

Conference Announcement

The Conference on ***Valuation of Environment-Related Health Effects in Children***, be held in **Prague, Czech Republic, on September 17th–18th, 2009.**

The aim of the Conference is to present the newest empirical results on the valuation of health environmentally-related effects on children. The lack of empirical surveys and associated lack of data in this area is a barrier to the provision of sound policy advice. Indeed, existing values used for monetisation of environment-related health impacts focus on adult populations and use scenarios that often do not match well with environmental scenarios. As such, there is concern that the continued use of existing estimates from unrelated contexts that do not take these factors into account may result in a misguided benefit-cost analyses, and in a possible misallocation of resources, especially when environmental policies with significant implications for children are under consideration.

Specifically, the results from a three-year **VERHI-children project** funded under the Sixth Framework Program by the European Commission's DG for Research Directorate will be presented. Here, two different original survey instruments were applied in three countries (United Kingdom, Italy and the Czech Republic) that have disparities in terms of important factors, such as social insurance systems, health care systems, social concern about the environment, etc. Using several methods –‘chained approach’, conjoint choice experiments and a contingent valuation– a Value of Statistical Life of adults and children in several different environmental contexts is derived. This allows not only for cross-country comparisons, but also for benefit transfer tests.

A meta-analysis on mortality valuation performed by OECD will be presented. Moreover, other very recent empirical studies on children health risks valuation will be discussed.

Speakers:

Anna Alberini, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy and University of Maryland, MA, USA

Ian Bateman, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

Mark Dickie (*tbc*), University of Central Florida, USA

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