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

Chairman editorial

Dear friends and colleagues,

Time flies, and the summer is back all the way north to Scandinavia! Following a cool and wet spring, we're presently enjoying some sunshine with decent temperatures in Stockholm.

In just fifteen weeks, we will have the 9th International Symposium in Korea! I know our friends in Korea are working hard to put together an interesting program for us, and deeming from the information on the website (<http://home.kosha.net/~neurotox/>) the meeting will be successful. Still, those of you who didn't make your travel plan yet, should know that there is still an opportunity to register. I'm sure that the scientific deliberations during the meeting will be rewarding for all attendants, as will a visit to this fascinating country.

My wife and I have decided that we will fulfil an old dream of mine, and travel to Korea mostly by train! We will spend almost a week on the Trans Siberian Railway, going by train 7860 kilometres from Moscow to Beijing. Hopefully we will not be totally bored by spending more than six days in the train, and we expect to meet lots of interesting people there.

In one year's time from now, the ICOH centennial will be celebrated with the 28th International Congress on Occupational Health in Milan, Italy. Our scientific

committee will be involved in many interesting activities during this congress, and I surely hope to meet many of you in Milan. Even our committee meeting in Milan will be an important event, at least for me personally. According to the ICOH bye-laws, one can serve no more than six years as the chairman of a scientific committee. Thus, Milan is the place where I will resign from this appointment. This means that it is now time to start the process of appointing a candidate for the coming years as a chairman.

I therefore urge you to nominate candidates for the chairmanship of this committee, and by the end of this year we should have a voting procedure. This procedure will provide a candidate for the position as chairman, who will be proposed to the ICOH president. To support this process of nominations, part of ICOH bye-law 11 is reported below (for full text of ICOH bye-laws, see:

www.icoh.org.sg/core_docs/bye_laws_eng.pdf)

Looking forward to seeing you in Korea,

Anders Iregren

ICOH Bye-law 11: Scientific Committees

Section 1: The President appoints the Chairmen of the Scientific Committees, after consultation with the appropriate Vice-President, for a period of three years. The Committee members may officially propose the chairman to the President. The Chairmen must be active member in good standing of ICOH. They may be appointed for no more than one additional three-year period.

Section 2: The Chairmen of a Scientific Committee appoints the secretary in consultation with the Committee members. The appointment must be approved by the President.

From the secretary

Dear committee members,

The mid-term meeting of ICOH Board and Scientific Committees took place in Helsinki, Finland, on January 28. The activities from our SC were presented together with the future plans. A possible future activity from the SCs is represented by the production of a Handbook, where each SC report all update scientific information regarding the specific area of interest. In our case, the idea would be to write a comprehensive update of the neurobehavioral methods that could be used to investigate selected chemicals of interest. I would like to invite all the Committee members to collaborate with us for this project. The ideal work should be that the experts on particular chemicals describe the tests that have been used and that should be used in future studies on specific chemicals.

The planning of ICOH 2006 is proceeding and the 2nd announcement is now available on the official website of the conference www.icoh2006.it.

Also the preparation of NTOXMET, the post conference workshop of ICOH 2006, organized by our SC in collaboration with the SC on the Toxicology of Metals, is proceeding with the submission of funding applications and the formation of the scientific program. The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) has accepted to sponsor the workshop that is now listed on the IUPAC calendar of supported symposia: <http://www.iupac.org/symposia/2006.html>
A conference website is now available on www.ntoxmet.it

I have the pleasure to announce a new member of our SC: welcome to Christoph van Thriel from Dortmund, Germany !

With my best regards and wishes,
Roberto Lucchini

A Message from the President of INA

Dear INA members,

The 10th meeting of INA is around the corner (June 26-July 1). The meeting is shaping up to be exciting and integrative in nature. I wish you a happy and safe journey to Porvoo. Plans for INA 11 are already underway. This is the time to be thinking about the venue for INA 12 in 2009. It takes considerable time and effort to host a meeting, and the sooner started the better. Please give consideration to the possibility of hosting INA 12. If you have the time, desire and interest for doing so, have preliminary information available at the meeting. There will be time at the business meeting for open discussion of any and all nominations. I look forward to seeing everyone in Finland.

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9th International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects
in Occupational and Environmental Health
September 26 (Mon) - 29 (Thu), 2005 Gyeongju, Korea

Dear colleagues,

For the Symposium, please
- register at lower fee by **30 June 2005**

Updated features at our website <http://home.kosha.net/~neurotox>
- Minisymposia information: *Programs > Scientific programs*
- Modified program timetable: *Information > Downloads > Program at a glance*

See you in Gyeongju!

Best wishes,

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International Meetings

INA-10 - The 10th Meeting of the International Neurotoxicology Association

26 June -1 July 2005, Hotel Haikko Manor, Porvoo, Finland

Aims of the INA-10 Jubilee Meeting

1. To promote interaction between neurotoxicology and other fields of neurosciences
2. To increase collaboration between neurotoxicologists, epidemiologists and clinicians
3. To provide an exciting forum for graduate and postgraduate students
4. To increase knowledge of the mechanisms of neurotoxic adverse effects to provide basis for
 - a. safety regulations to prevent occupational and environmental neurotoxic effects
 - b. clinical practice and reliable diagnostics
 - c. identification of new neurotoxic hazards
 - d. treatment strategies of adverse effects

<http://www.neurotoxicology.org/ina10.htm>



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

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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

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28th International Congress of ICOH (International Commission on Occupational Health)

Milan, Italy

11-16 June 2006



www.icoh2006.it

Committee's members

To avoid the generation of spam messages using email addresses, we listed only the names and countries of our committee's members. More info can be obtained by the SC officers.

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