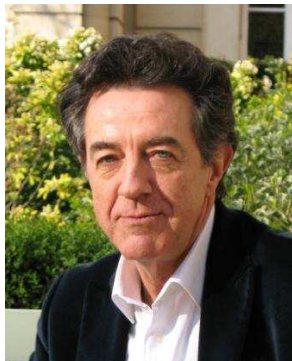


Towards the end of oil - Greens/EFA Conference
Thursday 15 November - 14h15-17h30 - Room 1G3

Speaker biographies



Yves Cochet, Greens/EFA MEP, Member of the Committee Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Yves Cochet is a French MEP, member of the Green group. In France, he was one of the founders of the first Green party.

After an academic career as a mathematics professor at the University of Rennes, he became one of the first French Green MEPs at the European Parliament in 1989. Then he was elected as a Member of the French parliament, the "Assemblée nationale", in 1997. In 2001, he became Minister of the Environment in the Lionel Jospin government. He remained a national member of the French Parliament until the end of 2011 when he became a MEP.

He wrote many books on Ecology and Peak oil, such as "Sauver la terre", "Petrole apocalypse", or "Antimanuel d'Ecologie".



Claude Turmes, Greens/EFA MEP, Vice-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

Member of European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Claude Turmes has been a member of the European Parliament since 1999 as a member of Luxembourg's Green Party and the Green Group in the Parliament. He is Rapporteur of the Energy Efficiency Directive and coordinator on energy issues for the Green Group.

Since 1989, he has held various offices in the Luxembourg Ecology Movement and was a member of the Executive Committee of the European Environmental Bureau from 1989-1991. From 1995-1997 he was Secretary of Friends of the Earth Europe. He is Vice-Chairman of the Parliament's Green Group since 2002. Re-elected in 2009, he is member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), substitute member of the Committees on Internal market and Consumer protection (IMCO) and Employment and Social affairs (EMPL). He was rapporteur on the Renewable Directive in 2008 and shadow rapporteur on the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive (IPPC) in 2009.



Benoît Thévard, energy engineer and author of the study "Towards the end of oil" (2012), presented in this conference.

After several years in the aeronautics industry, the importance of what's at stake in the energy sector lead Mr. Thévard back to university in 2006. After publishing several studies on energy at regional level, he worked on solar photovoltaics, while carrying out research on peak oil and territorial resilience.

Since 2010 and the creation of his peak oil awareness blog (www.avenir-sans-petrole.org) he carried out nearly 100 conferences in France (Assemblée Nationale, Science Po', École Normale Supérieure) or in local or regional settings.

He started an alert initiative on peak oil, signed by numerous experts in the framework of the 2012 French presidential campaign. He is a member of the Momentum Institute, a local transition initiative, of the Virage Energie Centre association. He is co-writing a book on the opportunity of improvement of local resilience in the context of current and future crises.



Victoria Johnson, senior researcher and head of the climate change and energy programme at nef

Dr Victoria Johnson has an academic background in atmospheric physics, but has been at **nef** (the new economics foundation), a leading independent think tank based in the UK, for the past six years. Her work focuses on climate change and social justice at the domestic and international level, domestic and international climate change policy and energy and social systems. She has published over 30 reports on climate change and energy policy in the UK and internationally.



Agnès Sinai, freelance journalist

Agnès Sinai is a freelance journalist (Le Monde Diplomatique, La Revue Durable, Actu-environnement), and is an author of several books, including "Sauver la Terre" (Save the Earth, co-written with Yves Cochet (Fayard, 2003) and "Planet-Lab", with Catherine Bourgain and Jacques Testart (1001 Nights, 2011). She is a member of the editorial board of the journal Entropia. She is also lecturer at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.



Matthieu Auzanneau, Independent journalist.

Matthieu Auzanneau is the author the blog "Oil Man, Chronicles of the Beginning of the End of Oil" published on the website of the French daily "Le Monde". Freelance journalist specializing in economics and ecology, he covers since 2002 the evolution of the debate on peak oil. He has published many of exclusives on this question, relating to particular scenarios of the U.S. Departments of Defence and Energy, the International Energy Agency, French oil group Total, or even former executives of Aramco and Exxon.



Zsolt Tasnadi, Policy Officer for Security of oil supply, oil stocks, European Commission, DG Energy

Zsolt Tasnádi graduated from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences. He also holds a M.S. degree from the Middle East Technical University, Ankara. Between 1998 and 2006 he held various positions at MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Company. After spending 2 years at the Lubricants Division he moved to the Marketing and Pricing Unit where - in addition to the analysis of the Central European petroleum product markets - he was also engaged in the acquisitions of the company. In 2006 he joined the European Commission. At the Directorate-General for Energy he is responsible for emergency oil stocks and security of oil supply. He was closely involved in the recent revision of the EU oil stocks directive.



Simone Osborn, Editor in Chief of the Energy Bulletin

Simone Osborn is a freelance consultant currently working for the Post Carbon Institute and the Oil Depletion Analysis Centre. She is a member of the core team of Transition Bristol and the author of the report Building a Positive Future for Bristol after Peak Oil.

Simone has a background in managing different kinds of printed and web content from a career spent largely in the publishing and translation industries. A UK citizen, she spent 6 years living and working in the US before returning home. Simone has worked in the non-profit sector since 2007.



Xavier Desgain MP (Belgium)

Xavier Desgain is Member of the Walloon Parliament (Head of Group ad interim), Member of the Parliament of the Brussels-Wallonia Federation.

Xavier Desgain is secretary in the Committee of General Affairs, administrative simplification, European Funds and International Relations. He is a full Member of the Committee on Environment and Mobility. Mr. Desgain is substitute Member in the Committee on Energy, Housing and Public Administration and Research, and on the Committee of Economy, External Trade and New Technologies.

Previously, he was Walloon community member at the Committee of Regions of the European Union and vice chairman of the Walloon parliament ECOLO. He was also a councillor in Charleroi and held various positions in Ecolo.