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11.14 CHARACTERISATION OF FINE PARTICULATE MATTER LEVEL, CONTENT AND SOURCES OF A KINDERGARDEN MICROENVIRONMENT IN BELGRADE CITY CENTER

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In the present work, we investigated a data set of indoor and outdoor PM_{2.5} from 80 samples collected in the microenvironment of a kindergarten located in Belgrade city centre during weekdays in a period crossing over from the heating to non-heating season, from March to May 2010.

Taking into account results from European cohorts and other studies (Strak et all, 2021), WHO recently published new 24-hour AQ guidelines (AQG) levels for main pollutants including fine particulate matter. 24-hour AQG for $PM_{2.5}$ in ambient air are now lower, these are changed from 25 μ g/m³ to 15 μ g/m³ (WHO, 2021). The results indicated that the outdoor and indoor $PM_{2.5}$ daily mean values were much higher than 25 μ g/m³, 82.5% and 75%, respectively, and even much more when taking in account newly-established WHO AQG. The I/O ratio ranged between 0.47 and 1.88 for $PM_{2.5}$ (mean 0.91).

The most abundant detected elements were Al, Fe, Ba, Cr, Cu, Zn and Pb, and the most abundant detected macro-components were Ca, Na, NO₃. and SO₄²-. In this study, Se was the most enriched metal (EF values > 1000), followed by Sb, Cd, As and Pb (EF values > 100). In addition, Cd and Pb, classified in Group 1A by the IARC (carcinogenic to humans), never exceeded standard annual outdoor levels of 5 ng/m3 and 0.5 μ g/m³, respectively, settled by actual EU legislation (Directive 2008/50/EC, 2008). On the other hand, As and Ni, also classified as carcinogenic to humans, exceeded standard annual outdoor levels of 6 and 20 ng/m³: 3 days for As and 1 day for Ni in outdoor air, out of total 40 analysed samples collected during weekdays.

Indoor/outdoor ratios of individual PAHs and ΣPAH were less than 1 which indicated that indoor PAHs originated mainly from the outdoor environment. BgP, Ind, BaP, BbF, BkF and Chy were most abundant, especially in outdoor particles.

Principal component analyses (PCA) with Varimax rotation were applied to the data sets consisting of elemental and total PAH concentrations of indoor and outdoor PM2.5 fractions. The PCA analysis suggested six potential sources of both indoor and outdoor PM2.5 fractions. The factor profiles are very similar between indoor and outdoor datasets. PCA identified separate factors relating to pyrogenic and petrogenic sources of PAHs, traffic emission, coal combustion, building materials, industrial activities, and secondary aerosols.

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