



# **Minutes of the Second General Assembly of the International Commission on Occupational Health**

**10 February 2022**  
**Melbourne-Rome global digital Congress**

**Time:** Thursday, 10 February 2022 15.00-16.15 CET

**Venue:** Live streamed meeting on the ICOH 2022 Congress digital platform

## **1. Opening**

ICOH President, Dr. Jukka Takala, opened the Second General Assembly of the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Occupational Health welcoming the participants.

## **2. Farewell to Officers and Board Members 2018-2022 and Service Awards**

Dr. Diana Gagliardi took the floor and expressed her appreciation to the outgoing ICOH Officers for the cooperation and great results achieved working together during the past two terms. Dr. Gagliardi praised the ICOH Board members and Scientific Committee (SC) Officers for their continuous support, collaboration and active contribution to the achievement of the goals set by the ICOH work plan. Dr. Gagliardi thanked all the National Secretaries (NSs) for the work done and their relevant contribution to the increase in the number of ICOH members.

A small video was launched listing the names of the ICOH Service Awards recipients:

### **Outgoing ICOH Officers**

Dr. Jukka Takala – ICOH President for two terms 2015-2022

Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang – ICOH Vice President for two terms 2015-2022

Prof. Sergio Iavicoli – ICOH Secretary General 2003 – 2022

### **ICOH Board members who served for two terms 2015 - 2022**

Prof. Mats Hagberg (Sweden)

Dr. Martin Hogan (Ireland)

Prof. Seichi Horie (Japan)

Dr. Rosa Maria Orriols Ramos (Spain)

Prof. Christophe Paris (France)

Prof. Kari Reijula (Finland)

Ms. Maria Luisa Tupia Gonzales (Peru)

### **ICOH SC Chairs who served for two terms 2015 - 2022**

Dr. Su Wang (UK) – Accident Prevention

Dr. Alicja Bortkiewicz (Poland) – Cardiology in OH

Dr. Alexis Descatha (France) – Emergency Preparedness and Response in OH

Dr. Roel Vermeulen (The Netherlands) - Epidemiology in OH

Dr. Lena Andersson (Sweden) – Industrial Hygiene

Dr. Erik Jørs (Denmark) – Mining Occupational Safety and Health



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Dr. Diana Gagliardi (Italy) – Occupational Health and Development  
Dr. Timothy Driscoll (Australia) – Occupational Medicine  
Ms. Kate Jones (UK) – Occupational Toxicology  
Dr. Rafael E. de la Hoz (USA) – Respiratory Disorders  
Dr. Minha Rajput-Ray (UK) – Unemployment, Job Insecurity and Health  
Dr. Renata Sisto (Italy) – Vibration and Noise  
Dr. Agueda Muñoz del Carpio Toia (Peru) – Work and Vision  
Dr. Johannes Anema (The Netherlands) – Work Disability Prevention and Integration

**ICOH National/Area Secretaries with best results in membership recruitment for the last triennium (per geographical area)**

SOUTH AMERICA: Dr. Rosylane Rocha, National/Area Secretary for Brazil 2018 – 2022  
NORTH AMERICA: Dr. Charles Milton Yarborough, National/Area Secretary for USA 2018 – 2022  
ASIA: Dr. Ashish Mishra, National/Area Secretary for India 2018 – 2022  
AFRICA: Prof. Daniel J. Kocks, National/Area Secretary for South Africa 2018 – 2022  
EUROPE: Dr. Evgeny Evgeniyevich Shigan, National/Area Secretary for Russian Federation 2018 – 2022  
OCEANIA: Dr. Lin Fritschi, National Secretary for Australia 2018 – 2022

**ICOH2022 Congress Awards**

Dr. Jukka Takala - ICOH2022 Congress Co-President  
Prof. Sergio Iavicoli - ICOH2022 Congress Co-President  
Prof. Malcolm Sim - ICOH2022 Congress Co-President  
Dr. Diana Gagliardi - ICOH2022 Chair of the Organizing Committee  
Ms. Claudina Nogueira - ICOH2022 Co-Chair of the International Scientific Advisory Committee  
Prof. Deborah Glass - ICOH2022 Co-Chair of the International Scientific Advisory Committee  
Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang - ICOH2022 Coordination of abstract publication  
Prof. Won-Jun Choi - ICOH2022 Coordination of abstract publication

Finally, Dr. Gagliardi expressed some words of thanks to Ms. Erika Cannone and Ms. Valeria Boccuni (ICOH Secretariat General staff, Italy) for their continuous support to the management of ICOH Secretariat activities and to the digital congress organization; to Mr. Pierluca Dionisi (Italy) and Mr. Desmond Gul (Australia), who supported the coordination of the Rome stage and Melbourne stage, respectively, organizing the programme in two different time zones; to Ms. Arianna Pagliara, Ms. Romina Vizzaccaro, Mr. Antonio Valenti, Ms. Grazia Fortuna, and Mr. Pasquale Fruscella (ICOH and INAIL staff) who contributed to the organization of the Congress.

Dr. Takala made his final remarks after seven years as President of ICOH and expressed his thanks to his ICOH colleagues. He conveyed his fond wishes to the new ICOH President, Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang, and wished him good luck for his term as ICOH President.

Finally, a video was shown as a special thank you and tribute to the outgoing Secretary General, Prof. Iavicoli, in appreciation of his 19 years in office.

### **3. Results of the Elections of ICOH Officers and Board Members 2022-2024**

Dr. Gagliardi passed the floor to Dr. Jorge Morales Camino, Chair of the Scrutineers Committee, to report on the election results of the ICOH Officers and Board members for the tenure 2022-2024.

Dr. Morales proceeded to read the results of the candidates, elected as follows:

**ICOH PRESIDENT**

**Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang (Republic of Korea)**

**Elected Uncontested**

**ICOH VICE PRESIDENTS**



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**Ms. Claudina Nogueira (South Africa)**  
**Dr. Martin Hogan (Ireland)**  
*Prof. Kari Reijula (Finland)*

**Valid votes: 480 – Elected**  
**Valid votes: 314 – Elected**  
*Valid votes: 292 – Not elected*

#### ICOH SECRETARY GENERAL

**Dr. Diana Gagliardi (Italy)**

**Elected Uncontested**

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Valid votes</i>	
1	Akizumi Tsutsumi	Japan	447	Elected
2	Maureen Dollard	Australia	429	Elected
3	Stavroula Leka	Ireland	419	Elected
4	Eun-A Kim	Rep. of Korea	407	Elected
5	Frida Marina Fischer	Brazil	403	Elected
6	Paul A. Schulte	USA	398	Elected
7	Shyam Pingle	India	392	Elected
8	Olivier Lo	Singapore	390	Elected
9	Sunil Kumar Joshi	Nepal	384	Elected
10	Francesco Saverio Violante	Italy	374	Elected
11	Alexis Descatha	France	362	Elected
12	Dingani Moyo	Zimbabwe	353	Elected
13	Gema Arévalo Alonso	United Kingdom	349	Elected
14	Riitta Sauni	Finland	339	Elected
15	Sandeep Sharma	India	326	Elected
16	Kirsi Lappalainen	Finland	310	Elected
17	Rosylane Rocha	Brazil	298	Not elected
18	Rafael E. de la Hoz	USA	267	Not elected
19	Min Zhang	P. R. of China	191	Not elected

#### Decision:

- The ICOH General Assembly unanimously approved the report of the Scrutineers Committee.

#### 4. President's Address and Strategy for 2022-2024

The newly elected ICOH President, Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang, took the floor for his inaugural address. Firstly, he thanked all ICOH members for their support to his candidacy as ICOH President. Prof. Kang introduced himself to the audience and reported on his educational and professional career.

Then, he briefly reported on the Korean management of the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the response at a global level, showing some data and figures. Korea's successful response to the COVID-19 crisis was shaped by its past experience with MERS in 2015. This shows the importance of sharing knowledge and experiences for prevention. Finally, Prof. Kang focused on the ICOH structure and remarked that the SCs, NSs, and Sustaining and Affiliate members are four pillars that should be used to share and transfer solutions for prevention within and outside the ICOH community.

Prof. Kang's proposed theme for the triennium 2022-2024 was "Global Responsibility for Workers' Health".



With reference to information and communication among ICOH members, the ICOH President informed the audience that the ICOH Newsletter will turn into an e-publication from now on. The Editor-in-Chief will be Prof. Won-Jun Choi (Gachon University, Korea), who took the floor for a brief illustration of the new format of the ICOH Newsletter.

#### **Decision:**

- The ICOH General Assembly unanimously approved the President's Address and Strategy for the tenure 2022-2024

## **5. Inaugural Address of the newly elected Secretary General**

The newly elected ICOH Secretary General, Dr. Diana Gagliardi, took the floor for her inaugural address. Dr. Gagliardi briefly introduced herself to the audience and reported on her educational and professional career. Dr. Gagliardi thanked ICOH members for their support and reassured the audience about the continuity and constant support of the Secretariat General to ICOH daily activities, following the path traced by her predecessor Prof. Iavicoli.

## **6. ICOH2027 Congress Venue – Bid Results**

The ICOH President passed the floor to Dr. Ruddy Facci, Chair of the Scrutineers Committee for Bid Results, to report on the results of the votes for the venue of the 35<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Occupational Health to be held in 2027. Before illustrating the results, Dr. Facci congratulated the ICOH Officers and Board members elected for the tenure 2022-2024.

#### **BID RESULTS**

<b>Mumbai</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>217 votes</b>
Barcelona	Spain	114 votes
Medellin	Colombia	56 votes

Total number of votes: **387**

Number of spoilt votes: 0

A delegation of the Indian Local Organizing Committee (Dr. Ashish Mishra, Dr. Vijay Rao, Dr. Ramnik Parekh, and Dr. Shrinivas Shanbhag) took the floor to express appreciation for the election of Mumbai as the venue for the ICOH2027 Congress. Then, a brief video of thanks from the Indian Organizing Committee was shown.

Prof. Kang congratulated India and thanked the Spain and Colombia bidders.

## **6. Closing**

Finally, Prof. Kang closed the Second General Assembly by expressing his sincere thanks to all the participants for their valuable contributions to ICOH activities and to the success of the ICOH2022 global digital Congress.