



Plastics2026

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Conference Speakers

| Name | Affiliation | Title |
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| Teresa McGrath | Habitable | Quantifying the Hidden Plastic Burden: An Inventory of Plastic Materials and their additives in the Built Environment |
| Yannick Mulders | Minderoo Foundation | PlasticHealthAware: a dashboard for presenting up to date Umbrella Review data on plastic chemicals and health outcomes |
| Amanda Dawson | Griffith University | Hidden Chemistry: What Leaches from Our Clothing Microfibres? |
| Andara Manage Shashini Methsara | University of Kelaniya | Restoration Under Pressure: Tracing Microplastic Influx Into an Actively Restored Mangrove Ecosystem |
| Derek Muir | Environment & Climate Change Canada | Target and non-target analysis of plastic flakes and pellets from Canadian recycling programs |
| Birgit Geueke | Food Packaging Forum Foundation | From Overview to Insight: Mapping Use, Exposure and Health Effects of Plastic Food Contact Chemicals |
| Douglas Walker | Emory University | Operationalizing the plastic exposome with high-resolution mass spectrometry analytical workflows |
| Alexandra Richardson | Imperial College London | Analytical method development, optimisation, and evaluation for the detection and quantification of plastic oligomers in human blood |
| Karuna Singh | National Institute of Technology Delhi | Tracing the Sources of Laboratory-Origin Microplastic Contamination Using Polymer Fingerprinting |
| Helena Friedrich | King's College London/Diamond Light Source | FTIR spectroscopy methods to elucidate the interactions between microplastics and cells |
| Maria Hayder | Van't Hoff Institute for Molecular Sciences, University of Amsterdam | Tools for Analysis of Environmental Fate of Nanoplastics in Various Types of Samples |
| Alena Vdovchenko | Imperial College London | Development and validation of a Raman microspectroscopy workflow for the detection of micro- and nanoplastics in human blood |
| Nico Merck | University of Rostock/Institute of General Electrical Engineering/Chair for Optoelectronics and Photonic Systems | Toward In-Situ Microplastic Detection Using Broadband Excitation Spectroscopy and Machine Learning |
| Xianyu (Fisher) Wang | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Addressing low-concentration BPA quantification challenges in urine samples using a native analyte addition method |
| Alessio Gomiero | Norwegian Research | Exploring the potential of one-pot microwave-assisted pretreatments coupled with PY-GC-MS for |

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| | | the quantification of MPs and associated contaminants |
| Sijing Li | CSIRO | Identification and prioritisation of chemical additives in plastic products using TGA coupled to GC/QTOF-MS |
| Federica Nardella | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam | Analytical advances in mass spectrometry-based detection and quantification of micro- and nanoplastics in human matrices |
| Oluniyi Fadare | Eastern New Mexico University | Eco-corona-based Characterization of environmentally weathered microplastics using Ultra-performance liquid chromatography, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra, and unsupervised machine learning algorithms |
| Grace Davies | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Defining Unequivocal: Increasing Confidence In The Analysis And Reporting Of Micro- And Nanoplastic Particles In Biological Matrices |
| Christian Dior Freeman | Emory University | An All-Inclusive Pipeline for Quality Control Checks and Sample Grouping in PY-GC-HRMS Micro- and Nanoplastic Quantitation Utilizing Skyline and R-Programming |
| Ronald Smith | Emory University | Confirming Characteristic Pyrolysis Features of Microplastics in Placental Tissue |
| Julia Jaeger | Eurofins Environment Testing | Harmonised Analysis of Airborne Microplastics: Results from the Plastic Dust Cloud Project |
| Lisa Zimmermann | Food Packaging Forum Foundation | Tracing micro- and nanoplastics in food: The role of packaging |
| Danielle E. Que | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Nonylphenol exposure in an Australian population using urinary biomarker analysis |
| Dorte Herzke | NIPH | Car tire particles and their additives: biomarkers for recent exposure and implications for the human exposome |
| Yarui Liu | Department of Toxicology and Health Inspection and Quarantine, School of Public Health, Tianjin Medical University | Metabolites of phthalate and non-phthalate plasticizers in Australian pooled urine samples from 2020–2021 |
| Tim Couttas | Neuroscience Research Australia | Characterisation of antibodies against plastic-derived chemicals and immunoreactivity in human brain tissue |
| Chang He | Guangdong University of Technology | Does the Presence of Chlorinated Paraffins in Plastic Fruit Stickers Adhesive Pose a Threat to Human Health? |
| Ramesh Ganpisetti | Alliance University | Integrated Risk Assessment Framework for Micro and Nanoplastics in Drinking Water-An In Vivo Approach |
| Aaron Schultz | Deakin University | Integrated Risk Assessment Framework for Micro and Nanoplastics in Drinking Water-An In Vivo Approach |
| Yokataa Geetha Saravanan | Saveetha Dental College and Hospitals | Detection and Quantification of Phthalates and Bisphenol A (BPA) in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma Using High-Resolution Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry |
| Andrew Lucas | The University of Western Australia | Assessment of a 7 day low plastic dietary intervention on parameters of good health |

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| Adrian Covaci | University of Antwerp, Toxicological Center | Ongoing exposure to endocrine disrupting plasticizers in neonatal intensive care unit patients |
| Marina Suzuki | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in the Human Brain |
| Todd Gouin | TG Environmental Research | Evaluating microplastic particles as vectors of exposure for plastic additive chemicals using a food web model |
| Shaowei Guo | The First Affiliated Hospital of Shantou University Medical College | Multimodal detection and analysis of microplastics in human thrombi from multiple anatomically distinct sites |
| Lara Cioni | Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDAEA)-CSIC | Human exposure to plastic additives through dermal contact with menstrual products |
| Honglin Chen | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Understanding spatial and temporal trends of atmospheric microplastics and nanoplastics in laboratories |
| Laura Puente-De La Cruz | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Assessment of infant oral exposure to micro and nanoplastics from plastic feeding and storage containers |
| Amanda Durkin | University Medical Center Utrecht | Determinants of exposure to micro- and nanoplastics in women of reproductive age |
| Cheng Tang | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Migration of plastic and adhesive-related oligomers (PAROs) from puree pouches: a comparison between food simulants and food samples |
| Lynn Jacobs | McGill University | Advancing Indigenous-led Microplastic and Nanoplastic Research in Indigenous Communities |
| Holger Martin Koch | Institute for Prevention and Occupational Medicine (IPA) of the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV), Institute of the Ruhr University Bochum | Plastics related chemicals in continuously archived 24-hour urine samples of the German Environmental Specimen Bank from 1995 to today: time trends, exposure and risk assessment |
| Mercè Garí | Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDAEA-CSIC) | Human exposure to Tire-Related Chemicals in Europe |
| Hubert Dirven | Norwegian Institute of Public Health | Micro and nanoplastics exposure in young athletes playing football on a field with tyre rubber granulates as infill |
| Natascha Schmidt | NILU | Atmospheric Microplastics in Urban and Remote Areas: Occurrence, Sources and Seasonality |
| Eric Auyang | Imperial College London | Fabrication of Micro/Nanoplastic Particles and Fibres for In Vitro Alveolar Exposure Studies |
| Patrick Lelliott | Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute | Systemic inflammation and cardiometabolic dysfunction induced by nylon and polyester micro- and nanoplastic exposure |
| Julia Laskowska | Imperial College London | Mechanistic studies of inhaled microplastics in the human lung in vitro |
| Namrata Pandey | University of Plymouth | Exploring the interaction of carboxylated polystyrene nanoplastics with hepatic cell lines and human precision-cut liver slices |
| Stephanie Wright | Imperial College London | The impacts of microplastics and indoor microplastic-aerosol mixtures on THP1 macrophage immunometabolism |

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| Eduardo Albornoz | The University of Queensland, School of Biomedical Sciences | Nanoplastics activate innate immunity in microglia and exacerbate α -synuclein-induced neurotoxicity |
| Emine Merve Canga | University College Dublin | Cytotoxicity of Polystyrene Nanoplastics: Role of Ageing-Driven Oxidation and Protein Corona Formation |
| Yufei Pan | The University of Queensland, QAEHS | Assessing the permeation of surface-modified nanoplastics (NPs) across in vitro human gut-blood and blood-brain barrier models |
| Juliette Legler | Utrecht University | Keeping the MOMENTUM going: highlights of 5 years of microplastics and health research in the Netherlands |
| Lanpeng Yang | Nankai University | Novel Near-Infrared Imaging for Toxicological Studies of Microplastics and Nanoplastics |
| Kirsty Meldrum | Swansea University | Investigating isolated and combined co-exposure of micro(nano)plastics and air pollution particulate matter using in vitro models of the alveolar barrier |
| Ahmed Elagali | Minderoo Foundation | Pathway-Based Genetic Score for Xenobiotic Metabolism: An Indicator of Host Vulnerability to Plastics-Induced Neurological Conditions |
| Katherine Drummond | The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health | Kynurenone metabolism in pregnancy: a central pathway linking prenatal chemical exposures to autism |
| Thomas Boissiere-O'Neill | The University of Queensland | Associations Between Maternal Phthalate Mixtures and the Gut Microbiome during Late Gestation |
| Kinga Polanska | Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Hazards, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine | Plastic related chemicals and neuropsychomotor development and mental health during childhood |
| Ahmed Tiamiyu | Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPws) | Health at the Heart of Plastic Governance: A Grassroots-Informed Risk Framework for Vulnerable Populations |
| Adriano Winterton | Norwegian Institute of Public Health | Socioeconomic latent classes modify the relationship between maternal PFAS exposure profiles and perinatal outcomes in the Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort Study (MoBa) |
| Gro Dehli Andersen | Norwegian Institute of Public Health | Prenatal Plastic-Associated Chemical Exposure and Child Neurodevelopment: Insights from the Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort Study (MoBa) |
| Deborah Dewey | University of Calgary | The influence of prenatal exposure to 'plastic chemicals' on maternal and child health, brain structure, neurodevelopmental outcomes, and the infant epigenome: Findings from APrON Neurotox |
| Helene Wiesinger | Food Packaging Forum Foundation | Grouping of chemicals into human-readable groups: a case study on food contact chemicals |
| Dinushika Yapa Abeywardhana | University of Peradeniya | From National Policy to Local Crisis: Institutional Fragmentation, Open Burning, and Health Risks from Plastic Pollution in Kandy, Sri Lanka |
| Teresa McGrath | Habitable | Minnesota affordable housing policies lead the way in encouraging avoidance of worst in class plastic building materials and selection of healthier alternatives |

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| Temilola Oluseyi | University of Lagos | Plastics Governance in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa: Pathways to a Circular Future |
| Louise Goodes | Minderoo Foundation | Utilising evidence on PFAS to inform regulation, policy and behavioural change |
| Daniel Weber | Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water | Advancing Chemicals Risk Management Through Cheminformatics and Data Integration |