Hearing at the Danish Parliament on wireless radiation puts pressure on the National Board of Health.

Politicians on the Danish Parliament Committee for Health and Elder care will investigate the health risks from mobile radiation and wireless networks with a public hearing on April 12 at the Parliament building, Christiansborg in Copenhagen. The consultation has been in preparation for a while and several leading international researchers in the field will speak. The National Board of Health will, however, not participate.

The main reason for this hearing is that Parliament politicians do not believe it has been clarified whether radiation from mobile telephony, wireless networks, etc. are associated with health effects or not.

The parliamentary committee mentioned in its announcement of the consultation that several medical doctors have indicated that an increasing number of patients are experiencing symptoms from exposure to radiation emitted by mobile telephones, wireless networks, etc. Reported symptoms include headaches, memory and concentration problems, tinnitus, restlessness, impaired sleep, behavioral problems and dementia. In January 2015, France prohibited Wi-Fi devices in kindergartens, and the French government has suggested that school children should be prohibited from using their mobile phones while at school.

In 2011 the World Health Organization WHO classified radiofrequency radiation from mobile devices and wireless networks as potentially carcinogenic to humans on the basis of the then available peer-reviewed and published scientific research. The timing of this parlamentary hearing is extraordinary as new and comprehensive studies from the United States and Italy significantly upgrade the cancer risk.

In spite of much recognized foreign research, the Danish National Board of Health has refused to acknowledge any health damage may be caused by exposure to radiation from wireless technology.

It is therefore highly conspicuous and highly problematic that the National Board of Health, which is the only protective health body in Denmark in relation to non-ionizing radiation, will not be represented at the hearing.

For many years, the EHS Association of electro-hypersensitive people has warned about the health risks from excessive use of wireless technology. The chairwoman of the EHS Association, Christina Mellgren, welcomes the hearing. "It is high time that politicians understand that public health is already under threat by the rapidly increasing wireless radiation exposure in society. The extensive use of wireless technology such as mobile phones and Wi-Fi devices is a time bomb that may have serious long-term health consequences for large segments of the population, especially children and adolescents, unless regulation is tightened immediately. Many people are affected by ubiqutous wireless radiation, usually without realizing, and this phenomenon will only worsen. For long enough, government authorities have ignored extensive scientific studies in this area that demonstrate a significant health risk and have not acted to protect the population. We look forward to the fact that the parliamentary hearing will clearly reveal the current

situation through insights from some of the absolute leading researchers in the field. The rising wireless radiation in society today must be recognized as a serious environmental threat to public health."

On the day of the hearing, the EHS Association will host several activities throughout Copenhagen.

8.30 – 9.30 am.: At the National Board of Health, Islands Brygge 67, 2300 Copenhagen. Delivery of a petition against increasing radiation exposure to the Directorate of Health, Søren Brostrøm and Head of Unit for Radiation Protection, Mette Øhlenschlæger.

10 am. - 12 pm.: Nørreport Station. Public demonstration of radiation levels with professional measuring equipment. Sound of the pulse-modulated signals will be amplified for demonstration. Distribution of informational flyers.

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