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3rd EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety

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On 18th of March, 2019, the 3rd edition of the “EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety” took place in Bangkok, Thailand.

NANOTECH organized the event during the ASEAN Next 2019 conference held at Pullman Hotel (Soi Rangnam) in Bangkok. Over 70 participants from 16 nations attended to this dialogue.

The aim of the EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety is to exchange information, knowledge and experience, as well as sharing resources between the major players from the EU and Asia.

The 1st EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety was held in Tehran, Iran, on 28th of November, 2017, followed by the 2nd EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety on 29th of October, 2018, in Vienna, Austria. The main topic of the 3rd Dialogue event was “Occupational Exposures to Manufactured Nanomaterials and Waste Disposal”. The decision to focus on occupational exposure and waste disposal was based on the discussion held between OECD and CDC – The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) program which gives importance to life cycle assessment of manufactured nanomaterials and related exposure scenarios in workplaces.

The dialogue started with key note presentations and invited talks given by Asian and European experts, and continued with breakout sessions to discuss specific topics:

- Breakout Session 1 “Scientific Data Collaboration”
- Breakout Session 2 “Nano-Certification & Nanostandardisation”
- Breakout Session 3 “Social Dialogue and Governance”
- Breakout Session 4 “Nanosafety & Nanomedicine Characterisation”

Among others, the event was supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology. Mag. Alexander Pogany gave a key note talk on the “Applicability of the Safe-by-design concept to the specific business case of nanoclay-containing plastic coffee capsules”.

Mag. Susanne Resch from BioNanoNet participated the dialogue event as EC delegate and held an invited talk on “Gov4Nano and the Malta Initiative”, presenting the new H2020 project Gov4Nano and its activities and efforts in the “Malta Initiative”, an initiative that aims to adapt existing OECD testing guidelines and guidance documents specifically for nanomaterials. In addition, she chaired the breakout session on “Social Dialogue and Governance” that facilitated the exchange between Asian and European nanosafety experts on these important topics.



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