Integration and Collaboration among ICOH SCs

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Collaboration

- Collaboration between SCs
  - In organizing conferences, many examples, plans, active attraction of other SCs in future activities
  - Especially of interest for smaller SCs

- Collaboration with non ICOH organizations
  - Regional level with ICOH banner (India)
  - Workshops with practical issues (miners)

- Logistic, financial, practical and other reasons:
  - Attracting a wider audience: more attractive for participants
  - Attracting younger persons
  - Attracting participants from less developed countries
Integration

- **Example: Rural Health: agriculture, organic dust, pesticides**

- **Problem of small SCs**
  - Radiation? Fear to disappear.

- **Taxonomy of SCs?**
  - Overlap of issues between SCs
  - Chemical issues: MEDICHEM, nano, metals, neurotox??
Success factors

- Dedicated leadership with broad network making links between SCs and beyond
- Summer school activities in OHS (Brescia example)
- Continuity
- Financially sound (Medichem)
- Global e-contacts; Webinars

- Suggestion
  - Better reaching-out, promotional activities
  - We should all be ICOH-ambassadors
  - Using new media, tweets/ What’s Apps from this conference?
Membership SC

- **Optimal size?**
  - Big size- more work, more sustainable
  - Larger SCs; working method: split up in working groups
  - Small SCs continuity after 2 triennials?

- **Attracting new members**
  - Medicchem: workshops attracting young professionals, prizes
  - Promoting ICOH during conferences:
  - Gaining from membership: reduced prizes, Vibrant network, practical aid/ coaching and stimulating in publishing: SHAW might help. Training materials
  - In regional OH-meetings ICOH promotion / marketing
Don’t ask what ICOH can do for you, but...

15 SCs were present, how about the others?

Position papers, scientific News (time consuming..)

Vision and position of ICOH? Branding ICOH?

A New life for ICOH? Attractive communication, Increasing visibility: feeding ICOH with tweets. Ask assistance from younger members
Take the right track!

Thanks for your attention

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