



**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.ichweb.org/scvo.

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Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:

The SC is focused in elucidating mechanisms of immune toxicity of environmental and occupational toxicants. In particular allergies, immunodeficiencies autoimmune disorders and immune mechanisms involved in carcinogenesis are issues of interest.

The SC aims at organize and encourage scientific activities for ICOH members who are interested in research fields of occupational, environmental allergy and immunotoxicology. Furthermore, the SC aims at sharing and extending the related fruits, and to put the relevant plans into practice.

PART I – ACTIVITIES: Business meetings, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops
Midterm Report: June 2006-September 30, 2007
Please note collaborations with other SCs, WHO, ILO and NGOs.

1) **Business meeting:**

Venue: Milan, during the ICOH congress

Date: Wednesday 14 June

Number of attendees: 10

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:	International Symposium “IMMUNE EFFECTS OF WORK ENVIRONMENT”				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
			X		
Date:	June 20, 2006				
Venue:	Lodi, Italy				
Organizers:	SC Allergy and Immunotoxicology				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	SC Rural Health				
Number of participants:	50				
Publication of proceedings:					
Book of abstracts:	Book of abstract distributed to participants				
Book of selected proceedings:					
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:					
Assessment of success:					

(2) Name of the event:	The 16 th International Congress on Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health Building new tools for health promotion in Rural Areas				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
	X				
Date:	<i>18-21 June 2006</i>				
Venue:	<i>Lodi (Italy)</i>				
Organizers:	SC Rural Health and SC Allergy and Immunotoxicology				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.					

Number of participants:	200
Publication of proceedings:	
Book of abstracts:	Distributed to participants
Book of selected proceedings:	
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.

Selected papers of the Meeting held in Kumamoto (2005, Japan) has been published in a supplement of the International Journal on Immunopathology and Pharmacology- IF 3,25 - (issue Apr-Jun;20-suppl 2-), all abstracts are listed in MedLine and the volume will be presented at the next midterm report.

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.)

The SC started this year a collaboration with some universities of Sudan (Gezira university) and Gambia (Gambia University) both in studying environmental causes of immune related diseases, in particular cancer. Furthermore, the collaboration will be extended in organizing an international PhD, with the main site in the G. d'Annunzio University in Chieti (Italy), to favour young African researchers.

Any other points of relevance:

Further collaborative projects have been established among various members of the SC. A collaborative project has been established between Osaka University (Osaka, Japan) - prof. Kanehisa Morimoto and G. d'Annunzio University (Chieti, Italy) – Prof Mario Di Gioacchino. The project aims at evaluating the impact on health of environmental and occupational toxicants and life stile, also by comparing their effects on different populations. The project will also favour the exchange of researchers between the two universities.

Collaborative programmes have been established between Chieti University and Shanxi University in China in the field of occupational toxicology related to metals.

**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)

*International Congress “ ENVIRONMENT, IMMUNE-MEDIATED DISEASE AND CANCER: LESSONS FROM DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES” will be held in Khartoum Sudan from March 28th to April 2nd. Web site at: www.eidc2008.com
The congress will be organized in collaboration with the Scientific Committee on “Indoor Air Quality” and the “Italian Society of Occupational Medicine”*

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.)

Prof. Kanehisa Morimoto is establishing a collaborative scientific program with the Shanxi Medical University (China) and to completely assess the project the dean of the Chinese faculty on Environmental Health will be in Osaka for 3 months starting from January 2008.

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

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

Business meeting during the ICOH 2009.

2 scientific sessions on ICOH 2009

Abstract reviewers: Prof Mario Di Gioacchino, Prof Kanehisa Morimoto, Prof Paolo Boscolo

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.

PART V – Evaluation of this Midterm Report form.

_____ This form is acceptable

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