

**Dr. Urs Friederich** is a toxicologist with expertise in environmental chemistry and toxicology. He joined ToxMinds BVBA as a consultant in August 2009.

Urs has over 30 years of experience in the area of toxicology. Following his Ph.D. studies in biology and postdoctoral research in biotechnology, he worked for 10 years at the Institute of Toxicology of the Swiss Federal Institute of Toxicology in Zurich (ETH) in the area of genetic toxicology. Following his academic career, he then joined the Dow Chemical Company where he worked as an internal consultant on issues related to ecotoxicology and environmental chemistry. He was mainly involved in the area of product development and regulatory compliance for a broad range of chemical products including surfactants and biocides. His special expertise includes the monitoring of studies in ecotoxicology and environmental chemistry/environmental fate as well as the performance of environmental risk assessments.

His recent activities were related to the evaluation of long-term ecotoxicity, endocrine activity as well as PBT and POP assessments of chemicals in the context of REACH registrations and under the UNECE LRTAP and UNEP Stockholm protocols. He has a long term experience in industry association work as past member of different industry consortia dealing with technical aspects of product safety assessments. Urs is member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Swiss Society of Toxicology and he is listed in the professional register of toxicologists in Switzerland.

For the last two years Urs was involved in REACH registrations and the environmental part of chemical safety assessments as a member of the team of ToxMinds BVBA.

**Languages:** German, English, French