



**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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Other SC Means of Communications: None

Focus and aim of Scientific Committee:

1. Facilitating information dissemination, interaction, and collaboration in research and practice for psychosocial factors at work in a global perspective
2. Supporting international and domestic activities within the Scientific Committee goals.

**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:

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/>):

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.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:

(please fill in the tables)

(1) Name of the event:					
Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
Date:					
Venue:					
Organizers:					
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:	
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Type of event:	Conference	Seminar	Workshop	Course	Other
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Venue:					
Organizers:					
Co-organizers and Collaborators: Please describe roles.					
Number of participants:					
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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:	
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**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.

NONE

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.)

NONE

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.)

Stavroula Leka contributed to the editing of the new WHO publication: ‘A modern hazard in a traditional working environment: Raising awareness of stress at work in developing countries’. Stavroula Leka has also worked with Evelyn Kortum to develop a new research programme on psychosocial risks and work-related stress in developing countries. So far, a series of expert interviews have been conducted and a Delphi survey and a series of focus groups and Symposia have been planned in forthcoming international conferences. These include: APA/NIOSH Work, Stress & Health conference (Washington, March 2008), KOSHA (Korea, July 2008), ICOH-WOPS (Quebec, September 2008) and EA-OHP (Valencia, November 2008).

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. The SC is sponsoring a round table meeting “Preventing Stress and Promoting Mental Health in the Workplace: Development of Technologies for a National Surveillance System of Psychosocial Risks in the Workplace” in Australia, which is organized by the University of South Australia and to be funded by the International Science Linkage (ISL), which was planned by Maureen Dollard, the SC co-chair.
2. Two SC members (NK and JS) participated in and contributed to the Invitational Meeting Master Mental Health and Work at Netherlands School of Public & Occupational Health, Amsterdam, on June 12, 2007, which aimed to explore the opportunities to develop an international postgraduate (Master-) programme Mental Health and Work and also to explore intentions for collaboration between the invited participants as to development and execution of the postgraduate programme.

3. The SC chair (NK) attended and contributed to the Monitoring and Indicators Workshop for the “Psychosocial Risk Management European Framework” (PRIMA-EF) program at Hoofddorp, Netherlands, on 14-15 June 2007, which is led by Stavroula Leka, the SC secretary.

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)

The Third ICOH-WOPS international conference “Psychosocial Factors at Work: From Knowledge to Action, Québec City, Canada, September 1-4, 2008.

Website: <http://www.icoh-wops2008.com/>

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)

Stavroula Leka is currently finalising a report for SALTSA on the development of a psychosocial risk management toolkit that will be published in 2008.

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

1. SPECIAL SESSIONS, MINI-SYMPOSIA, AND WORKSHOPS:

Evidence Based Interventions to Support Return to Work (with SCWDP)

Psychosocial Risk Management Symposium

Work and Family: Keeping a Healthy Balance

Work Organisation and Psychosocial Factors: Policy, Standards & Monitoring

2. TOPICS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

T19 Evidence Based Practice in Occupational Health (with SCDP, WGOM, SCHSREOH)

T37 Mobbing, Bullying and Violence at Work

T52 Psychosocial Factors and Work

T57 Shiftwork, nightwork and flexible hours (with SCWT)

(Also planning to join T38 Musculoskeletal risks, disorders and solutions)

3. BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting is scheduled during the ICOH2009 conference in March 22-27, 2009.

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.

1. Through a participation of the chair and co-chair in a preparation meeting/workshop for an international postmaster training course, the SC has contributed and will contribute to defining competencies for occupational mental health professionals and developing an international training course.
 2. Through a participation of the chair in the PRIMA-EF workshop, the SC contributed to the development of a consensus for common indicators of occupational mental health at worker, workplace, and country-levels, which could contribute to a future development of a global guideline for controlling psychosocial factors at work and promoting worker mental health.
 3. The Third ICOH-WOPS international conference in Québec City, Canada, on September 1-4, 2008, would contribute to information dissemination, interaction, and collaboration in research and practice for psychosocial factors at work in a global perspective.
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