

War, Soil, and Freshwater Systems

Pollution and Diseases Conference 2026

Prague, Czech Republic | 15-17 October 2026 | On-site and online participation

Main site	https://pdconference.org/
Submission deadline	5 October 2026, 18:00 Central European Time
Submission system	Pollution and Diseases OJS

What this conference is

An international expert-level scientific conference on the environmental and public-health consequences of war-related pollution. The central research nexus is: **war - pollution - soil - freshwater - human health**.

The aim is to move from fragmented evidence toward a cumulative research framework: better monitoring, assessment, remediation, restoration, and decision-making under uncertainty.

Why it matters now

- War and military activity can create delayed, dispersed, and transboundary environmental damage.
- Soil degradation and freshwater contamination can affect food security, ecosystem functions, exposure pathways, and human health.
- Many consequences remain difficult to see because evidence is fragmented across disciplines, territories, time scales, and institutions.
- The conference treats knowledge gaps, uncertainty, and methodological limits as research problems, not as reasons to ignore risk.

Who should engage

Researchers, practitioners, institutional experts, NGOs, policy and project teams working in soil science, hydrology, environmental chemistry, toxicology, epidemiology, public health, ecology, risk modelling, remote sensing, restoration, and environmental security.

Core research directions

- War-affected soils, soil health, and food security.
- Freshwater contamination, catchment-level risks, and drinking-water safety.
- Exposure pathways, disease links, chronic effects, and intergenerational risk.
- Monitoring, data reliability, incomplete evidence, inaccessible territories, and destroyed infrastructure.
- Emerging war-related pollutants and technologies, including new debris and microfibers.
- Remediation, restoration, governance, and long-term environmental security.

How to participate and where to find information

Conference formats

- Plenary presentations, parallel thematic sessions, oral/session presentations, posters and e-posters.
- Moderated discussions and session-level synthesis, with materials connected to a shared research framework.
- On-site participation in Prague is intentionally limited; online participation is available for a wider international audience.
- Accepted abstracts and presentation records may receive DOI records after acceptance and confirmed registration.
- Selected work may be developed into journal articles or a curated post-conference book volume.

Essential links

Conference overview	https://pdconference.org/conference-overview
Program / call for papers	https://pdconference.org/program
Open research questions	https://pdconference.org/main-discussion-question

Knowledge gaps and analytical tracks	https://pdconference.org/knowledge-gaps-and-analytical-tracks
Pre-conference analytical briefs	https://pdconference.org/pre-conference-analytical-briefs
Submit abstracts	https://pdconference.org/submit
Official OJS submission system	https://pollution-diseases-ojs.org/index.php/pd/about/submissions
Registration and fees	https://pdconference.org/registration-and-fees
Scientific committee	https://pdconference.org/scientific-committee
Contacts	https://pdconference.org/contacts

Suggested message for forwarding

Please consider circulating this call to colleagues working on environmental pollution, war-related ecological damage, soil and freshwater systems, exposure pathways, public health, remediation, and long-term environmental security.

The conference welcomes scientific, evidence-based contributions and institutional dialogue. Abstracts should be submitted through the official OJS system and marked for “War, Soil, and Freshwater Systems - Conference 2026.”

Contact

Use the conference contact page: <https://pdconference.org/contacts>