



**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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Three Newsletters / year (Feb, July, Nov) Improved and enhanced website with News Alerts and Literature Reviews ([www.medichem.org](http://www.medichem.org))

**Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:** Medichem's prime objective is international co-operation in those occupational and environmental health issues related to the production and use of chemicals that are of universal concern and that are most effectively resolved through a globally co-ordinated approach. Medichem's underlying objective is to contribute to the prevention of adverse effects on employees, customers and the general public, arising from the production and handling of chemicals.

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**PART I – ACTIVITIES: Business meetings, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops**  
**Midterm Report: June 2006-September 30, 2007**

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

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2006: On the occasion of the ICOH –congress in Milano, Medichem organized a Mini-Symposium together with the Scientific Committee on Pesticides (June 11 – 16).

Board meeting, General Assembly (June 2006)

Medichem also co-sponsored an "Advanced Hazmat Life Support" (AHLS) course on June 8-9, 2006 in Rome as a "Pre-ICOH-congress event" in conjunction with the Poison Center of the Catholic University of Rome.

2007

- Officers' Mid-term Meeting (January 2007) along with a scientific symposium in co-operation with the University of Zagreb, Zagreb/Croatia.
- Medichem organized a congress together with Fenastac (Mexican Association of Occupational Medicine). The Fenastac-Medichem-congress was held from the 13-15th of September 2007 in Querétaro/Mexico. There were more than 200 attendees. In addition there was a Board meeting and General Assembly at Querétaro/Mexico (Sept. 2007). The Board meeting was attended by Dr. Marilyn Finerhut, Vice President of ICOH.

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

**Scientific Contributions to ICOH 2006:**

On the occasion of the ICOH –congress in Milano, Medichem organized a Mini-Symposium together with the Scientific Committee on Pesticides at the ICOH Congress in Milan, Italy (June 11 – 16). The following topics were treated:

- Preparedness for chemical mass casualty incidents,
- State of the art: Cyanide poisoning,

Mass psychogenic illness in the era of terrorism

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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.)

Joint activity with Pesticides Committee during most recent ICOH conference. Prior to that, collaboration with Fibres SC and Reprotox SC at ICOH's and Medichem's conferences

**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.)

Memorandum of Understanding with ACOEM Active Participation in SOTAC meeting of the ACOEM

**Any other points of relevance:**

**Medichem Young Investigators Award**

Medichem supports the concept for a Medichem National Occupational Health Association Award. (Medichem NOHA award). The speaker will be speaking formally on behalf of the Medichem at a national occupational health meeting in the country identified by Medichem. Speakers will be chosen by Medichem in order to get qualified professionals with an international standing to speak to aspiring occupational health professionals on a topic of contemporary importance.

**Medichem Scholarships**

Financial support to young scientists who present papers at Medichem conferences. Principal selection criterion: Scientific value of the paper.

**Medichem Prize Scheme**

Prize (award plaque and document as well as prize money) for scientists new to the field of occupational health from the country where Medichem holds its congress. These awards are under the Medichem International Young Professionals Award. The presentations of these colleagues will be judged by a jury.

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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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**2008**

- The Mid term meeting of the Medichem will be held in Mumbai, India on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008 along with a mini-symposium .
- Medichem will organize a congress in the Netherlands. Amsterdam will be the venue. The congress will be held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**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.)

Collaborative participation with the Indian Association of Occupational Health in the national conference and workshop in Basic Occupational Health Services to be held from January 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> in Mumbai.

**Planned Publications, Position papers, etc.:** (Provide title, authors, timeframe, publication, if known)

Proceedings from the next Medichem conference (Amsterdam 2008) will be published in the Indian Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (IJOEM) . The Board of Medichem has recommended to do so on a paid basis if we can get full length scientific papers (at least 50 printed pages) – which will be subject to peer review. In the absence of getting 50 printed pages, individual presentations can be submitted to the IJOEM for consideration by the editors of the IJOEM – without any financial impact on the Medichem.

**Planned Scientific Contributions to ICOH 2009:** (Be specific: List title of scientific sessions, speakers, abstract reviewers, business meeting, etc.)

**Medichem** will hold a mini symposium on the topic “ **New occupational and environmental health challenges and solutions**” in the forthcoming ICOH congress – for a duration of one and half hours. Currently the topics and speakers are being finalized which will be communicated to ICOH by 7th December 2007.

**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.

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**PART V – Evaluation of this Midterm Report form.**

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✓ This form is acceptable

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