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**The Scientific Committee on Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology  
of the International Commission on Occupational Health**

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## Chairman editorial

Dear Colleagues,

Time flies, and once more spring has reached all the way north to Scandinavia and Sweden. The snow has definitely left us, and the grass and the trees are turning green again.

Preparations are well under way for the 9th International Symposium to be held in Geongju, Korea, September 26 to 29 in 2005. Our colleagues in Korea are working hard to establish an interesting scientific program for us all, and you can follow their progress on the internet, <http://home.kosha.net/~neurotox/>.

With less than 18 months left before the 9th International Symposium, it is time to start planning for the 10th Symposium. Serious bids for this event, scheduled for 2008, are most welcome. Discussions are going on regarding a location of this symposium to Central America, and we would very much like to come back to the American continent. The International Symposium has not been organized in the Americas since 1988, when the venue was in Washington, DC. Thus, it is time we come back to the new world, following six consecutive symposia elsewhere; three in Asia, two in Europe, and one in Africa / the Middle East. It would thus be nice to celebrate the 10th International Symposium in the American continent!

At the National Institute for Working Life in Stockholm we're presently busy with the budget discussions for the next few years. This includes, of course, a discussion on the chemical risk assessment activities. There is also a discussion on the future financing of the Nordic Expert Group – a Nordic collaboration for production of criteria documents on chemicals for occupational exposure limits. We are happy to note that the present proposal is a substantial increase of the resources for this activity, and we are cautiously optimistic about the result of these discussions.

For me personally recovery from my illness is still in progress, but mostly I feel that progress is painstakingly slow. I'm still working only 50% of a full-time employment, and expect to do so for a few more months. My present plan is to be back at full swing within a year. That would mean full activity at least by the time of the 9th International Symposium in Geongju!

Best wishes to you all from Stockholm,

Anders Iregren  
Chairman

## From the secretary

Dear committee members,

I would like to remind you that copies of 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, are available as a special publication printed by ISPESL (The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention, Rome, Italy) ! If you want to receive a copy, please contact our secretary Simona Galafassi ([medlav@med.unibs.it](mailto:medlav@med.unibs.it)).

The next world ICOH International Conference will be held in June 2006 in Milan, Italy. In this issue of the bulletin you can read a recent letter to the SC Officers from Alain Cantineau, Vice president of ICOH and Pier Alberto Bertazzi, Chair of ICOH 2006.

I highlighted 3 points of this communication, regarding suggestion from the SC's on:

- 1) **themes and/or speakers for plenary lectures in the morning;**
- 2) **special themes and events (whatever they are called - mini-symposia, workshops, roundtables, and the like) for the Congress;**
- 3) **pre- and post- Congress events (short courses, workshops, etc.).**

We already have a proposal regarding point 3. As we discussed it during the business meeting at the ICOH Iguassu Falls in February 2003, a post-conference workshop on "Neurotoxic metals" may be organized in Brescia, Italy, right after Milan 2006. The workshop was jointly proposed by our Committee and the Scientific Committee on Toxicology of Metals. I am personally working on this project with Phil Landrigan, and we will prepare a draft outline of the scientific program in the next future.

You can read on this page a letter from Sergio Iavicoli, who is the Secretary General of ICOH, about the new ICOH web page. I am glad to announce you that we have a specific space for our Committee, where all the numbers of our bulletin will be published.

With my best regards,  
Roberto Lucchini

Dear ICOH members,

I am very pleased to inform you that the new website has been published ([www.icoh.org.sg](http://www.icoh.org.sg)).

The website has been developed by the Secretariat and the Webmaster Bruno Hannerman with contribution of the TG on Information.

The idea was to have a modern website with information easile accessible and organized . The format has been developed in consideration of WHO or ILO and major standard.

We also didn't include too fancy animation in Flash since especially in developing countries this might create some problems.

However the style is more communicative and with hypertext and pictures (see for instance the NSs section). Some sections are completely new like the homepage with highlights and the historical notes developed in cooperation with the SCHPOEDtahnks to Daniela Fano Secretary of the SC.

We developed the website wich is not consisting of two parallel websites (French and English) as it was in the old one, since the French section was almost empty.

We chose to have one website which include French version in the sections were these texts are available. However the General framework is bilingual and all the French information of the old website have been included in the new one. I take the opportunity that since last year more documents in French have been included (eg. Code of Ethics, Costitution, Byelaws , application form).Of course we will be happy to include more bilingual sections when available Of course this is the first step and we hope to further implement the ICOH website with virtual offices and more outputs and benefits for ICOH community.

My special thanks to Bruno and the Staff of the Secretariat particularly Fabio Boccuni of ISPESL for his outstanding contribution.

Best Regards  
Sergio Iavicoli



28<sup>th</sup> ICOH, International Congress on Occupational Health  
 28<sup>ème</sup> CIST, Congrès International de la Santé au Travail  
 28° CIST, Congreso Internacional de Salud en el Trabajo  
 28° Congresso Internazionale di Salute Occupazionale



### ***To ICOH Scientific Committee Officers***

Milan, 25 March 2004

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

As all of you already know, the **28<sup>th</sup> International Congress** of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) will be held in **Milan, Italy, June 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. What you might not know, instead, is that the ICOH was actually founded and launched in Milan on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1906 under the name of the “Permanent Commission on Occupational Health”!

The Italian Occupation Safety and Health community is proud to have been appointed almost unanimously by the ICOH membership to organize the 2006 ICOH Centennial Congress whose motto is

***“Renewing a Century of Commitment to a Healthy, Safe and Productive Working Life”.***

The First Announcement has been widely circulated since the beginning of this year; the booth for the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress during the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress in Iguassu, Brazil attracted hundreds of delegates fond of both Italian cheese and wine and ICOH activities; and a web-site has been activated ([www.icoh2006.it](http://www.icoh2006.it)) for your information and for any suggestions or comments you may have.

We warmly invite all Scientific Committee (SC) officers and SC members to start thinking about how to contribute to the Congress. Some initial requests and hints follow.

First of all, you’ll be asked to scrutinize the submitted abstracts related to your field of interest and expertise. Please note that we would very much like to favour participation from all countries, and especially from the emerging ones. For this reason, we would like to conduct, as far as possible, some kind of tutorship for abstracts requiring advice and probable amendments or changes. You will be asked to keep this in mind when scrutinizing abstracts, even though this may require a slightly longer time. Your advice will also be sought for the organization of the presentations, and your cooperation in chairing the sessions is expected. Any further suggestions and comments you may have on this issue will be highly valued.

Then, we'd appreciate any suggestions you might have on themes and/or speakers for plenary lectures in the morning. We very much value your cooperation in this matter as well and trust you'll understand if your suggestions cannot be accepted.

We also expect that SCs suggest special themes and events (whatever they are called - mini-symposia, workshops, roundtables, and the like) for the Congress. Budgetary arguments might come into play in this case, and we'll have to consider them carefully.

You might also be willing to organize pre- and post- Congress events (short courses, workshops, etc.). If so, we suggest you contact the Italian members of your SC as they have already been asked to do this. Proposals of special events of any kind you may consider appropriate can be taken into consideration, and discussed with you.

Finally, we trust you will start now to circulate information on ICOH 2006. The Second Announcement will be ready by the end of this year, and the web site will become more and more informative as time passes and all of us share ideas and suggest and design events that will influence the usefulness and, consequently, the success of the Centennial Congress.

Many, many thanks for your support and cooperation.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.



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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>

## ◆ The newsletter

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*Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome, preferably as .rtf files via E-mail, or on diskette by ordinary mail.*

*Preferred file format is Rich Text Format or MSWord.*

*The newsletter layout is produced using MSWord.*

*Feel free to contact me when you have any questions or suggestions related to contributions and/or the contents of this newsletter!*

## 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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## Sixth International Symposium on Biological Monitoring in Occupational & Environmental Health

September 6 - 8, 2004

University of Heidelberg, Germany  
Organized by the ICOH SC on Occupational Toxicology and the SC on Toxicology of Metals

<http://www.med.uni-heidelberg.de/arbsoz/c-home.htm>

**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
- Human health
- Effects on ecosystems
- Risk assessment
- Remediation
- Clean technologies
- Socio-economic aspects
- Contaminated/polluted sites
- Prevention and control measures
- Management policies and legislation

**2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WORK ABILITY**

**“ASSESSMENT AND PROMOTION OF WORK ABILITY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF AGEING WORKERS”**

**18-20 October 2004, Verona, Italy**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 2004:** abstracts submission

The **main topics** of the Symposium will be:

1. *Assessment of work ability in different occupations*
2. *Factors affecting work ability and employability of older workers*
3. *Promotion of health and work ability*
4. *Evaluation of work-related problems of elderly workers*

[www.cdlddevoto.it/ageing.htm](http://www.cdlddevoto.it/ageing.htm)

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**Second International Conference on Rural Health  
and First International Conference on Occupational and Environmental Health in Mediterranean, South East and Central European Countries**

Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro

May 26-29, 2004

[www.ruralhealth2004.bg.ac.yu](http://www.ruralhealth2004.bg.ac.yu)

# Committee's members

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