

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXPERT GROUP ON A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

### **Nominations from Parties received by the secretariat**

#### **BELGIUM**

##### **Ms. Mieke Van de Velde**

Ms. Van de Velde has since three years been responsible for implementing all aspects relating to communication under the Aarhus Convention, including being responsible for the environment information desk and for the Aarhus national Clearinghouse. She is also involved in general environmental communication activities under the competency of the Belgian Federal Ministry of Environment. She is a regular member of the Task Force on Electronic Information Tools and the Green Spider Network, as well as an EU network of environmental communication officers.

#### **FRANCE**

##### **Ms. Marie Jaudet**

Marie Jaudet is a communication officer within the Department of Climate Change and Sustainable Development of the French ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing. Ms Jaudet is working on climate change issues at the international level.

#### **GEORGIA**

##### **Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze**

Ms. Gogaladze is Manager of the Aarhus Centre Georgia in Tbilisi. She has a good understanding of the principles underlying the Convention and the PRTR Protocol, as well as of ways of delivering key messages to various target audiences (government, NGOs, academia, etc.) effectively. Ms. Gogaladze has gained experience working for the Georgian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Sustainable Development Sector Unit for Europe and Central Asia of the World Bank, the Office of International Affairs of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN). In addition, she was a Representative of the Government Delegation of Georgia at the fifth "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference in Kiev (2003). She is the author of several studies on chemicals and pesticides.

#### **LATVIA**

##### **Ms. Dace Dravniece**

Ms. Dravniece has knowledge of the Aarhus Convention and activities undertaken within its framework, as well as experience in the field of communications. She has worked in different functions dealing with communications and public relations, inter alia at the Information Office

of the European Parliament, the Agenda 21 Centre of the Riga City Council (Latvia), various educational and non-governmental organizations, and in different (international) communication projects on topics relevant to the Convention. Among other topics, her work has focused on public participation in environmental policy development, access to environmental information, environmental rights, environmental education, environmental protection, and implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Latvia. In addition, she has worked as a freelance journalist for various printed media and as a legal interpreter.

## **SPAIN**

### **Mr. Francisco Heras Hernández**

Mr. Heras Hernández is Education and Cooperation Coordinator at the National Environmental Education Centre (Centro Nacional de Educación Ambiental) of the Spanish Ministry of Environment in Valsaín, Segovia (Spain). He has been a member of the Commission for Education and Communication of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 1997. He is the author of numerous publications on environmental education and participation. An environmental biologist by education, Mr. Heras Hernández has also worked as an ecology specialist at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and the Servicio de Educación del Ayuntamiento de Madrid.

## **TAJIKISTAN**

### **Mr. Samir Nazurdinov**

Mr. Nazurdinov is Information Technology Specialist at the Aarhus Resource Centre in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, and has experience in the field of communications.