic from 21 different perspectives with the very best experts presenting from four continents and input from about 150 conference visitors from 16 different countries. As always, there is an optimistic approach: we are seeing progress from medical science, innovations that make asbestos removal work safer and more widely affordable, policy that aims to gradually but surely eradicate asbestos from society, legal developments, destruction of asbestos (denaturation) etc.

This shows what a drive and determination the supporters of the European Asbestos Forum can muster and how much they believe the world can be a better, safer, healthier place without asbestos in it. Together, sharing the best of our professional knowledge and networks, we will strive to make it so.

What is the European Asbestos Forum about? Obviously, about asbestos; and with a main but certainly not an exclusive view to Europe. For we recognize that while Europe has an asbestos ban, in many other parts of the world this is not the case (yet). We all have a moral duty to inform and make our information available to those who are still fighting for an asbestos ban. An asbestos ban is only the start, a formal recognition of the problem. There is still an awful lot of work that lies before us.

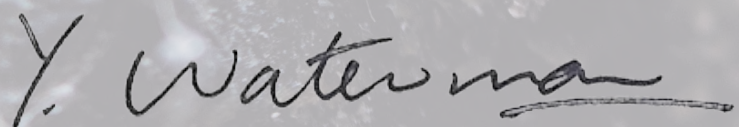
As for Forum, this word can refer both to a location where people will congregate and to the group of people who do so. I hope that you will come to regard yourselves as members of an international community where helpful sharing and reaching out

makes everybody stronger. Because while you can look at asbestos from a multitude of professional and practical perspectives, at the end of the day just one thing counts: saving lives. Prevention, education, awareness and a cure are essential to this goal. Communication plays a big part, too. The choice to live or work in any building should never be a grave decision.

A long line-up of top speakers and specialists will discuss the topic from many different angles and inform you on the newest developments, innovations and insights. They, together with the conference sponsors, have selflessly invested a great deal of time, expertise and effort, to make this conference possible, for which I am very grateful. My sincere thanks to you all!

If you learn something at this conference, I hope it will be the EAF's motto: sharing makes us stronger. Talk to your fellow visitors and to the speakers, learn more about asbestos and then spread the knowledge freely amongst your own networks. There is more to learn and to share than you ever thought possible. In this way, you will become part of a Forum indeed.

I wish you all a wonderful, informative and thoroughly enjoyable conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Y. Waterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Yvonne Waterman LL.M. MFAAM, President of the European Asbestos Forum



A network of European laboratories fighting against asbestos



Asbestos in **materials and products**



Asbestos in **road surfacing**



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Inventory of **hazardous materials**



Asbestos in **trains**



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8:30 - 9:00	Registration and light continental breakfast
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome by Dr. Yvonne Waterman MFAAM (President of the EAF Foundation) Introduction of the Session Chairpersons: Nick Garland (Assure360) and Charlotte van Lent (Eurofins)
PLENARY SESSION	
9:15 - 9:45	Opening Speech: Working towards a new, state of the art EU Asbestos Directive, by Nikolaj Villumsen, Member of the European Parliament
9:45 - 10:15	New and old sources of exposure to asbestos: and the manipulation of science by vested interest, by prof. Arthur Frank (Drexel University)
10:15 - 10:45	Fighting for an asbestos ban in the asbestos heartland, by Syed Mezab Ahmed
10:45 - 11:05	Break and refreshments
11:05 - 11:25	Female analysts and clearance testing, by Colette Willoughby (ACL)
11:25 - 12:00	Keynote Speech: Asbetter: the (dis)solution for asbestos cement, by Inez Postema and Angelo de Jong (AC Minerals)

SESSION A - ASBESTOS AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY

12:45 - 13:05	OpenAsbestos – the open standard for asbestos data sharing, by Robin Bennett (Start Software)
13:05 - 13:25	Establishing a National Support Service for mesothelioma victims, by Liz Darlison MBE (Mesothelioma UK)
13:25 - 13:45	The UK National Asbestos Register: working with QR codes to save lives, by Andrew Paten (UKNAR)
13:45 - 14:05	Campaigning for improved asbestos management in the UK, by Charles Pickles (Charles Pickles Associates)
14:05 - 14:20	Break and refreshments
14:20 - 14:40	Mandatory asbestos survey and central registration to nudge owners into action and monitor progression towards an asbestos-safe Flanders, by Sven de Mulder (OVAM)
14:40 - 15:00	Using Artificial Intelligence technology to understand and manage the Australian asbestos legacy, by Justine Ross (Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency)
15:00 - 15:20	Asbestos destruction plants: the importance of a workers safety programme, by Federica Paglietti (INAIL)
15:20 - 15:40	Pursuing justice in contaminated talc cases, by Brendan J. Tully (Phillips & Paolicelli LLP)
15:40 - 16:20	Panel debate
16:20 - 16:35	Break and refreshments

SESSION B - ASBESTOS & PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES

12:45 - 13:05	The importance of measuring asbestos microfibrres, by Sean Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald Analytical Consulting & Testing Services, Pllc)
13:05 - 13:25	Great advances in robotic asbestos microscopy, by Jordan Gruber (Frontier Microscopy)
13:25 - 13:45	Denaturation of asbestos cement, by Rikard Högberg (INASCO Asbestos Converting AB)
13:45 - 14:05	New science: The distribution routes and exposure risks of asbestos fibres released through weathered asbestos roofs, by Jody Schinkel (TNO)
14:05 - 14:20	Break and refreshments
14:20 - 14:40	Real-time detection of airborne asbestos by light scattering from magnetically re-aligned fibers, by Loretta King (Alert Technology Ltd.)
14:40 - 15:00	Asbestoprobe: a portable device that detects the presence of asbestos, by Emiliano Genorini (Greenwall Environmental Evolution Ltd.)
15:00 - 15:20	New ISO standards to meet diversity challenges of Respiratory Protective Equipment, by Tony Smith (Sundström Safety AB)
15:20 - 15:40	Gel-based products: the new way of encapsulating asbestos fibers during removal work, by Alexandre Chasteloux (BCL Invent)
15:40 - 16:20	Panel debate
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EAF CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Yvonne
Waterman MFAAM**



**Nick Garland
Session Chairman**



**Charlotte van Lent
Session Chairwoman**



**Nikolaj Villumsen
MEP, Opening
Speaker**



**Angelo de Jong,
Keynote Speaker**



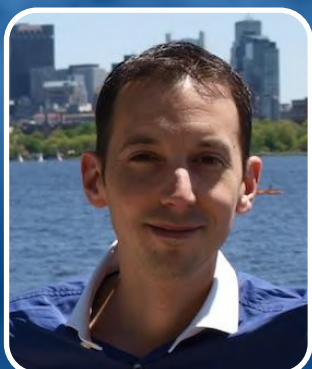
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Dr. Yvonne Waterman is highly specialised in two legal fields: comparative employers' liability law (her Ph.D. topic) and in particular anything asbestos related, both legal and non-legal, ranging from personal injury law and product liability law to product innovation and raising awareness.

Working independently as Waterman Legal Consultancy since 2008, she has become globally recognised for her expertise, commitment and discretion as a jurist, author, lecturer and editor. She is also a very experienced, respected public speaker with many conference presentations and speeches in three continents over two decades to her name.

Contact Yvonne

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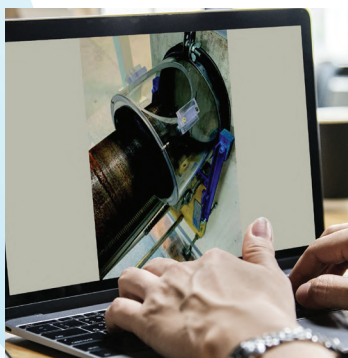
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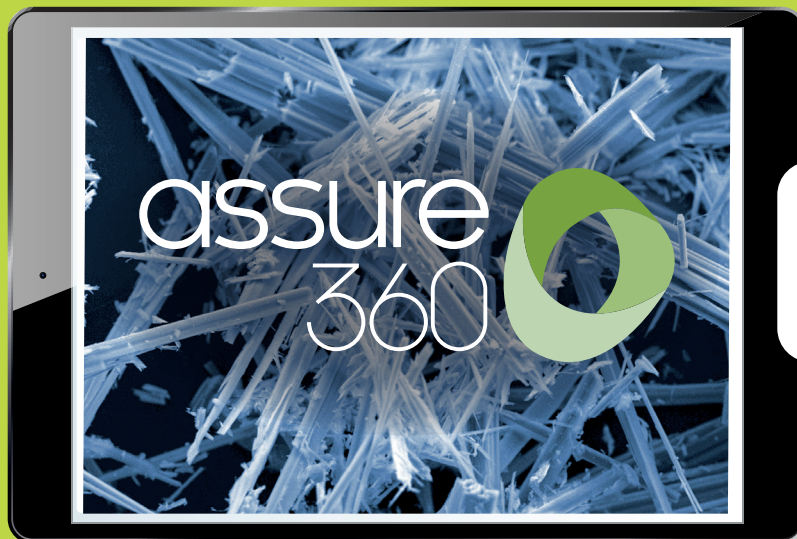
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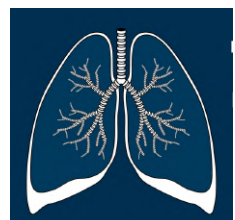
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