



Linking Impact Assessment  
Instruments to Sustainability Expertise



# Participants Biography

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'Health in Environmental Impact Assessment'**

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**Lea den Broeder**  
RIVM

Lea den Broeder MA MPH works as a coordinating advisor at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands. She has a long standing experience in Health Impact Assessment and Health in All Policies, in practice, research and training.

Lea is a prominent member of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). She has been active in several Committees within IAIA and served one three-year term as a Director on the Board of IAIA. Currently she leads IAIA's Publications Committee. Since September 2013 Lea is positioned part time at the School of Sports and Nutrition of the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. Her work field there is Environment and Health, with a focus on qualitative research and community participation.



**Gillian Gibson**  
Gibson Consulting and Training

Gillian is an Environmental Scientist working in the wider arena of impact assessment and sustainability, both locally in the UK, and internationally. She is an environmental auditor, as well as being a highly respected trainer.

Gillian has run her own consultancy and training company for twelve years, following work in the public and private sectors, as well as the education sector. Notably she has consulted to the UK's HPA on many occasions, on planning issues, through which she has endeavoured to introduce sustainability to the NHS, as well as the wider community. She was a pivotal member of the team which evaluated IPPC applications for their impact on public health, gaining some substantial improvements for a number of neighbourhoods. She delivers training on sustainability to Directors of Public Health through the faculty training programme.

Gillian recently worked with WHO in capacity building for HIA, in collaboration with Ben Cave, to design and deliver training across several counties, followed by country - level capacity building tailored to their specific needs.

Gillian is a Fellow of the IEMA. She is also a board member, chairman of the Professional Standards Committee, and a membership assessor. She is a Chartered Environmentalist through the Society for the Environment (Soc Env) for whom she is an assessor.



**Ben Cave**  
BCA

Ben Cave has over 17 years' experience of Health Impact Assessment and Environmental Assessment working with public and private sector across a range of professional fields.

He was the sole European member of the *National Research Council/Institute Of Medicine* committee for a study on Health Impact Assessment in the USA (2009-2011).

In 2011 the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) gave him the "Individual Award" for major achievement and advancement in the theory

and/or practice over a period of time at an international level.

Ben lead a project for DG Sanco on Structural Funds and health gains (2011-2012). He lead a team that provided training and support in HIA to *Equity Action* the EU-funded Joint Action on Health Inequalities (2011-2013).

Ben has worked across Europe and in US, Africa and Asia. Current projects include: Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Providing advice and analysis on HIA as a member of the Sustainability Assessment Group for the Radioactive Waste Management Directorate, regarding geological repository of radioactive and nuclear substances and waste; Detroit Future City: Detroit Urban Research Center and Pew Charitable Trust. An HIA of the strategic plans for Detroit. This will provide health input to the development of plans for demolition and allocation of infrastructure across the city.

Ben Cave is a Conjoint Senior Lecturer, Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity at the University of New South Wales; and Honorary Fellow at the School of Environmental Sciences, University of Liverpool.



**Fintan Hurley**  
IOM

Fintan Hurley is an epidemiologist with a background in statistics. He is Scientific Director at the IOM (Institute of Occupational Medicine), an independent not-for-profit research centre and SME in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK and an Associate Partner of LIAISE; and he is an Honorary Professor at Heriot Watt University nearby. Since the early 1990s he has been active in Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) of outdoor air pollution, within integrated assessment studies. He led on HIA methodology in the ExterneE projects of DG Research through the 1990s [http://www.externe.info/externe\\_d7/](http://www.externe.info/externe_d7/), in the CBA of CAFE, 2005/6 <http://www.cafe-cba.org/>; and led the FP7 Integrated Project HEIMTSA 2007-11 <http://www.heimtsa.eu/>.

He chairs the quantification subgroup QUARK of the UK Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP), and is, from time to time, a member of various Working Groups on health effects or HIA of air pollution for WHO (including REVIHAAP and HRAPIE recently) and for the US EPA.



**Laura Miguel Ayala**  
Alterra

Laura Miguel Ayala works as a researcher on the field of Impact Assessment at the Team Earth Observation and Environmental Informatics at Alterra, part of Wageningen University and Research Centre. She is active in the fields of water management, water quality, agriculture and ecosystem services with special focus on EU projects in Europe and Latin America (Brazil). She is currently working on a Public Private Partnership project with large multinationals in Colombia. Besides her technical work, she has been also involved in Science-Policy Interfacing through the development of Science-Policy Interface briefings.

Her academic background starts with Environmental Sciences in her home country of Spain (University of Salamanca) after which she conducted her bachelor research in Sweden (Mälardalens University) in 2008. She then completed a postgraduate diploma in Water Management, with a special

emphasis on hydrology and water economics, upon her return to Spain. In 2011, Laura completed a master degree in Hydrology at Utrecht University, The Netherlands, where she further specialised in water surface hydrology.



### **Marta Pérez-Soba**

Alterra

Dr. Marta Pérez-Soba works since 2000 as senior researcher & project manager in Alterra, part of Wageningen University and Research Centre. She is currently leading research on integrated impact assessment and participatory tools in the team Earth Observation and Environmental Informatics. She focuses on interaction of land science with society and policy, involving development of tools for enhancing policy-science interaction, integrated impact assessment, mapping ecosystem services, and scenario and visions development. She focuses on innovative spatial solutions on sustainable development, resource efficiency, green economy, environment and land use. Her research is complemented with strong participatory approaches involving stakeholders, which facilitate the development of visions and long-term strategies.

She contributes as researcher or coordinator of projects for several European organisations (EC, EEA, ESPON), being responsible for the acquisition, coordination and management of these projects. Expert in the Consultancy Expert Group on Foresight by the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (2008), and Member of the EC Horizon 2020 Advisory Group covering both Societal Challenge 2 'Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, Marine and Maritime Research, and the Bio-economy' (2013-2015).



### **Salim Vohra**

IOM

Salim has worked in public health for over 20 years. Over the last 10 years he has focused on health impact assessment, healthy urban planning, health equity, healthy public policy/health in all policies and health impact evaluation.

He is currently a Director at Public Health By Design, an international public health consultancy based in London, UK. He was the Director of the Centre for Health Impact Assessment at the Institute of Occupational between 2007-2013. Before that he was at Peter Brett Associates, and environmental and engineering consultancy.

He has led HIAs in a range of sectors – economic, energy, health services, housing, transport, regeneration and waste at project and policy levels. He was lead author for three guides: a Scottish HIA guide of greenspace, an international guide on occupational health risk assessment and community HIA guide for the mining sector.

His educational background is in medicine (MChB), environmental epidemiology (MSc) and public health policy (PhD). He is a Honorary Fellow of Staffordshire University and Conjoint Lecturer at the University of South Wales. He is also co-Chair of the Health (HIA) Section of the International Association for Impact Assessment and an Editorial Board member for Environmental Impact Assessment Review.



**Tia Hermans**  
Alterra, The Netherlands

Tia Hermans is coordinator of the Policy Supporting Research Programme on Nature and Regions for the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Besides she is business developer for one of the strategic topics at Alterra: nature and health. She is leading, together with RIVM, a research programme on the benefits of nature for human health.



**Joachim Hartlik**  
German EIA Association

Dr. Joachim Hartlik is foundation member of the EIA Association and since 2011 Vice Chairman. He is also chairman of the working groups "EIA Quality Management" and "Health in EIA". The Association enforces a sustainable development of procedure and good practice of EIA, SEA and Impact Assessment on all levels in Germany. Therefore, guidelines are published and EIA congresses and summerschools are provided.

Main subjects of his work in his company "Environmental Assessment & Quality Management" are the preparation of Environmental Impact Studies for project developers and the support of competent authorities and stakeholders within complex EIA procedures to ensure a good quality standard of both EIA procedure and EIA reports.

On behalf of the German Agency of International Cooperation, he works also as international EIA expert in Colombia, Syria, Vietnam and Liberia giving support for implementing EIA in national law systems and providing practical advice and trainings in EIA procedure and methodology. Currently he's developing an e-learning system "ECO Campus" with the topic "Measuring Sustainability" for universities in developing countries.



**Klaus Jacob**  
Freie Universität Berlin

Dr. Klaus Jacob is research director of the Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) and has been a senior research fellow since 1995. He is head of the research group on Policy Assessment which works on Impact Assessment, evidence-based policy making, strategies in environmental and sustainability policy, ecological modernization as well as innovation and lead markets. Klaus Jacob uses methods of policy analysis for his work in different issue areas, for instance, in innovation in environmental policy.

He is co-coordinator of the European network of excellence LIAISE, which develops models in support of impact assessment and studies the conditions under which they can be employed ([www.liaise-noe.eu](http://www.liaise-noe.eu)). He is coordinator of a research-project on an impact assessment of the resource policy (PoIRess), chair of the steering committee of the Berlin Conferences series on the Human Dimension of Global Environmental Change, and has been Lead Author for the Global Environmental Outlook 4 and reviewer for GEO 5 of the United Nations Environmental Program. Klaus Jacob teaches courses in policy analysis as well as political science methods and theories at the Otto-Suhr-Institute of Freie Universität Berlin. His research projects range from applied consultancy for national and international clients to basic research funded by

distinguished research promotion institutions.



**Martin Watson**

Prospex

Martin Watson is a senior consultant with Prospex and head of the EU Office. Martin designs and delivers multi-stakeholder and communication strategies for government, business and civil society.

Martin helps clients successfully with diverse methods of cooperation, communications and stakeholder outreach. At Prospex Martin works closely with the European Institutions covering education, research and innovation, gender equality, environment and other fields.

Martin has worked for a variety of public and non-profit organisations in London, Brussels, Geneva and Vienna including the European Commission and support to the Africa Group at the World Trade Organisation. He holds degrees in social sciences from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, the Ruhr-Universität Bochum in Germany and Nottingham University in the United Kingdom.



**Gerardo Sanchez Martinez**

WHO

Gerardo Sanchez, MSc. MPH, is a technical officer at the WHO European Centre for Environmental Health in Bonn (Germany). He specializes in environmental health policy evaluation, health adaptation to climate change, environmental health economics and environmental decision support tools.

Before joining WHO ECEH, Mr. Sanchez worked for WHO in Japan, the World Bank in Washington DC, and as an independent consultant for governments and international organizations in various countries of Latin America.