Scientists from many disciplines are concerned with the physical and chemical as well as the biomedical aspects of the detection, movement, metabolism, toxicity, remediation and risk assessment of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). A primary objective of the PCB Workshops is to provide a single forum for the world experts on issues of analysis, fate and transport, exposure assessment, metabolism and disposition, toxicity, and public health policy – a unique opportunity for scientists to come together and learn from each other. Locations of the international PCB Workshops alternate every two years between the United States and Europe to allow for maximal participation of a diverse scientific community and discussion of the world-wide health and policy issues associated with PCB contamination.

The Eighth International PCB Workshop in 2014 will include presentations on basic aspects of PCB chemistry, biology and toxicology, as well as a new emphasis on specific sites that are highly contaminated, including Superfund sites. There will be broad input from scientists both within and outside of the Superfund Research Program. Although all sessions are timely, the sessions dealing with the contamination, exposure and remediation of PCB-contaminated schools will be of intense interest in the northeastern US. All sessions will highlight the latest findings. After the Workshop, the presentations of the conference will be published in journal or book form, and provided at no cost to each registrant.

**Dates and Venue**
The Eighth International PCBs Workshop is scheduled for October 5 – 9, 2014 at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, MA.

This is an ideal venue for this meeting:
1. The close proximity to persons interested in a major emphasis area of the meeting, namely PCBs in Schools, should allow for easy access to the meeting.
2. The venue is served by international airports Logan and TF Green in Boston MA and Providence RI, respectively, with hourly bus and shuttle connections to Woods Hole, for the convenience of those flying in from domestic locations or internationally.
3. The meeting facilities and the non-urban location allow for an intense interaction without distractions, among scientists representing a multitude of disciplines. The MBL facilities are renowned and widely used for conferences large and small.

**Workshop Description**
The Eighth International PCB Workshop: PCBs in Schools organizers are dedicated to bringing together the very latest information on the chemistry, biology and threat to human health of PCBs as environmental pollutants. The Woods Hole PCB Workshop will provide an opportunity for researchers of varied backgrounds and expertise to integrate their knowledge and experience, and to apply these to questions of the detection, movement, metabolism, toxicity, remediation and risk assessment for this class of industrial chemicals and environmental contaminants. The structure of the workshop will support interaction among researchers by having all oral presentations in plenary sessions. Speakers provide a general and comprehensive overview of selected topics mentioning their own contributions and those of others. Poster presentations will be solicited as well. Ample time will be provided during the coffee and lunch breaks for poster viewing and discussion.

**Workshop Objectives**
A primary objective is to provide guidelines for risk assessment and risk management for PCBs and related compounds as mixtures found in the human environment, especially in school buildings. A second major goal is to present the very latest findings relating to the chemistry, biology and toxicology of PCBs. Sessions will include these particular areas of emphasis:

- Analytical Methods
- Mechanisms of Toxicity
- PCBs in Building Materials
- Airborne PCBs movement
- Human Exposure Assessment & Epidemiology
- Regulatory Policy

For additional details, registration information, and Calls for Papers, visit [http://pcbworkshop.org/](http://pcbworkshop.org/)