



**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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Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:

Focus of the SC is research in the field of neurotoxicology, neurobehavioral, neurosensory and neurodevelopmental toxicology.

Aim of the SC is to provide scientific updates on the adverse effects due to occupational and environmental exposure to neurotoxic agents, and on the most suitable methods for their detection. We are specifically trying to reach scientists in the newly industrialized countries, due to the exportation of "dirty industrial procedures" from the industrialized parts of the world to less well regulated geographic areas.

**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: the ICOH 28th Congress

Date: June 15, 2006

Number of attendees: 12 persons

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:

Date:

Number of attendees:

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

3) Business meeting:

Venue:

Date:

Number of attendees:

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:	Chronic Solvent induced Encephalopathy (CSE) European round table meeting				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
			X		
Date:	15 th - 16 th March 2007				
Venue:	Cologne				
Organizers:	German Group on CSE research, University of Dortmund				
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:					

(2) Name of the event:	Chronic Solvent induced Encephalopathy (CSE) European round table meeting II				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
			X		
Date:	13 th - 14 th September 2007				
Venue:	Amsterdam				
Organizers:	Dutch group on CSE research				

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:	

(3) Name of the event:	A special symposium on NEUROBEHAVIORAL TESTING IN HUMAN RISK ASSESSMENT				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
	X				
Date:	June 10-15, 2007				
Venue:	Asilomar, CA USA				
Organizers:	SCNP				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	International Neurotoxicology Association (INA),				
Number of participants:					
Publication of proceedings:					
Book of abstracts:					
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.

Special Issue: The 9th International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Occupational and Environmental Health. Neurotoxicology Vol 28 (2), March 2007

A consensus document on the Chronic Solvent Encephalopathy was actively sponsored by this SC and two meetings took place in Cologne and Amsterdam in 2007 and the final document is intended to be presented at the next Conference in Costa Rica.

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.)

A strong collaboration is continuing with the SC on Toxicology of Metals, after many sessions co-organized during the latest conferences in Milan 2006 and Brescia NTOXMET, the two SCs are actively preparing a pre-conference meeting and common sessions for the next ICOH conference in South Africa.

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.)

Special symposium at the International Meeting of INA in Asilomar California, USA

The SCNP has organized a special symposium on NEUROBEHAVIORAL TESTING IN HUMAN RISK ASSESSMENT at the 11th Biannual Meeting of International Neurotoxicology Association (INA), which will be held in Asilomar, CA USA on June 10-15, 2007. The collaboration with this parallel organization will continue with a joint meeting in 2011.

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: During the 10th SCNP Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, 11-13 June 2008

Conference: the 10th International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Environmental and Occupational Health (NEUREOH), San Jose, Costa Rica, 11-13 June 2008

Seminar: Special Meeting on “Occupational Neurotoxicology: Multidisciplinary Methods of Clinical and Epidemiologic Research Evaluations” during the 18th World Congress on Occupational Safety and Health, Seoul Korea, 29-30 June 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.)

Collaboration with EPICOH: A joint conference will held in Costa Rica in 2008. The 20th EPICOH meeting will be held the first 3 days and the 10th SCNP meeting will be held the last 3 days of the week of 9-13 June, 2008. One day will be overlapped with common interests like Neuroepidemiology on 11 June.

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.)

Seminar for training neurobehavioral test methods in South Africa; Training activity on neurobehavioral methods is being planned for Southern African Development Community (SADC) participants, within the Swedish funded initiative WAHSA (Work and Health in Southern Africa) http://www.nioh.ac.za/Collaborations/collab_wahsa.htm

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.)

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 activities of SCNPN has influenced to improve global occupational health through developing neurobehavioral test methods and evaluating neurotoxic effects. Its activity is very important because many neurotoxic chemicals are being used in developing countries, where the evaluating methods are not well developed.

- The members of SCNPN are very active to develop diagnostic criteria of Chronic Toxic Encephalopathy (CSE), which will be useful in developing countries in the future.

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)

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