

# Epidemiology in Occupational Health, EPICOH

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**Other SC Means of Communications:**

**Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:**

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

### **Midterm Report: June 2006-September 30, 2007**

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#### **1) Business meeting:**

Venue: Banff, Alberta Canada

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Number of attendees: 42 (36 EPICOH members)

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.icohweb.org/scvo/>): 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007

#### **Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Courses, etc:**

<b>(1) Name of the event:</b>					
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
	X				
<b>Date:</b>	19th International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health 9-12 October 2007				
<b>Venue:</b>	Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada				
<b>Organizers:</b>	Prof Nicola Cherry, Dr. Igor Burstyn University of Alberta				
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>					
<b>Number of participants:</b>	300				
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>	Published online in Occupational and Environmental Health: <a href="http://oem.bmj.com/content/vol64/issue12">http://oem.bmj.com/content/vol64/issue12</a>				

<b>Book of abstracts:</b>	
<b>Book of selected proceedings:</b>	
<b>Special issue of peer reviewed journals:</b>	
<b>Assessment of success:</b>	A very successful meeting, with a lot of new and young investigators active within the field of epidemiology in occupational health

<b>(2) Name of the event:</b>					
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Date:</b>					
<b>Venue:</b>					
<b>Organizers:</b>					
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>					
<b>Number of participants:</b>					
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>					
<b>Book of abstracts:</b>					
<b>Book of selected proceedings:</b>					
<b>Special issue of peer reviewed journals:</b>					
<b>Assessment of success:</b>					

<b>(3) Name of the event:</b>					
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Date:</b>					
<b>Venue:</b>					
<b>Organizers:</b>					

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

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

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**Publications, Proceedings, Guidelines\*, Position Papers\*, etc.**

none

**Cooperation with other Scientific Committees:**

Collaboration with ICOH SC on Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology in the preparation of the joint meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health June 9-11, 2008 and the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Environmental and Occupational Health June 11-13, 2008 in San Jose, Costa Rica

**Participation and support to WHO – ILO meetings and or publications:**

none

**Cooperation with non-ICOH organizations:**

none

**Any other points of relevance:**

none

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

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**Planned business meetings, conferences, seminars:**

20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health June 9-11, 2008 and the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Environmental and Occupational Health June 11-13, 2008 in San Jose, Costa Rica

21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health in Taiwan 2010  
Business meetings are foreseen to take place during these events and during ICOH 2009 in Capetown SA.

**Planned collaborative Activities with other ICOH Scientific Committees:**

Collaboration with ICOH SC on Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology in the preparation of the joint meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health June 9-11, 2008 and the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Environmental and Occupational Health June 11-13, 2008 in San Jose, Costa Rica

The organizers of the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Epidemiology in Occupational Health in Taiwan are exploring the possibility of a joint meeting with either the SC Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace or SC Cardiology in Occupational Health.

**Planned collaborative Activities with other (Non-ICOH) Organizations:**

The SC will collaborate with the organizers of the X2009 conference on exposure assessment to be held in Boston, USA in 2009. The committee's contributions will include providing publicity via the [epicoh.org](http://epicoh.org) web site, sharing our experience with the organizers, providing names of past EPICOH conferences attendees and assisting with review of abstracts.

**Planned Publications, Position papers, etc.:**

As with other recent conferences, publication of abstracts of the 2008 conference as an online supplement of *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* is proposed. Discussions with the journal are currently ongoing.

A position paper on the teaching of occupational epidemiology in middle-income and developing countries is under development.

**Planned Scientific Contributions to ICOH 2009:**

EPICOH Business meeting  
T44 Occupational Cancer  
T17 Epidemiology in Occupational Health  
Special session Silica, Silicosis and TB

**Any other points of relevance:**

None

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

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**Midterm Report:**

The primary functions of the SC are to promote communication among epidemiologists, industrial hygienists, and other occupational health scientists worldwide and to provide a forum for epidemiologic research on occupational health. The SC's 19 EPICOH conferences since 1981 are recognized as the principal international venue for presentation and discussion of new work in this diverse field and for providing essential opportunities for professional networking. Research presented at EPICOH conferences has undoubtedly had both direct and indirect impacts on occupational health on local and global levels. However, we do not have a means for tracking the

impact of our members' work and generally do not know about such impacts unless the members report them.