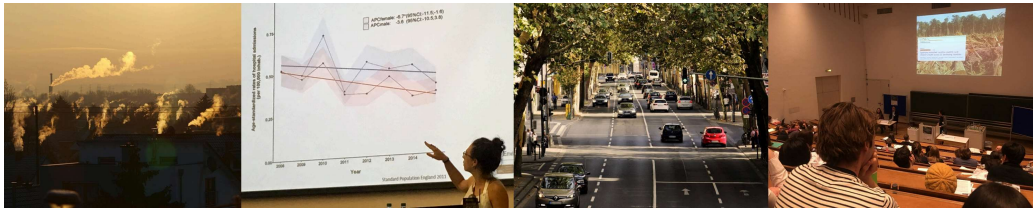


ISEE EUROPE



Spring 2024 Newsletter

ISEE Young Rennes is coming soon!

The ISEE Young 2024 will take place from **5–7 June in Rennes, France**.

This meeting offers an outstanding opportunity for researchers in environmental epidemiology to exchange ideas, foster scientific collaborations, meet new and old colleagues from the field, and of course, have a nice time! Our goal is to create a stimulating and accessible forum that enhances participation from all attendees, and where hopefully researchers from all around Europe feel welcome. This is why we are putting in place all resources possible to ensure an inclusive, sustainable, and lively in-person conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to the pleasant and welcoming city of Rennes, where sunshine is more than just a rumor :)

Registration is open until May 15, 2024, 23:59 CEST!

How to register for ISEE Young Rennes 2024?

In order to reduce costs and enable us to manage logistics as effectively as possible, registration for the ISEE Young will be in two steps:

Step 1: Pre-registration

Here you can fill in all your details and pre-register for the workshops on Wednesday June 5 and the conference. At the end of the pre-registration process you will receive a code by e-mail, allowing you to proceed to step 2.

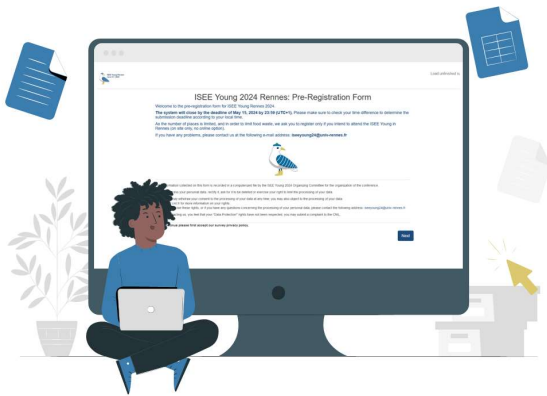
Click [here](#) to proceed to pre-registration

Step 2: Registration & Payment

This step is carried out on our [website](#). You must enter the category and code you received by e-mail following your pre-registration. You will then be able to pay and finalize your registration!

Thank you for following these two steps! ISEE Young Rennes 2024 is a conference organised by volunteer researchers. We don't use external service providers to help us with the organisation and we are in charge of everything ourselves. This is not our original job (although researchers are able to do everything!) so we will do our best to manage

Please contact us directly at iseeyoung24@univ-rennes.fr, should you have any specific inquiries.



Preliminary program is available [here](#)

ISEE Young kicks off on June 5 with pre-conference workshops. They've been a victim of their own success and are all full at the moment, but we've set up a waiting list.

The keynotes have also been revealed. There will be 5 presentations on particularly innovative and interesting topics in environmental epidemiology:

- **Health effects of transportation noise** by Mette Sørensen
- **From Above and Below: Images and Computer Vision for Environmental Exposure Measurement** by Ricky Nathvani
- **Early life exposure to pesticides and children's health: turning scientific evidence into action** by Cécile Chevrier
- **Non-targeted characterization of the human chemical exposome: a new opportunity for exploratory research in environmental health** by Jade Chaker
- **The revision of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive – a case for consequential epidemiology** by Barbara Hoffman

Other events will be revealed progressively, such as our not-so-early morning session (starting at 8am!) and our mysterious social event/conference dinner on Thursday 6... We'll be revealing our program progressively and in preview on our Twitter account [@iseeyoungrennes](https://twitter.com/iseeyoungrennes), don't hesitate to follow us!



ISEE Young Rennes
June 5-7, 2024



ISEE Europe activities at the ISEE conference in Chile

We are very much looking forward to a great [ISEE conference](#) in Santiago, Chile on August 25-28, 2024. Are you joining us either in-person or remotely?

Make sure you don't miss the following exciting ISEE Europe Chapter sessions, organized together with the main ISEE policy committee:

- A symposium entitled “*Stories of Policy Success: Real Examples of Inspiring Science-based Air Quality and Climate Action Around the World*”, co-chaired by Hanna Boogaard and Ebba Malmqvist. Air pollution and climate change are two sides of the same coin and major threats to our health. The complex interactions between climate change and air quality mean that coordinated action can lead to better public health and improved societal outcomes. Many solutions already exist, and targeted action can help improve public health while also addressing global economic, educational, and social disparities. This symposium highlights recent policy success stories around the world, the challenges, best practice solutions and the lessons learned for future air quality and climate action.
- A preconference workshop entitled “Climate crisis and health – from research to policy. A primer with the focus on United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP) climate negotiations”, organized by Kurt Straif. This workshop aims to orientate participants interested in climate change and health, discuss research and policy strategies on climate action and health, with a focus on making a difference on evidence-informed policy at COP and everywhere. You can still sign up for the workshop [here](#).



EU Ambient Air Quality Directive update

For some of you this might feel like an endless story, but here we are again with an update on the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive. As some might recall the European Commission presented its position of the recall of the EU Ambient Directive at the end of 2022. Since then, the two other parties, the European Council and the European Parliament, developed their positions. There was a vote on the European Parliament position in the Plenary of the European Parliament in September 2023 which passed. The

compromised proposal is less ambitious than the European Parliament position and lacks a path to reach WHO alignment (click [here](#) for our commentary on this). It is, however, still much better than the current directive. The European Council voted in favor of the compromised agreement, and so did the Environmental committee of the European Parliament. On Wednesday 24 April, 2023, the European Parliament approved the final text on the proposed AAQD.

Does this mean that the Directive is adopted? With the adoption of this provisional agreement, only a couple of procedural steps remain before the new AAQD becomes EU law. First, within a corrigendum procedure to adopt the text in all official languages, a vote in the Parliament is scheduled on 2 October 2024. With the Council needing all EU official language versions of the text to proceed with its final vote, this can only happen following the October Parliament vote. The text will then appear in the EU Official Journal.

The compromised agreement of the AAQD is less ambitious than the European Parliament version. This is because the European Council version was very far from the European Parliament position. As an example, the Council version had a 10-year delay clause of reaching limit values in poorer areas. This would have been disastrous from an environmental justice perspective and ISEE members highlighted how many lives this delay would cost. In the compromised agreement the ten-year postponement is instead based on areas where heating with solid fuels drives the higher levels. In addition, it put stricter conditions on actions that need to be taken during that postponement. Postponement due to modelling was reduced from 10 in the Council proposal to 5 years in the compromise text.

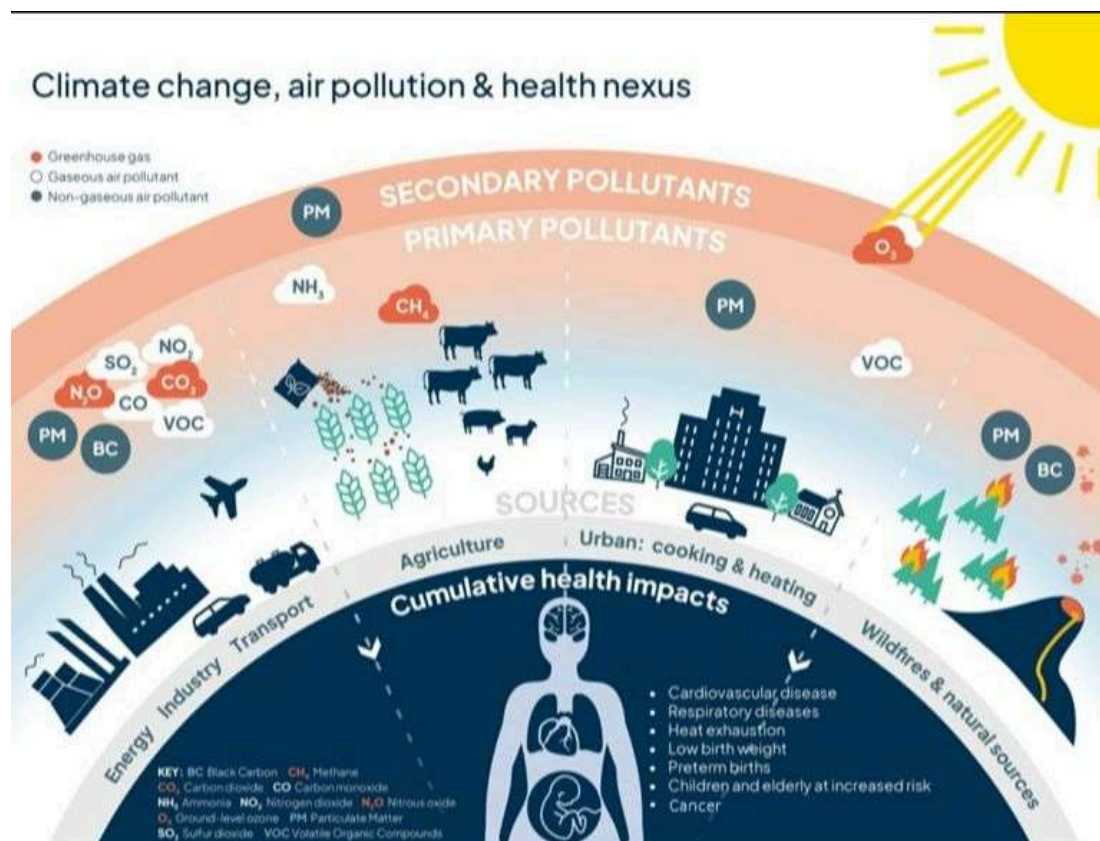
In conclusion, the new AAQD has much stricter limit values than the current directive, more information to the general population and proposes some possibilities for seeking compensation for damage caused by air pollution. It does not have a clear roadmap to WHO levels and has some flexibility for postponement.



ISEE Europe Activities on Climate Change and Health

ISEE Europe participated as an official Observer at **COP28 in Dubai**, which hosted the first ever Health Day at a COP meeting. In preparation for the COP, the ISEE Policy Committee, with input from the ISEE Europe Chapter, had updated and posted its Policy Brief and published a [Commentary in Environmental](#)

Forthcoming important opportunities for ISEE to contribute our scientific expertise are through the [WHO's ATACH Committee](#) and in support of a proposed resolution on climate and health at the [WHO's World Health Assembly](#) in May. ISEE Europe also plans to actively participate in the [Subsidiary Bodies SB60 meeting](#) in Bonn in June in preparation for the **next COP29 meeting in Baku**, Azerbaijan in December.



adapted from <https://www.stateofglobalair.org/news-events/critical-moment-air-pollution-climate-and-health>

ERS and ISEE announce new partnership

The [European Respiratory Society \(ERS\)](#) and the [International Society for Environmental Epidemiology \(ISEE\)](#) have teamed up to encourage collaboration between members of each organisation on respiratory and environmental health research, education and advocacy.

Joint members of ERS and ISEE can now access discounted membership fees. The partnership aims to engage joint members in research and advocacy topics which are central to improving respiratory and environmental health, facilitating mutual participation in educational activities.

To learn more about the partnership visit the ERS website via this [link](#). To understand how being an ERS member can grant you access to ISEE membership at a 15% discounted rate, please visit the [ISEE website](#) for more information.



Don't forget our website: A great source of information!

Last, but not least, please don't forget the [ISEE Europe website](#).

We regularly update our news and events feed, so please don't forget to check this out regularly. [Contact us](#) if you have any news to share.



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