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Welcome to Dioxin 2018 Kraków

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, Scientific Committee, and the Dioxin Symposia and PCB Workshop International Advisory Boards, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Kraków for the 38th International Symposium on Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) & 10th International PCB Workshop: DIOXIN 2018.

The year 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the regaining of independence by Poland. Dreams of freedom have become a reality.

The Dioxin Symposium and International PCB Workshop are recognized as the leading international POPs meetings for scientists and regulators. This year, apart from the International PCB Workshop, the Dioxin Symposium also host the Pre- Dioxin 2018 Students' Symposium "All POPs & Pseudo-POPs" and five Special Sessions (*Biodetection Methods for POPs and Related Food and Environmental Contaminants; European Food Safety Authority Special Session: EFSA Risk Assessments of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Food and Feed; Environmental Persistence, Analytical Methods and Risk of Human and Veterinary Pharmaceuticals that can act as pseudo-POPs; Legacy and Emerging Fluorinated Organic Compounds – Update; and Progress in Industrial Technology and Sustainable Chemistry to Phase out and Control POPs).*

Dioxin 2018 highlights inspiring visions on emerging persistent organic pollutants of food, humans and the environment and highly promotes the involvement of industry in fighting POP pollution and interaction of industry representatives with potential and existing customers and clients in all areas of investigation: analytical, regulatory, exposure assessment, and toxicological aspects relating to Persistent Organic Pollutants. Therefore, the message of the DIOXIN 2018 is: **No boundaries in POPs pollution, research and control**.

Symposium is held in the heart of downtown Kraków. The site for the Students' Symposium and for DIOXIN 2018 closing day is the Auditorium Maximum unit of the Jagiellonian University, and the core Symposium is held at the International Congresses and Entrainment (ICE) Kraków Congress Centre and at the Q Hotel Plus Kraków.

Kraków is historical city with the Royal castle Wawel and perfectly preserved the Old City that is alive cultural heritage. There are numerous restaurants, museums, historical jewels, the old Jewish suburb Kazimierz, theatres, and other attractions within walking distance. Generally, Kraków and the region are highly attractive for tourists and a spacious Kraków historical downtown is crowded in the summer time. We hope that you participate in Dioxin 2018 and look forward to welcoming you to Kraków.

We would like to express our heartiest thanks for all colleagues for great help in organizing the Students Session and Special Sessions and their contributions to the technical and scientific program. We welcome you to Dioxin 2018 in Kraków.

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Beate Escher (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Leipzig): "Bioanalytical tools for the assessment of mixtures of organic micropollutants in water, sediment, biota and people".

Tuesday, August 28

Kurunthachalam Kannan & Nobuyoshi Yamashita

(State University of New York, Albany & National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, AIST, Tsukuba): "An update on legacy and emerging perfluoroalkyl substances".

Wednesday, August 29

Keri Hornbuckle (The University of Iowa, Iowa City): "Emissions of Legacy and non-Legacy PCB congeners to air of homes and schools";

Larry Robertson (The University of Iowa, Iowa City): "Hepatic effects of halogenated biphenyls".

Thursday, August 30

Richard Hull

University of Central Lancashire (Preston): "The effect of fire retardants on smoke toxicity".

Friday, August 31

Martin Rose (Manchester University, Manchester): "Dietary exposure, risk assessment and regulation for legacy and emerging POPs".

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- PCB Regulations for Health Protection: Recent Actions, Ongoing Initiatives, and Future Perspectives
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Preliminary validation studies on ACF passive sampler for PCDD/Fs and PCBs in water

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Introduction: Hydrophobic pollutants as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polychlorinated dibenzop-dioxins (PCDDs) and dibenzofurans (PCDFs) have frequently been identified in several matrices of aquatic ecosystems ⁽¹⁻³⁾. The knowledge of the actual concentrations of these pollutants is essential for integrated water quality management. Due to their very low, but toxicologically relevant levels in natural waters, direct determination of their concentrations is difficult with common analytical techniques.

Several passive samplers such as polyoxymethylene strips^(4,5), silicone rubber^(5,6), low density polyethylene (LDPE)⁽⁷⁾, and semi-permeable membrane devices (SPMDs)^(8,9) have been commonly used in monitoring of organic compounds in aquatic environment ⁽¹⁰⁾. Nowadays, activated carbon fiber (ACFs) are widely used in different sectors for their adsorptive capacity in pollutants abatement systems. Thanks to their large specific surface area (SSA) and porosity evenly distributed on the surface, ACFs have a reversible mass transfer (adsorption/desorption). Moreover, the material is lightweight (low density per m²), it is wrapped in different textiles (easy to handle) and it is fireproof ⁽¹¹⁾.

In this paper, preliminary validation studies for a passive sampler based on ACF for organic chlorinated pollutants in water are presented. The ACF passive sampler in water is assessed using efficiency required in EPA 1613B and EPA 1668B standard methods (12,13).

Materials and Methods: Chemicals and reagents; Internal 13 C₁₂-labeled standards WP-LCS, WP-ISS, EPA-1613LCS, EPA-1613ISS (Wellington Labs) were purchased from Chemical Research 2000. For chemical analysis, acetone, toluene, dichloromethane (DCM) were purchased from Romil. Water samples were collected from the Rome supply system managed by ACEA with an average conductivity of 546 μ S/cm at 20 C and a TOC of 0.6 mg C/L.

Passive sampler: A commercial ACF with a certified SSA > 2000 m²/g and a thickness of 1.5 mm, was used. The BET surface area analysis yield a real SSA of \sim 2500 m²/g and a micro porosity with a pores diameter of \sim 60 nm. An ACF of 8x5 cm (0.56 \pm 0.02 g) square was inserted in a cellulose bag filter, prewashed in DCM, and a cord of inert material was tied to the bag in order to suspend it in the water sample.

Clean-up and analysis: The clean-up consisted of a multilayer silica column (extract eluted with hexane) and an alumina micro column to separate PCDD/Fs from dl-PCBs. The eluted were concentrated and added with $^{13}\mathrm{C}_{12}$ -labelled syringe standards (WP-ISS and EPA1613-ISS for PCBs and PCDD/Fs, respectively). The instrumental analysis were performed by a triple quadrupole gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (Trace 1310 GC/TSQ 8000 Evo, Thermo); the chromatographic separation were performed by a DB-XLB column (60 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25 µm I.D., Agilent J&W) $^{(14)}$.

Results and Discussion: A suitable amount of WP-LCS and EPA-1613LCS standards are diluted to 5 mL of acetone and this standard solution spiked into a glass tank containing 24 L of tap water. The sample is shocked and left to stand for 24 h before the sampling, as to grant a uniform distribution of standard between water and suspended particulate matter.

An inert magnetic stirrer (40 mm x 5 mm E.D.) is added in the tank, and it is spinning at 300 rpm, in order to simulate a continuous mixing. The sampling lasted 48 h, an excess time, with the aim to study, in the future, adsorption kinetics and optimize sampling time. At the end of the sampling, the ACF was Soxhlet extracted with toluene for 36 h. Liquid/liquid extraction (LLE) was considered as the "reference" method, so at the same time, 24L water sample is extracted by dichloromethane. Due to the large volume, the sample was L/L extracted in 3 L aliquots, in a funnel with three times 300 mL of dichloromethane. The extracts (both from Soxhlet and from LLE) were then subjected to cleanup procedure and GC/MS analysis, as described in the previous section.

Method performance of the ACF sampler was assessed comparing percentage recoveries of the labeled compounds spiked in the water sample with the corresponding recovery tables in EPA 1613b and 1668b methods. Figures 1 and 2 show the percentage recoveries of $^{13}C_{12}$ -labeled compounds WP-LCS and EPA 1613-LCS for both PCBs and PCDD/Fs, respectively, of the two extraction methods.

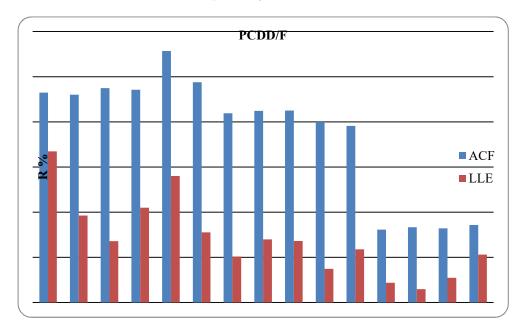


Figure 1. Comparison of percentage recoveries of ¹³C₁₂-labeled compounds EPA 1613-LCS.

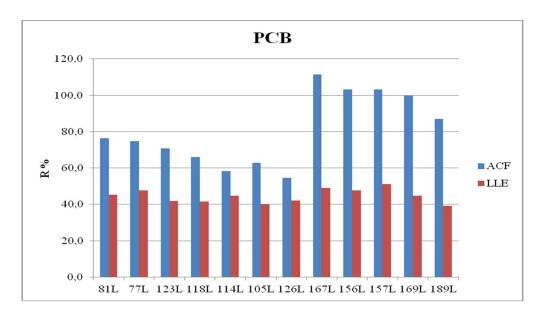


Figure 2. Comparison of percentage recoveries of ¹³C₁₂-labeled compounds WP-LCS.

As it can be seen from the figures, recoveries are within the limits of EPA methods (25 - 150%). In general, ACF shows same recoveries or even higher than LLE.

Conclusions: The study showed that ACF responds positively to the range required by the method and shows a higher efficiency compared to the method taken as a reference. A study of this type opens the door to new tests designed to ascertain what is the breakthrough limit of the material and possibly of thinking enables the realization of passive samplers in water (e.g., rivers) averaged over time. Each sample needs to go through the enrichment and purification phases. The ideal is to be able to carry out

the two phases simultaneously in order to reduce analysis times and costs. In the future, the aim is to carry out a selective extraction of PCBs and PCDD/Fs or a decrease by oxidation of interfering directly on the trap of enrichment of the analytes. In addition, compared to the method taken as reference (liquid liquid extraction), the enrichment of a passive in ACF and the consequent method of extraction and purification is less laborious and time-consuming.

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