



**ICOH 2006-2008 TRIENNIUM
MIDTERM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MIDTERM REPORT
Covering June 2006 – October 2007**

Note: We are using an identical format for the SC Midterm and Final Reports. Each covers a specified timeframe. **The SC Midterm Report covers June 2006 – October 31, 2007. Please return it no later than December 1, 2007 to:**

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The SC Midterm Report will be maintained on the ICOH Scientific Committee Virtual Office at www.icohweb.org/scvo.

Submitted by Scientific Committee:___Construction Industry___

Date:_____

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From year: 2006

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From year: 2006

SC Website URL: www.ohici.nl (under construction)

Other SC Means of Communications: Regular email updates; website (under construction)

Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:

- a) Safety—currently focused on safety management
- b) Health—currently focused on defining occupational risks for COPD

PART I – ACTIVITIES: Business meetings, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

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Please note collaborations with other SCs, WHO, ILO and NGOs.

1) Business meeting:

Venue: Milan

Date: June 2006

Number of attendees: 13

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.icohweb.org/scvo/>):

2) Business meeting:

Venue: Copenhagen

Date: April 25, 2007

Number of attendees: 15

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.icohweb.org/scvo/>):

3) Business meeting (Planned):

Venue:

Date:

Number of attendees:

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut: (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.icohweb.org/scvo/>):

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Courses, etc:

(please fill in the tables)

(1) Name of the event:	Minisymposium				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
		X			
Date:	June 24, 2007				
Venue:	Danish National Research Centre for the Working Environment, Copenhagen (www.nrcwe.dk)				
Organizers:	Danish National Research Centre for the Working Environment				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	Scientific Committee members				
Number of participants:	25				
Publication of proceedings:	None				
Book of abstracts:	None				
Book of selected proceedings:					
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:	The papers are included in a special issue to be published by American journal of Industrial Medicine (see below)				
Assessment of success:	The symposium was very well received and will be a regular add-on whenever the Committee meets				

(2) Name of the event:					
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
Date:					

Venue:	
Organizers:	
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	
Number of participants:	
Publication of proceedings:	
Book of abstracts:	
Book of selected proceedings:	
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:	
Assessment of success:	

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Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
Date:					
Venue:					
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Special issue of peer reviewed journals:					
Assessment of success:					

**PART II Midterm Report: SC Products and Collaborations June 2006 – September 30, 2007
Publications, Guidelines*, Position Papers*, etc**

Publications, Proceedings, Guidelines*, Position Papers*, etc. Provide title, authors, full citation. SCs are encouraged to produce ICOH Guidelines* and Position Papers*. *Guidelines and Position Papers must be approved by the ICOH SC Vice Presidents, Secretary General and President.

Publications: The Committee is producing a special issue of the American Journal of Industrial Medicine, with approximately 12 articles submitted by Committee members.

Guidelines: The Committee is completing 11 guidelines for use by health professionals engaged in clinical evaluations of construction workers. The guidelines will be posted on the Committee website (www.ohici.nl).

Cooperation with other Scientific Committees: (If cooperation in a Conference not listed above, provide title, dates, location and role of each SC. Provide relevant details of other collaborations with SCs.)

We have initiated cooperation with two Committees:

- Respiratory Disorders
- OH in Small-scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector

We expect to collaborate with these committees in the preparation of our sessions at the 2009 Conference.

Participation and support to WHO – ILO meetings and or publications: (If cooperation in a Conference not listed above, provide title, dates, location and role of each. Provide relevant details of other collaborations with WHO and/or ILO.)

None

Cooperation with non-ICOH organizations: (If cooperation in a Conference not listed above, provide title, dates, location and role of each. Provide relevant details of collaborations other than conferences.)

None

Any other points of relevance:

**PART III Midterm Report: SC PLANS for second half of Triennium and for ICOH 2009:
October 1, 2007 – March 30, 2009**

Planned business meetings, conferences, seminars: (provide title, location, date if possible)

Business meeting and mini symposium, Washington DC, April 24-25, 2008.

Planned collaborative Activities with other ICOH Scientific Committees: (Provide Conference title, dates, location and role of each SC. Provide relevant details of other collaborations with SCs.)

See above

Planned collaborative Activities with other (Non-ICOH) Organizations: (Provide Conference title, dates, location and role of the SC. Provide relevant details of collaborations other than conferences.)

None

Planned Publications, Position papers, etc.: (Provide title, authors, timeframe, publication, if known)

None

Planned Scientific Contributions to ICOH 2009: (Be specific: List title of scientific sessions, speakers, abstract reviewers, business meeting, etc.)

- Scientific Sessions:
 - Occupational risk for COPD in Construction Workers. In collaboration with Scientific Committee on Respiratory Disorders
 - Construction Safety Management. In collaboration with the Scientific Committee on OH in Small-scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector
- Business meeting of the Committee

Any other points of relevance:

PART IV – Assessment of Success of SC and Impact on Global Occupational Health

We want to understand and share widely the value and impact of the work of the Scientific Committees on improving global occupational health. Please look back into the past and provide an assessment.

Midterm Report: Please assess the success of the SC and its influence in improving global occupational health as a result of the work *prior to* the current Triennium. Give examples where possible.

The scientific evidence-base for construction safety and health is weak, and the Committee has been the primary source of trying to coordinate the research that is being done. As a result, the committee has grown in size and the quality of the work that is being presented is improving significantly. Five major contributions during the past triennium can be credited to the Committee:

- The committee was an important part of a NIVA to Workshop in Finland to examine intervention research, in March 2005.
- The committee produced a Special Issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Work Environment and Health based on the research presented in Finland in 2006.
- The committee instituted mini-symposia, to be held in conjunction with business meetings, to enable Committee members to present research and to enable the local sponsoring organization to invite scientists in the host country to participate.
- The committee developed guidelines for the clinical evaluation of construction workers, which are currently being reviewed.
- The committee initiated a website www.ohici.nl which will become the Committee's official website.

PART V – Evaluation of this Midterm Report form.

This form is acceptable

This form should be changed. Please recommend changes.

PART VI – List of Members of Scientific Committee (provide full name and email address)

Name:

Email address:

Thank you for completing this form.

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