



**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:**

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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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**1) Business meeting:**

Venue: Milan

Date: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Number of attendees: 15

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**2) Business meeting:**

Venue:

Date:

Number of attendees:

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### 3) Business meeting:

Venue:

Date:

Number of attendees:

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### Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Courses, etc:

*(please fill in the tables)*

<b>(1) Name of the event:</b>	Symposium on prevention of silicosis and coal worker's pneumoconiosis (CWP).				
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
	X				
<b>Date:</b>	September 23-24, 2006.				
<b>Venue:</b>	Kunming, Yunnan, PR China.				
<b>Organizers:</b>	SC-RD				
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>	Chinese Association of Occupational Health				
<b>Number of participants:</b>	100				
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>					
<b>Book of abstracts:</b>	Yes				
<b>Book of selected proceedings:</b>					
<b>Special issue of peer reviewed journals:</b>					
<b>Assessment of success:</b>	The symposium was well received with lively discussions after each presentation.				

<b>(2) Name of the event:</b>	Workshops on Asian Standard Course Syllabus for Reader Training in the ILO Classification of Pneumoconiosis Radiographs				
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Other</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	December 2005; July 2006; September 2006.				
<b>Venue:</b>	The Chest Disease Institute, Nonthaburi province, Thailand				

<b>Organizers:</b>	SC-RD
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>	Asia Pacific Respiriology Society, ILO Asia, [ -- Yoki, could you correct this form and add appropriate information. Should ther be a note under “cooperation with ILO”? -- ]
<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>	

<b>(3) Name of the event:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Occupational Health Nursing 2007</b>				
<b>Type of event:</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Other</b>
	X				
<b>Date:</b>	August 23-27, 2007.				
<b>Venue:</b>	Bangkok, Thailand.				
<b>Organizers:</b>	SC-NICOH				
<b>Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.</b>	Chair, SC-RD presented 1 1/2 hour on: “ <i>Strategies for prevention of asbestos-related diseases.</i> ”				
<b>Number of participants:</b>	350				
<b>Publication of proceedings:</b>					
<b>Book of abstracts:</b>	Abstract book				
<b>Book of selected proceedings:</b>					
<b>Special issue of peer reviewed journals:</b>					
<b>Assessment of success:</b>	There was an in depth discussion on prevention strategies following the extensive presentation.				

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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.)

1. Cooperation with SC-NICOH on the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Occupational Health Nursing 2007, Bangkok,

**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.)

1. Cooperation with Chinese Association of Occupational Health on Symposium on prevention of silicosis and coal worker's pneumoconiosis (CWP), Kunming, Yunnan, September 23-24, 2006.

2. Workshops on Asian Standard Course Syllabus for Reader Training in the ILO Classification of Pneumoconiosis Radiographs in cooperation with Asia Pacific Respiratory Society and ILO Asia.

**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)

1. SC-RD is going to held a business meeting during the 2009-meeting in Cape Town.

**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.)

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

1. The SC-RD is working on a *position paper* on strategies for primary and secondary prevention of asbestos related diseases, planned to be completed before the meeting in Cape Town.

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

**[ Yoki: Could you put in the agreed symposia in Cape Town 2009? ]**

**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.**

With the symposium on prevention of silicosis and CWD among coal current and former coal mine workers in PR China (September 2006), the SC-RD intended to pave the way to participate along with colleagues in PR China for supporting among workers exposed to coal dust and quartz in coalmine. It was planned to establish a project among 20.000 coal miners in the AnHui province, to facilitate a state of art prevention programme in these state mines and among the workers. Financial support was already granted. However, for some reason the programme encountered some hurdles. In the view of the SC-RD, a state of the art prevention programme among 20.000 coal mine workers in one province might have had a significant impact on prevention of dust-related diseases among the about 6 million coal mine workers in PR China.

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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.

Some Asian countries, which each are still using hundreds of thousands of tons of asbestos, primarily chrysotile, for insulation and other purposes. Therefore, preventing exposure to asbestos dust and early detection programmes on untoward effects in the lungs could have a major impact on preventing these diseases as well as to enhance stopping the use of asbestos in numerous Asian

countries. Presenting strategies on prevention of these diseases as well as teaching colleagues on the use of standardized HRCT-programmes for early detection of asbestos-related diseases, are likely to enhance significant prevention.

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