

Curriculum Vitae

Paul Krajnik

Date and place of birth: 20 January 1964, Vienna, Austria
Nationality: Austrian
Marital status: Married
Languages: German, English, Spanish and French

Education:

1970 - 1974 Primary education at „Volksschule der Schulbrüder“, Vienna
1974 - 1982 Secondary education at „Albertus Magnus-Gymnasium“, Vienna

1982 - 1987 Studies of chemistry at University of Vienna (Master of Science)
1987 - 1990 PhD study at University of Vienna and University of Graz (PhD thesis “Metal Complexes of Chiral Biaryles”)
1996 Postgraduate Training „European Integration“ (Lehrgang zur Europäischen Integration, Europaakademie) at the „Verwaltungsakademie des Bundes“

Work Experience:

1990 - 1992:

Postdoctoral Fellow Yale University, New Haven, US

- Development of mercury photosensitized reactions for the functionalisation of unactivated C-H bonds in organic compounds;
- Formulation of projects and preparation of project documents for submission to funding institutions; conduct research work and publish in international scientific journals;
- Prepare presentations and speak at scientific meetings, i.a. Meeting of the American Chemical Society;
- Support of the supervisor in preparing lectures and laboratory exercises, to advise students in lab exercises.

March 1992 – January 1997:

University of Vienna, Assistant Professor at the Department of Radiation Chemistry

- Areas of research: mechanisms of photo- and radiation-chemically induced reaction of halogenated phenols and anisoles, food irradiation, vitamin C metabolism;
- Duties consisted of research work including fund mobilisation, development of research programmes and projects, and assisting the Head of Department (Prof. Getoff);
- Publication of research results in international scientific journals; to attend and speak at scientific meetings;
- Organised and held lectures and laboratory exercises including exams;
- Supported the administrative work of the department and represented the department in diverse bodies of the university.

June 1993 – March 1994:

Austrian Social Service

- Worked as first-aid man in nursery homes and ambulance services.

August 1994 – October 1994:

Stay at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in Clermont-Ferrand (France) within the framework of a joint project of the French and Austrian Academies of Science

February 1997 – June 1998:

Advisor, Chemicals, Ministry of Environment

- Assisted in the development of policy and strategy on phasing out ozone depleting substances, and measures to reduce VOC-emissions from VOC containing products;
- Prepared Austrian and EU positions for Montreal Protocol meetings; attended intergovernmental meetings as part of the Austrian delegation, assisted in negotiations of EU Regulations and to introduce relevant national legislation to implement the Montreal Protocol and measures to reduce VOC emissions.

July 1998 – January 2011:

Senior Advisor, Chemicals Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

- In this assignment I developed Austrian policy on the protection of the stratospheric ozone layer, fluorinated gases, on tropospheric ozone, in particular in relation to volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and mercury;
- Stratospheric ozone: Negotiated measures under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer and related European and national legislation;
- Served as head the Austrian delegation at the Meetings of the Parties and represented Austria in the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol;
- Vice-Chair (2004) and Chair (2005) of the Executive Committee and represented the Executive Committee in international High Level Meetings, for example Meeting of the Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol in 2006;
- Served as Co-Chair on Groups on Illegal Trade, Process Agents and Finance;
- Acted as policy adviser in the National Experts Group of the European Commission;
- Negotiated measures to implement the Montreal Protocol at European level, led the negotiations of the European Ozone Regulation 2037/2000 during the Austrian Presidency in the European Council in 1998 and represented Austria in the Management Committee of this Regulation;
- In collaboration with all stakeholders implemented measures to eventually phase-out the use of all ozone depleting substances;
- Initiated the establishment of a national halonbank in co-operation with the Austrian Armed Forces;

- Fluorinated gases: represented Austria in the European Climate Change Programme and in the negotiation of the European F-Gas Regulation. Developed strategies to reduce emissions of fluorinated gases at national level (Austrian Climate Strategy);
- Tropospheric ozone: negotiated strategies and measures to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds arising from the use of products with a high content of solvents, in particular paints, varnishes and vehicle refinishing products, including promotion of replacements with less emissive applications;
- Negotiated the European Decopaint Directive (No. 2004/42) and represented Austria in the Comitology Committee of that Directive;
- Mercury: Negotiated the European mercury strategy during the Austrian Presidency in the European Council in 2006 and chaired the Council Working Group on Harmonisation;
- Represented Austria in the negotiations to the Minamata Convention on mercury.

February 2011 – February 2014:

Industrial development officer (P4) at UNIDO

- Implemented projects and programmes of the Montreal Protocol and the Global Environmental Facility in China, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Ruanda, Mexico and Argentina;
- Formulated specific projects in the refrigeration and air-conditioning, aerosol, insulating foam and pharmaceutical sectors;
- Ensured that agreed outputs were delivered on time, at the right level of quality and within the allocated budget;
- Advised governments on financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral organisations and strategic partners and provided technical advice for policy and development strategies;
- Cooperated with fund mobilising entities within the UN;
- Organised and ran UNIDO global forum activities and prepared technical papers and other inputs for external seminars, conferences and expert group meetings;
- Collaborated at all levels with internal and external stakeholders, programme and project countries and strategic partners.

March 2014 to now:

Deputy Director Chemicals Policy and Biocides, Head of Biocides, Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

- Lead, manage and oversee all activities related to biocides in Austria;
- Manage the implementation of the Biocidal Product Regulation No. 528/2012, including evaluation programmes for active substances and authorisation of biocidal products;
- Coordinate registration, evaluation and authorisation of active substances and biocidal products between the Ministry and the Austrian Environment Agency;
- Coordinate of inspection schedules for biocides between federal and local authorities;
- Provide assistance in the implementation of the REACH- and CLP-Regulations in particular in relation to cross cutting issues of biocides;
- Lead and manage all activities of the Montreal Protocol and create synergies with other International Environmental Agreements on Chemicals and the Climate Convention;

- Served as chair of the Open-Ended Working Group and Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (2015 and 2016);
- Lead negotiator of the Kigali Amendment to incorporate fluorinated greenhouse gases (HFC) into the Montreal Protocol;
- Support the Director of Chemicals Policy and Biocides in all ECHA-Management Board related issues.
- Austrian representative in the Management Board of ECHA (as of June 2017)
- Deputy Chair of the Management Board of ECHA (as of June 2019)
- Chair of the Subgroup for Strategy Planning and Implementation of ECHA

Award: UNEP Ozone Award 2017 – Political Leadership