

# The first radiation-free refuge is in the Drôme

## EMF: Prof. Belpomme "A major health problem"

By the Editor

Professor Dominique Belpomme is the president of ARTAC (preventive cancer research association). This research unit is one of the most advanced in Europe regarding people who are EHS (electro-hypersensitive).

"We have been working for the last year on the syndrome of intolerance to electromagnetic fields," he explains. "In Europe, the number of people affected is estimated to be between 1 and 10% of the population. It's a major health problem, a real threat to public health!" Fatigue, insomnia, depression, but other potential risks "of multiple sclerosis, and even Alzheimer's disease among young people" may be linked to the influence of these fields.

" We know now for certain that these people are genuinely ill." Diagnoses have been made possible thanks to tests developed by the association: encephalogram, biological tests, blood analysis.

"We are convinced that it is the amalgamation of different sources of EMFs - from relay antennas, high-voltage power lines, Wi-fi, etc - that causes this syndrome."



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### "A slow grasp of the truth"

It is still not clear why some people are seriously affected and others not. "We are working on a hypothesis involving magnetosomes, micro-electro magnets that we have in the brain."

"Grasping the truth is a slow process but it has started. More than 100 cities and towns have already decided to create zones where the radiation limit is 0.6 volts/metre. We are still wondering if the recent government consultations will produce concrete decisions, but things are beginning to move."

Until such time as appropriate planning policies are in place and the EHS syndrome is recognised "as a social or professional illness by Social Security" (a goal that will be pursued in the near future), Professor Belpomme recommends certain precautions:

No mobile phones for the under 12s or for pregnant women, no relay antennas close to schools, crèches, maternity clinics or hospitals, and above all the totality of radiation in public places from all sources should not exceed 1 volt /metre.

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