



**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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**Submitted by Scientific Committee: INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH  
Date: November, 30 2007**

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**Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:**

Air quality in non industrial working environment and its effects on health is of particular interest mostly in developed countries where the majority of the working population (more than 60%) is operating in a confined space such as offices, hospitals, schools. Poor quality indoor air is a risk for health and a source of discomfort for workers. The main aims of the SC are: To research indoor air pollution and its effects on the health of the working population; to assess current epidemiological and clinical methods of research in this field; to propose and coordinate activities to ensure a better indoor environment in non-industrial workplaces; to inform specialists in Occupational Medicine and other specialists with close interests about Indoor Air Pollution and its effects on health and to promote awareness of it among workforce.

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

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

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1) **Business meeting:**

Venue: Milan Room Green 2 of the Fiera Congress Centre  
 Date: Tuesday, June 13 2006 at 1:25 p.m. .

Number of attendees: 6

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)*

<b>(1) Name of the event:</b>	<b>Milan ICOH Congress, June 11-16, 2006</b>				
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
					Scientific Session
<b>Date:</b>	June, 13 2006				
<b>Venue:</b>	Milan, Fiera Congress Centre				
<b>Organizers:</b>	ICOH; Dept. Occup.Health University of Milan; Italian Society of Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene; Italian National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention				
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>					
<b>Number of participants:</b>	60				
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>					
<b>Book of abstracts:</b>	Book of Abstracts of the Milan 28 <sup>th</sup> International Congress on Occupational Health				
<b>Book of selected proceedings:</b>					
<b>Special issue of peer reviewed journals:</b>					
<b>Assessment of success:</b>					

<b>(2) Name of the event:</b>	<b>Milan ICOH Congress, June 11-16, 2006 - Indoor Environment, Work and Health</b>				
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
					Special Session
<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2006				

<b>Venue:</b>	Milan, Fiera Congress Centre
<b>Organizers:</b>	ICOH; Dept. Occup.Health University of Milan; Italian Society of Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene; Italian National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>	
<b>Number of participants:</b>	84
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>	
<b>Book of abstracts:</b>	Book of Abstracts of the Milan 28 <sup>th</sup> International Congress on Occupational Health
<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.** 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.

**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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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**

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

**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.)

Collaboration with the SC on Allergy and Immunotoxicology

**International Congress on “Environment, Immune-mediated disease and cancer” 28 March- 2 April 2008, Khartoum (Sudan).**

Role of the SCs

SC on Allergy and Immunotoxicology: Main Organization

SC on Indoor Air Quality: Support in the Organization; Active Scientific Participation

**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.)

INDOOR AIR 2008 CONGRESS on Indoor Air Quality and Climate. Copenhagen (Denmark) 17-22 August 2008. Role of the SC on Indoor Air Quality: Co-Sponsor.

**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.)

**Organization of**

One Mini-symposium on “Indoor air quality and health in non-industrial working environment”.

One or two free paper sessions on the topic

**Any other points of relevance:**

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**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.**

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**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 Committee on Indoor Air Quality and Health (SCIAQ)** has organized several Meetings, participated in scientific sessions at National and International Congresses and actively collaborated with other Scientific Societies and ICOH SCs such as “Allergy and Immunotoxicology”, “Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses”, “Pesticides”, “Work and

Vision". Some members of our **"SC on Indoor Air Quality"** organized, or were involved in organizing, national encounters where indoor air was *the*, or one of the, main subjects in a session. At the **2004 Italian National Congress on Occupational Medicine** which was held in Naples, one of the main topics was "The quality of indoor non-industrialized working environments", which focussed on risk assessment, prevention and health surveillance. More than 1000 people attended this meeting. In the year 2005, the ICOH **"SC on Indoor Air Quality"** (SCIAQ) was one of the main Scientific (non-financial) Sponsors of the **10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate which was held in Beijing – China on September 4-9, 2005**. The congress was very well attended with more than 1200 scientists from 48 different countries presenting over 1000 papers. We are confident all this activity will stimulate and encourage people who are interested in the field of the indoor air to join our group and be pro-positive and active members.

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