



**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.

**Submitted by Scientific Committee:
Scientific Committee
Health Services Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health
Date: 18 December 2007**

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Other SC Means of Communications: E-Newsletter

Focus and aim of Scientific Committee: To stimulate the international exchange of experiences on research programmes, methodology and practice in the field of health services and policy in occupational health and to identify priority areas for international comparative research.

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, Italy

Date: June 12, 2006

Number of attendees: 29

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at

<http://www.ichweb.org/scvo/>):

2) Business meeting:

Venue: Paris, France

Date: September 28-29, 2006

Number of attendees: 6

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

The meeting was organized to start the preparations for the OHS Congress in Paris on October 2008, to prepare for the OHS Congress in Dubrovnik on September 2007, and to discuss the evolution of the French system of occupational health.

3) Business meeting:

Venue: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Date: November 9, 2007

Number of attendees: 18

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.ichweb.org/scvo/>):**Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Courses, etc:***(please fill in the tables)*

(1) Name of the event:	14th International Congress on Occupational Health Services - Occupational Health Services in Transition in Eastern and Western Europe in conjunction with the 4th Croatian Congress on Occupational Health.				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
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Date:	November 8-11, 2007				
Venue:	Dubrovnik, Croatia				
Organizers:	Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Andrija Štampar School of Public Health, Croatia in collaboration with the the ICOH Scientific Committee on Health Services Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.					
Number of participants:	Approximately 300				
Publication of proceedings:					
Book of abstracts:	Available				
Book of selected proceedings:					
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:	To be published in the Croatian Medical Journal (http://www.cmj.hr/) in 2008				
Assessment of success:	Excellent in bringing together experts and scientist from the Western Europe and Eastern European newly independent countries				

(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:					
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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.

"[Supporting Health and Work - international perspectives on occupational health services](#)" (Eds. Peter Westerholm and David Walters). The book can be ordered from Lavenham Press Ltd. (+44-1787-247436).

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.)

Contacts have been kept with the ICOH SC on Education and Training, with the SC of Work and Vision, SC of Handicap and Work (return to work) and SC of OH and Development.

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.)

Regular contacts have been to WHO/EURO on occupational health matters. Dr Timo Leino has participated in the WHO Collaborating Centres' Activity Manager meetings for implementation of Global Plan of Action on Workers Health.

Dr Timo Leino participated in the WHO/EURO Collaborating Centres Meeting: Regional Implementation of Global Plan of Action on Workers Health in November 10, 2008, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

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.)

Members of the SC have contributed in producing systematic reviews of the Cochrane Occupational Health Field of the Cochrane Collaboration (see the minutes, November 9, 2008).

Professor Ewan McDonald and professor Kaj Husman have been active in the ATOM project of the European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine (EASOM) (see the minutes, November 9, 2008).

Dr Timo Leino participated in the second South Eastern European OHS Network meeting in November 10, 2008, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Any other points of relevance:

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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**

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

Business meeting in January 8-9, 2008 in CISME (Centres Interservices de Santé et de Médecine du Travail en Entreprise), Paris, France.

15th International Congress on OHS, in October 22-24, 2008 together with CISME.

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.)

Dr Leino will participate in a one day workshop on basic occupational health services (BOHS) of the SC on Occupational Health and Development to be held in conjunction of [the 58th National Conference of Indian Association of Occupational Health \(IAOH\)](#) in January 22-25, 2008, Mumbai, India.

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.)

We intend to strengthen links on work and health in the field of primary care by collaborating with the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (WONCA).

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.)

See the confirmation forms.

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.

Our committee has been one of the most active ones in ICOH during its 15-year existence. We have contributed, in particular, in the formulation of the professional ethics code of ICOH and by publishing text books on ethics, good occupational health practice and evaluation of health services. The idea of starting an occupational health field in the Cochrane collaboration originated from our committee. Our members have been active in publishing scientific papers on occupational health service quality and evidence on effectiveness of interventions. We have organised on a regular basis on average two scientific conferences per Triennium.

PART V – Evaluation of this Midterm Report form.

This form is acceptable

This form should be changed. Please recommend changes.
