



**ICOH 2006-2008 TRIENNIUM
MIDTERM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MIDTERM REPORT
Covering June 2006 – October 2007**

Submitted by Scientific Committee: Occupational Health & Development

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SC Website URL: <http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/partner/ICOH/>

Other SC Means of Communications:

1. E Mail communications to members
2. Publishing - According to the SCOHDev practice, the papers presented in the African and Asian Sessions in the Milan Congress have been published in the African and Asian-Pacific Newsletters, respectively.
3. Website - The website of SCOHDev is being maintained at FIOH. It will be updated continuously.
4. Distribution of various information materials - FIOH will continue the distribution of the African, Asian-Pacific and Barents Newsletters to SCOHDev members.

Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:

SCOHDev's focus of interest is the relation between occupational health and development. The relation between technical and economic development and occupational health should be explored. It should be possible to improve occupational health and safety even in a situation where resources are scarce and unemployment high. Occupational health and safety should be developed and sustained taking into consideration the new threats and challenges of the globalized market economy.

The most important function of the Committee is networking, allowing for contacts between those interested and active in issues of occupational health and development both in developing and industrialized countries, taking into account social and cultural aspects. The activities of SCOHDev and the contents of its communication should be action-oriented rather than research or training-oriented.

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: Held

Venue: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, Canada

Date: 27 October 2007

Number of attendees: 16

Date report sent to VP Fingerhut (Please use Business Report form in SC Virtual Office at <http://www.icohweb.org/scvo/>): 1 December 2007

2) Business meeting: Planned.

Venue: Mumbai, India

Date: 23rd January 2008

Number of attendees:

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

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Courses, etc: Planned.

(please fill in the tables)

(1) Name of the event:	ICOH Pre-Conference Workshop: Occupational health services for health care workers in rural/remote areas and developing countries				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
			x		
Date:	25 October 2007				
Venue:	Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, Canada				
Organizers:	University of British Columbia, Canada and PAHO				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	Collaboration with ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Health for Health Care Workers, World Health Organization and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for 7th ICOH International Conference on Health Care Worker Health Dates from October 26, 2007 to October 28, 2007 Location - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The invitation for SCOHDev to contribute to the above mentioned Workshop came both from the Organizing Committee of the Conference and the ICOH Scientific Committee on Health Care Workers.				
Number of	40				

participants:	
Publication of proceedings:	A guideline is planned to be produced, to be published by US NIOSH. SCOHDev Committee Chair promised to submit a draft for a sub-chapter on Information.
Book of abstracts:	
Book of selected proceedings:	
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:	
Assessment of success:	The Workshop was well implemented, in four groups which reported their discussions in the Plenary. Each Working Group planned also a brief guideline to be published. The guideline can be expected to serve all OH&S actors in remote areas and developing countries.

(2) Name of the event:	Basic Occupational Health Services – Current status and future challenges (Workshop)				
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
			Yes		
Date:	21 st January 2008				
Venue:	Mumbai, India				
Organizers:	Scientific Committee on Occupational Health & Development				
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.	Indian Association of Occupational Health is hosting the workshop. Three other ICOH SCs as co-organizer: SC on Occupational Health Nursing SC on Health Services Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health SC on Unemployment and Health				
Number of participants:	35				
Publication of proceedings:	Planned				
Book of abstracts:					
Book of selected proceedings:					
Special issue of peer reviewed journals:					
Assessment of success:	Completion of workshop and publication of proceedings				

**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.

African Newsletter on Occupational Health and Safety

Beke A. Occupational health services for health care workers in Mpumalanga Province in South Africa. 2007; 17(1):22–4.

Mbatha SM. Personal experiences following enactment of Factories and Other Places of Work rules in Kenya. 2007; 17(1):25.

Clarke EE, Sutherland DK. Initiatives in occupational health and safety of health care workers in Ghana. 2007; 17(2): 54–5.

Asian-Pacific Newsletter on Occupational Health and Safety

Shanbhag SM. Sustainable workplace improvement through training and benchmarking. 2006; 13(3): 68–9.

Article by That Khai T, Kawakani T, Kogi K. on WIND Programme in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam had been published in 2006; 13(1): 10–3.

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:

**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)

Basic Occupational Health Services (BOHS) – Current status and future challenges (Workshop)

Location - Mumbai, India

Date - 21st January 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.)

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.)

Collaboration with Indian Association of Occupational Health for

58th National Conference on Occupational Health & International Update.

Date - 22nd to 25th January 2008

Location - Mumbai, India

SC will support the organization of the conference, provide faculty for the topics, organize a symposium on Basic Occupational Health Services within the conference.

Collaboration with Indian Association of Occupational Health for

National Workshop on ‘Developing a roadmap for Basic Occupational Health in India’.

Date - 22nd January 2008

Location - Mumbai, India

SC officers and members will support the organization of the workshop, participate in the proceedings and give inputs.

Collaboration with the African Association on Occupational Health, Association beninoise de Sécurité de Sante au Travail, and UER de Sante au Travail et Environnement (URESTE) for **7th Panafrican Congress on Occupational Health (PACOH)**

Date - 3 March to 6 March 2008

Location - Cotonou, Benin

A proposal for collaboration with Occupational and Environmental Health Society, Singapore **19th Asian Conference on Occupational Health**

Date - 17–19 September 2008

Location - Singapore

SC will offer a session for developing countries and promote participation in the conference.

Request received for collaboration with Vietnam Association of Occupational Health for

Third International Scientific Conference on Occupational and Environmental Health

Date - 21–23 October 2008 in Hanoi

Location - Hanoi, Vietnam

SC will support the organization of the conference and promote participation in the conference.

Request received for collaboration with ICOH SC on Rural Health
17th International Congress of Agricultural Medicine & Rural Health
Date - 13–16 October 2009
Location - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Request received for collaboration with ICOH SC on Health of the Health Care Workers
8th International conference on Occupational Health for Health Care Workers
Date - 2010
Venue - Casablanca, Morocco
To be organized as a joint endeavour

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.)

SC proposes to organise following scientific sessions / symposia during ICOH 2009.

1. Occupational health and safety in Africa (African symposium/session)
2. Occupational health and safety in Asia (Asian symposium/session)
3. Occupational health and safety in Latin America (Latin American symposium/session)
4. Occupational health – a common good in the global village (One general session on occupational health and development – combination of all).

Speakers - being finalised

Chairman & Secretary of the Committee will act as abstract reviewers.

Business meeting will be conducted during the conference.

Any other points of relevance:

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

The SCOHDev has served as a joint forum of experts coming from developing and industrialized countries to discuss and develop occupational health as a joint endeavour. Exchange of information and networking are the most important forms of collaboration.

Midterm Report: The Workshop on BOHS, arranged in Helsinki in January 2005, brought together experts from Asia, Africa, Latin America and countries in transition in the European Region. The Workshop provided an opportunity to understand the similarities and differences of the countries when developing occupational health services. The proceedings is available at:
<http://www.ttl.fi/Internet/partner/ICOH/Publications/>

PART V – Evaluation of this Midterm Report form.

This form is acceptable

This form should be changed. Please recommend changes.

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