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NEW INTEGRATED WEBSITE OPENS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY'S LONG RANGE RESEARCH RESULTS TO THE WORLD

Brussels, 17 March 2004 – Results from the global Long-Range Research Initiative, LRI programme on interactions between chemicals, human health and the environment can now be searched and accessed from a single website

www.icca-chem.org/section02c.html

Entering a topic and/or chemical of interest will result in a list of links to all available relevant LRI research information.

The ICCA LRI website has now integrated the three 'regional' components of the ICCA - LRI programme: European Chemical industry Council, Cefic, Japanese Chemical Industry Association and American Chemistry Council. A new search capability has been added enabling searching across all three regional websites to deliver a 'one stop shop' for information on LRI research activities worldwide.

"This enhancement helps us work towards the LRI pledge to be open and transparent in communicating the results of this extensive research programme," said Colin Humphris, Executive Director Research & Science at Cefic. "It has been achieved due to a significant upgrade to the LRI global website hosted by the International Council of Chemical Associations - ICCA - and sponsored by all participants to the programme."

Through LRI, the chemical industry sponsors independent, publicly available research undertaken in partnership with government agencies, universities and scientific institutes. This research aims to extend the boundaries of scientific understanding into the interaction between chemicals, human health and the environment.

By increasing this knowledge, the LRI programme enables risk assessments of chemicals to be improved significantly, improving the cost-effectiveness of risk-based regulations and increasing stakeholder confidence in the sound management of the chemical industry's products.

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Long-Range Research Initiative (LRI) LRI's mission is to improve scientific understanding of the potential impacts that chemicals may have on human health and the environment. In Europe LRI is part of Cefic's Research and Science programme.