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of the International Commission on Occupational Health**

## Chairman editorial

Dear colleagues,

This time it feels quite strange to write an editorial for the NeurotoxNews. As you all know, due to my illness I've been on sick leave for almost four months by now, and thus have problems to keep up with all the activities in our scientific area.

Still, I have regular contacts with the laboratory, and I do keep track of my E-mail. Thus, I do get information on the development, and I communicate with Roberto Lucchini every now and then. On December 23 I have an appointment with my doctor, who will decide when and to what extent I may go back to work. Hopefully I will be back at least on 50% from January onwards, and I will inform you all as soon as I know what happens.

It is a good thing that he is keeping up the good work, and runs the normal activities within the committee. I have also been very happy to notice that our colleagues in Korea are working hard for the next Neurobehavioral Symposium in 2005. The 1st announcement was published early, there is information on the web-site already, and everything seems to work out well for our hard working Korean colleagues.

I wish them good luck in their efforts, and promise to do what I can to contribute to a successful scientific meeting.

I wish you all

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous  
New Year

in your scientific endeavours!

Anders Iregren



## From the secretary

The second proceeding volume from the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects, that was held in Brescia, Italy, on June 2002, is now available as a special publication printed by ISPESL (The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention, Rome, Italy) ! We are very grateful to Prof. Antonio Moccaldi, President of ISPESL, for helping us with this publication that includes 55 additional papers from the 8<sup>th</sup> Symposium. You can read in this issue of NeurotoxNews the volume's contents. This volume is being sent to all the Symposium participants and will be also available for shipping, according to the instructions that soon will be posted on [www.unibs.it/medlav](http://www.unibs.it/medlav). Feel free to contact me anyhow if you need assistance.

I remind you that another publication including 30 selected papers from the 8<sup>th</sup> Symposium is available as a special issue of Neurotoxicology (Vol.24, August 2003, Nos.4-5), containing 30 papers selected from the 300 communications presented at the meeting. You can use the following link to access the abstracts: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/0161813X>.

The next world ICOH International Conference will be held in June 2006 in Milan, Italy. I remind you that it will be possible for our Committee to propose specific workshops and minisimposia within the conference. Therefore, feel free to communicate with me about any possible idea or proposal to be included and organized for this occasion. A post-conference workshop on "Neurotoxic Metals" is being planned and co-organized by our Committee together with the SC on the Toxicology of Metals. I will inform you as soon as a draft proposal will be available.

Our Korean colleagues are keeping an excellent pace with the organization of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium On Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects that is now scheduled from September 26 (Mon) to 29 (Thu), 2005, in Gyeongju, Korea. They have prepared an excellent brochure that is available upon request. Please visit the website at the address <http://home.kosha.net/~neurotox> for more detailed information

Please take a look also at the meeting announcements of many interesting conferences on toxicology, noise and chemicals, manganese and mercury that are scheduled for 2004.

Finally, I would like to remind all the members of our Committee that it is time to think about the venue of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium, to be held in 2008. During the ICOH meeting in Iguassu, in February 2003, a discussion started within our SC's business meeting on a possible location in Central America. An official procedure for candidacy will start in 2004, in order to be ready in 2005 for a final decision and announcement before the 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium in Korea.

It is my pleasure to join our Chairman wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2004 !

Roberto Lucchini



## NEUROBEHAVIORAL METHODS AND EFFECTS IN OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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## International Meetings

**9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Occupational and Environmental Health**

**September 26 (Mon) - 29 (Thu), 2005, Gyeongju, Korea**

Theme:

*"Linkage between Developed countries and Developing countries on neurotoxicology"*

Major topics:

Neurobehavioral changes by various neurotoxic substances

- \* Environmental Issues by neurotoxic substances
- \* Biological Monitoring and Biomarkers
- \* Work Stress related conditions
- \* International collaboration on moving neurotoxic chemicals from developed countries to developing

<http://home.kosha.net/~neurotox>

**HEALTH EFFECTS, CLINICAL RESEARCH, AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ISSUES IN OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO MANGANESE**

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Wyndham Riverfront Hotel - New Orleans

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**Organized by Dr. R. Bowler & Dr. H. Roels**



**10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Toxicology - ICTX**

11-16 July, 2004, Tampere, Finland

**July 2001** ICT X First Announcement and Exhibition information

**July 2001** Reservations for exhibition start

**Late 2003** Call For Abstracts and Registration Brochure

**February 2004** Abstract deadline.

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**Effects on Hearing and Balance**

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### 3rd Croatian Congress of Toxicology

with international participation, organized by the Croatian Toxicological Society will be held in Plitvice, Croatia, 26-29 May 2004.  
 Deadline for Abstract submission:  
 January 15, 2004

Registration, Accommodation and Abstract Submission Form can be found at the meeting's web site  
[www.htd.hr/crotox](http://www.htd.hr/crotox)

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### 7th ICMGP International Conference on Mercury as a global pollutant

Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 27 - July 2, 2004

Chair: Milena Horvat

<http://www.cd-cc.si/ICMGP04>



- Atmospheric cycling
- Biogeochemistry in the terrestrial and aquatic environment
- Analytical chemistry
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- Effects on ecosystems
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