

MINUTES 2015

Business Meeting: SC WOMENE Work and Health

Date: Wednesday June 3, 2015
Time: 18:00 – 19:30
Venue: COEX convention center, Room 318A - Seoul, Korea
Agenda:

- 1- Verification of assistance
- 2- Action plan of triennium 2012-2015
- 3- Final report of activities for triennium 2012-2015
- 4- Presentation of our website and e-Newsletters
- 5- Election of officers
- 6- Activities planned for triennium 2015-2018
- 7- Others

Welcome greeting: The meeting was opened and chaired by Dr. Julietta Rodriguez Guzmán, Chair of the SCWHW, and Dr. Claudia de Hoyos, Secretary of the SCWHW, who welcomed the attendees present in Seoul. They explained that despite the fact that many members wanted to come they could not make it but for funding limitations. However they had expressed their support to the SC and the business meeting topics. As well, Dr. Rodríguez Guzman was pleased to announce that the meeting would be based on the documents already available online in the new SC webpage: <http://www.icoh-scwhw.net/>

1- Verification of assistance

Six members present in Soeul, and 13 members that e-expressed their agreement to the proposed topics addressed during the meeting by email.

Participants present at the COEX meeting room were:

- 1) Dr. Marcia Bandini, UNICAMP Consulting, Brazil
- 2) Dr. Janine Bisaillon Francehette, Previor, France
- 3) Dr. Akwilina Kayumba, OSHA, Tanzania
- 4) Dr. Alexandra Yepes, Univeridad El Bosque, Colombia
- 5) Dr. Norberta Barrera, UNAM
- 6) Dr. Nicolás Santoro, Dupont, Argentina

Members that could not make it to Seoul because of high costs for traveling and lodging that conveyed with the meeting topics:

- 1) Myriam Rita Cobos, Argentinean Society of OM of BsAs (SMTBA), Argentina
- 2) Maria Cristina Pantano, SMTBA, Argentina
- 3) Marian Salvatierra, Ergonomy Assoc. & SMTBA, Argentina
- 4) Marta Prado, SMTBA, Argentina
- 5) Adeleh Shirangi, University of Western Australia, Australia

- 6) Archila Escorcia, Lelys: Occ Hygiene Graduate Program Director UniAgraria, Colombia
- 7) Maria Teresa Espinosa Restrepo, Professor OH Graduate Program, Uni. El Bosque\
- 8) Sandra Gallegos, Advisor, Ministry of Health, Colombia
- 9) Hugo Piedrahita, Director Research Center Cerrejon, Colombia
- 10) Bertha Eugenia Polo, Consultant and Research
- 11) Edith Clarke, Ministry of Health of Ghana, Africa
- 12) Prof. Maritza Rojas, University of Carabobo, Venezuela
- 13) Igor Bello Sifontes, Vicepresident for VSOH, Venezuela

2- Action plan of triennium 2012-2015

As a reminder of the actions planned for this triennium, Dr. Rodriguez made a quick overview of them on the SC website; [Action plan of triennium 2012-2015](#), highlighting the difficulties to coordinate with SC members and colleagues that would be willing to support the committee's activities in other continents. This was considered a major challenge for the next triennium.

3- Final report of activities for triennium 2012-2015

This presentation was based on the previous overview, and with the final report of activities sent to Dr. Bonnie Rogers, available on the website: [Final report of activities for triennium 2012-2015](#). A quick summary of the achievements made include:

- 1) Business Meeting: 5
- 2) Conference: 3
- 3) Seminars: 2
- 4) Other: 2
- 5) Publications: 4
- 6) Cooperation with other Scientific Committees: 4
- 7) Participation and support to WHO – ILO meetings and or publications: 4
- 8) Cooperation with non-ICOH organizations: 6
- 9) Recruiting and supporting new members for ICOH SCWHW: 3 new members
- 10) SCWHW Newsletter: Although stagnated, it is expected to be renewed and three numbers for each year of the triennium should be finished and distributed soon


4- Presentation of our website and e-Newsletters

The Website for our SC on WHW has been finalized in its English version, and is accessible in the following link: <http://www.ich-scwhw.net/>. We are also planning to have a Spanish version that should come in the midterm.

A big amount of time and work was devoted to build this webpage. Key elements taken into account included the needs to make our SC visible both to ICOH, our own SC members, others IVOH SC, other agencies and partners interested in women, health and work issues, including gender equity, human rights, the bulk of problems women face at work, and the troubles of many women belonging to precarious work, working poor and the informal sector where they remain to be the majority. Three core issues were addressed: Identification symbols (header of the webpage and logo), layout, and functionality, making it very user friendly, and hoping to have very interactive IT developments, as follows:

A) Identification symbols: A special header for the webpage, and a logo was designed for the website and adopted also for the Newsletter, as shown:



<p>Logo</p> 	<p>Description and attributes</p> <p>This visual representation developed for the ICOH Scientific Committee on Women, health and Work, symbolizes and personifies women and their roles in today's world. It intends to bring a coherent identity of women settling down and progressing in their interests and goals.</p> <p>The center of the logo is a woman with a world that gears in her head. It visualizes the empowered woman, in a reflexive, committed and thoughtful attitude. She stares to the left, representing how she brings her past experiences to work in the construction of the future.</p>
<p>Colors</p> <p>The colors used to extract the figure are dark blue and white respecting the visual identity and the identification of ICOH. As well, it constitutes an important tool for the integration and presence of the SC within ICOH.</p>	<p>The iconic design of the logo and the composition of traces and lines depict the current minimalistic and simplistic trends, which show the following attributes:</p> <p>Vitality: woman's figure as a guarantee for life, with a comprehensive and prospective sight around the concept of developing the world of today.</p> <p>Progressiveness: she is innovative, and oriented towards the future, reflecting leadership and dynamism.</p> <p>Universality: shows her global relationship with different cultures, and her enactment to accept diversity and to generating comprehensive communications with others.</p>

B) Layout of the webpage: It intends to include all the elements needed to assure complete communications in and out of the SC WH&W, ICOH and other parties interested in gender issues.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
1- HOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. INTRODUCTION b. BRIEF HISTORY OF ICOH SC WH&W 	- INICIO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o INTRODUCCION o BREVE HISTORIA DEL CC ST&M DE LA ICOH
2- ABOUT US <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. OBJECTIVES b. ACTION PLANS 	- QUIENES SOMOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o OBJETIVOS o PLANES DE ACCION

3- MEMBERSHIP a. MEMBER LIST b. HOW TO JOIN US	- MEMBRESIA o LISTA DE MIEMBROS o COMO HACERSE MIEMBRO
4- OFFICIAL REPORTS a. BY TRIENNIUMS	- INFORMES OFICIALES o POR TRIENIOS
5- NEWS a. MEETINGS & EVENTS b. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY c. OTHER ACTIVITIES	- NOTICIAS o CONGRESOS & EVENTOS o DIA INTERNACIONAL DE LA MUJER o OTRAS ACTIVIDADES
6- PUBLICATIONS a. ARTICLES b. PRESENTATIONS	- PUBLICACIONES o ARTICULOS o PRESENTACIONES
7- NEWSLETTERS a. PUBLISHED b. CONTRIBUTION REQUEST	- BOLETINES o PUBLICADOS o SOLICITUD DE CONTRIBUCIONES
8- COLLABORATORS & PARTNERS a. ICOH SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES b. IGO's c. ONG's	- COLABORADORES & SOCIOS o COMITES CIENTIFICOS DE ICOH o OIG'S o ONG'S
9- CONTACT a. OFFICERS b. REGIONAL FACILITATORS	- CONTACTO o OFICIALES o FACILITADORES REGIONALES

A quick round through all the tabs and the contents was made, and a review of the Newsletters published and accessible was shown.

5- Election of officers

- **For Chair:** Dr. Julietta Rodríguez Guzmán, from Colombia, expressed her interest to continue on a second period as chair, and was unanimously elected.
- **For Secretary:** Dr. Claudia de Hoyos, announced she was stepping down because she has been elected new National secretary for Argentina. Volunteers were called to join this role, but none within those present reacted to the call.

Other SC members were contacted by e-mail, and although they expressed their willingness to assume this role, like Dr. Hugo Piedrahita from Colombia, his answer was still pending. Thus, further search will be done by the chair, hoping to have a new Secretary soon.

A proposal brought again to the business meeting, was to have key contact persons per region, and the following persons agreed to act like such:

- 1) Africa: Akwilina Kayumba
- 2) Asia: Rima Habib
- 3) Europe: Janine Fanchette
- 4) Latin America: Claudia de Hoyos
- 5) Australia: Adeleh Shirangi (TBC)

6- Activities planned for triennium 2015-2018

a) Planned business meetings, conferences, seminars:

- E-meetings with officers for planning and preparing triennium action plan.
- Midterm-meeting when date is defined for 2016.

b) Planned collaborative Activities with other ICOH Scientific Committees

- OH for health care workers: currently we are part of the organizing committee, carrying out planning activities for the next international ICOH HCW conference jointly with the SC WH&W. The organizing committee has been established and partners in Turkey are already preparing venue, costs, etc. with the purpose of holding it in 2016. Several conference calls have already been set, and work should go on during 2015-2016.
- Rural health: agriculture, pesticides and organic dusts: We have been asked to make part of the International Advisory Board and include the topic of Women, Work and Health in the Congress. The congress will be held in Brescia, Italy on September 8-11, 2015
- Other should come

c) Planned collaborative Activities with other (Non-ICOH) Organizations:

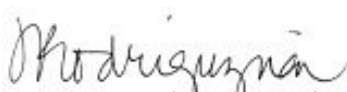
- 1- XIV Latin American conference on OH, organized by the Latin American Association on OH (ALSO). Lima, Peru, September 27 – 30, 2015.
- 2- PAHO/WHO Regional Meeting of Collaborating Centers in Occupational and Environmental Health. Montreal, Québec, Canada. September 8 – 11, 2015.
- 3- IEA: collaborative work and cooperation will continue for the SCWHW Newsletter. Possibilities of joint activities are under discussion.
- 4- IOHA and Occupational Hygiene Associations of the Americas: several meetings have been ongoing to exchange information and strengthen the practice.


d) Planned Publications, Position papers, etc.:

- Facts Sheet addressing International Women's Day 2015. March 8, 2016.
- Fact-sheet of the SCWH&W is being prepared, based on several articles and reports found in ICOH website.
- SCWHW Newsletter: Three numbers (2013, 2014 and 2015) will be finished and distributed soon. Editor/Responsible: J Rodriguez G.
- ICOH Newsletter: article disseminating information and achievements during the triennium will be prepared and delivered to be published before ICOH 2015.

7- Others

Not having any other issues to address, a picture of the group was taken, and the meeting closed at 8.30 PM.


 Julietta Rodríguez Guzmán
 Chair


 Claudia De Hoyos
 Secretary