2nd Announcement

31st International Congress on Occupational Health

Sunday May 31 - Friday June 5, 2015
COEX Convention Center, Korea
A Taegeuk mark (red & blue), a traditional pattern of Korea, represents global harmony in the form of embracing the earth. The logo connotes the harmony and unification of the persons in the field of occupational safety and health worldwide through the 31st International Congress on Occupational Health. It also symbolizes the motto of ICOH Congress 2015, “Bridge the World,” as participants from developed and developing countries can promote the mutual cooperation and collaboration on the global safety and health issues at the Congress.
Welcome Message

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 31st International Congress on Occupational Health to be held in Seoul from 31 May to 5 June 2015. The Congress is organized as the triennial Congress of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH), following the centennial 2006 Milan Congress and the 2009 Cape Town and 2012 Cancun Congresses. With the theme of “Global Harmony for Occupational Health: Bridge the World,” the 2015 Congress will be an important milestone in meeting our challenges at the time of rapid changes in work life in globalizing economy.

Seoul Congress provides the perfect setting for the international exchanges of advances in research and practice in our field. It is timely to focus on harmonized action for managing complex work-related risks in increasingly diversifying work situations. In the Centennial Year of the Seoul Declaration signed in the 18th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, held in Seoul 2008, and the Seoul Declaration, adopted by the Safety and Health Summit during the 18th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in 2008, followed it up by calling for global partnership in this direction. ICOH can play an important role in prioritizing proactive risk assessment and control and extending effective occupational health services for all workers.

We are delighted to confirm the excellent preparations for making the Congress successful and productive. The National Organizing Committee headed by Mr. Hun-Ki Baek, with renowned colleagues and experts from the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) and the Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (KOSOEM), is assuring a top-quality programme, reasonable fees and excellent facilities. By realizing the high quality of the Congress, we will be certain that the plenary speeches, symposia, mini-symposia, special sessions, and posters of the Congress will provide useful insight into harmonized good occupational health practices.

We look forward to sharing innovative ideas based on your expertise and commitment to bridging the world.

Kazutaka Kogi
President of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)

Hun-Ki Baek
President of KOSHA

It is my great honor to invite you to the 31st International Congress on Occupational Health (ICOH Congress 2015) to be held in Seoul, Korea from May 31 to June 5, 2015. KOSHA, where I serve as president, is all the more committed to carrying out the Seoul Declaration signed in the 18th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, held in Seoul 2008, and disseminating the culture of prevention all across the world. Also, it is working hard to come up with global solutions against workers’ health through ICOH 2015 Congress.

I believe that global cooperation is necessary to gather ideas of experts on occupational health, especially at a time when workers’ health is threatened by emerging factors from global economic crisis, globalization and development of new technology. This Congress would serve as a venue to communicate with each other, contributing to enhancing the level of occupational health and boosting global cooperation between occupational health experts and researchers, under the theme of Global Harmony for Occupational Health: Bridge the World. Also, keynotes, symposia and special sessions in the Congress would help participants share the latest knowledge and information on occupational health, and learn the result of researches from each other. All of these would lead to come up with solutions against current issues and set the future direction for promoting occupational health.

Also, the 30th Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization Conference and the 25th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Occupational Health are held together with the 31st ICOH Congress during the same period. The 18th Global Network Meeting of World Health Organization Collaborating Centers (WHO CCs) will be held right before the ICOH Congress 2015, all of which would be the opportunities for OSH experts to build a strong relationship. Seoul, the capital of Korea, is the city where 600 years of history and culture are in harmony with creative innovation and economic dynamism. I am positive that you can feel the energy and great achievements of the city that are growing fast while you stay in Seoul. KOSHA is devoted to making this Congress one of the best events to live up to its earned reputation throughout long history. Your cooperation and collaboration are necessary to make it successful. I look forward to meeting you soon in Seoul.
Welcome Message
The Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (KSOEM) as a co-organizer, has a great pleasure of inviting you to attend the 31st Congress of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH), which will be held from May 31 to June 5, 2015 in Seoul, Korea.

Seoul, with 500 years of history, is the city where the past, present and the future are in harmony. There are also various kinds of historic monuments that represent the history of occupational safety and health through which you can recognize the value of workers’ safety and health.

South Korea experienced very rapid economic development from the 1960s to 1990s, with a focus on manufacturing. The KSOEM was formed in 1988, when Korean people began to have serious concerns regarding workers’ health and safety. Since then, the organization has collaborated with labor and management, and government to cope with occupational health and safety problems in Korea. Thus Korean society has established a useful and unique occupational health and safety system that involves cooperation among labor, management, professionals, and the government.

However, we are currently challenged by rapid changes in our industrial structure, such as increases in service industries, small businesses, and aging workers. We are also being confronted with new patterns of occupational diseases such as work-related musculoskeletal disorders, work-related cerebrovascular and cardiovascular diseases, mental health problems and various occupational cancers, including asbestos-related cancers. The experiences of Korea can be a lesson for the countries where occupational health problems are emerging as major issues. So I hope that we can exchange and share each other’s experiences and knowledge to find out solutions to the traditional or new issues when you are in the ICOH Congress 2015. The Congress will be a good opportunity for sharing scientific evidence and good practices by professionals, researchers, and policy makers in the occupational health.

The KSOEM sincerely hopes that you could join us for the ICOH Congress 2015.

Yang-Ho Kim
President of KSOEM

The Ministry of Employment and Labor (MOEL) strongly supports the 31st ICOH Congress which will be held in Seoul, Korea from May 31 to June 5, 2015.

The Korean government as well as MOEL has worked hard to bring the ICOH Congress to Seoul in 2009. In 2012, the Minister of Employment & Labor with a member of the National Assembly at the time attended the 30th ICOH Congress in Cancun, Mexico, in order to take charge of the Congress Secretariat, and they showed their commitment to making it a success.

The 31st ICOH Seoul Congress will be held under the motto of ‘Global Harmony for Occupational Health: Bridge the World.’ The congress will serve as a venue for sharing Korea’s occupational health policies and activities across the world and intensifying global cooperation for a higher level of occupational health for workers in every country. MOEL will spare no efforts to cooperate with workers, employers, and all those who are involved in occupational health in order to make the Seoul Congress a chance to share the latest in knowledge and technology. In addition, MOEL will do its best to help KOSHA successfully host the Seoul Congress, which will be a tremendous avenue for active exchanges and collaborations.

Again, I encourage all of the experts in the occupational health and safety fields to join the 31st ICOH Congress in Seoul, with strong interest and support.

Thank you.

Ki-Kweon Lee
Minister of Employment and Labor
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Overview of ICOH Congress 2015

Purpose
Contributing to academic development by sharing state of the art researches, knowledge, and experience in the OSH field
Reinforcing mutual cooperation by bolstering the solidarity of the global OSH professionals
Laying a platform to advance practical knowledge in the OSH field

Motto
Global Harmony for Occupational Health : Bridge the World

Date
Sunday May 31 - Friday June 5, 2015
Venue
COEX Convention Center, Seoul
Organizers
International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)
Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA)
Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (KSOEM)
Supporter
Ministry of Employment and Labor of Korea (MOEL)
Official Language
English, French, Korean
Participation
The 31st International Congress on Occupational Health is waiting for the participation of all experts and parties concerned with occupational safety and health. • High-level government officials, decision makers, CEOs, and labour leaders • Safety engineers and technicians, hygienists, and occupational scientists • Occupational physicians and company doctors as well as persons working in the field of occupational medicine and occupational health nursing • Labour inspectors, and technical factory inspectors • Professors, instructors, trainers, and teachers in the field of education • Workers and their representatives • Employers and their organizations • Decision makers in the public sector and the social security sector • Public and non-public organizations • International and regional organizations • Manufacturers and importers of safety goods • Experts in communication and public relations • Media representatives and journalists

Official Website
www.icoh2015.org
Parallel Conferences
Parallel Conferences with ICOH Congress 2015

APOSCHO 30
- Date: Sunday May 31 ~ Friday June 5, 2015
- Venue: COEX
- Opening Ceremony
- Plenary Session
- APOSCHO Committee Meetings
- Symposium
- Gala Dinner, etc.

10th Meeting of the WHO CCs
- Date: Thursday May 28 ~ Friday May 29, 2015
- Venue: Jeju, Korea
- GPA Priority Meeting
- Regional Meeting
- Planning Committee
- Gala Dinner, etc.

25th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference
- Date: Wednesday June 3, 2015
- Venue: COEX
- Opening Ceremony
- Plenary Session
- Symposium, etc.
Keynote Speakers

Prof. Raymond Agius
University of Manchester
United Kingdom

The burden of occupational ill-health: as determined by surveillance systems

Dr. Benoît Nemery de Bellevaux
University of Leuven
Belgium

Toxic metals in the workplace and the community - Not only lead, cadmium or mercury

Prof. Nico Diagano
University of Dusseldorf
Germany

The role of work as a crucial factor in generating health inequalities in the population

Dr. Ken Takahashi
University of Occupational and Environmental Health
Kitakyushu / Japan

Asbestos and Asbestos-related Diseases: Occupational health or workers' health?

Dr. Glenn Pransky
Liberty Mutual
USA

Preventing work disability - Challenges for an aging workforce

Prof. Yangho Kim
Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Ulsan University Hospital
Republic of Korea

A culture of prevention in occupational health practice

Dr. Barry Kitmamary
National Institute for Occupational Health
Republic of South Africa

Workers in the informal economy

Dr. Kai Savolainen
Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
Finland

Nanotechnologies: Pandora's box or promise for the future

Dr. Stavroula Leka
European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology / EU

Is psychosocial risk prevention possible? Deconstructing the current state of the art

Dr. Monique Frings-Dresen
University of Amsterdam
Netherlands

Disharmony in work demands: work-related musculoskeletal disorders

Topics

- Accident Prevention
- Aging and Work
- Allergy and immunotoxicology
- Cardiology in Occupational Health
- Education and Training in Occupational Health
- Epidemiology in Occupational Health
- Health Services Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health
- History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases
- Indoor Air Quality and Health
- Industrial Hygiene
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Nanomaterial Workers' Health
- Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology
- Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses
- Occupational Health Nursing
- Occupational Medicine
- Occupational Toxicology
- OH Development
- OH for Health Care Workers
- OH in the Chemical Industry (MEDICHEM)
- OH in the Construction Industry
- Health and Safety Culture
- Radiation and Work
- Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace
- Respiratory Disorders
- Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dusts
- Shiftwork and Working Time
- Small-Scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector
- Thermal Factors
- Toxicology of Metals
- Unemployment, Job Insecurity and Health
- Vibration and Noise
- Women Health and Work
- Work and Vision
- Work Disability Prevention and Integration
- Work Organization and Psychosocial Factors
- Occupational Safety and Health in Mining
- Social Determinants and Occupational Health
- Communication in OH
- Occupational infectious Agents
- Participatory Approaches in OH
- Elimination of Asbestos-related Diseases
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Policy Forum

During the ICOH Congress 2015 to be held in Seoul on May 31 – June 5, 2015, one of the key events will be a “Policy Forum” that will involve key ministries, WHO and ILO leadership, Sister Organization, representatives of employers’ and workers’ organizations, and stakeholders, that will bring together high-level decision-makers all committed to making workplace safety and health policies more effective for workers everywhere. The “Policy Forum” is expected to adopt strategic unprecedented outputs, that will provide a new global reference point for addressing occupational health and safety policies around the world. The “Policy Forum” plenary session is open to all participants of ICOH Congress 2015 where it offers an important opportunity to share information, to learn, to network and to help build the preventive culture as a substantive knowledge framework for policy makers to assure worker protection from work-related illness, injury and death.
Registration

Registration Fee

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- If you want to join ICOH and get discount on the registration fee, please refer to the ICOH official webpage: [http://www.icohweb.org/site_new/icco_members.asp](http://www.icohweb.org/site_new/icco_members.asp)
- The discount by age is applied to those who are under 36 years of age (born after May 31, 1980) based on a certificate of identification, such as a passport.
- The registration fee includes all sessions, Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Korean Night and Exhibition.
- The registration fee for the accompanying persons includes Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Korean Night, and Exhibition.

Sponsorship

- Sponsorship: Events (Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, etc.) or Souvenirs
- Benefits (Depend on the scale of sponsorship)
- Official Website sponsor banner, logo hyperlink
- Official ICOH Congress 2015 logo
- Company logo recognition within all printed materials
- Complimentary Exhibition Space
- Company logo on Plenary Session Days
- Company logo on Semi-plenary Session Days, etc.
- Contact: icoh2015@kosha.or.kr (tel: 82-52-7030-747~754) (fax: 82-52-7030-326)

Exhibition

- Date: Monday June 1 – Thursday June 4, 2015
- Venue: COEX Hall D, Seoul
- Participants: About 50 multi-national and domestic companies related to occupational safety and health
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Grant Application for Developing Countries Participants

ICOH Congress 2015 Organizers, similar to what has been done in the previous Congresses since 2003, are strongly committed to support participants from developing countries. In this view, participants from developing countries who will present a paper to ICOH Congress 2015 will be able to apply for a partial or total grant on the basis of the allocated resources. Applying requisites and further information will be available on ICOH Congress 2015 website in conjunction with the call of abstract.

Student Poster Competition

ICOH is proud to offer the 3rd Annual Student Poster Competition. To be eligible, participants must identify themselves as a student on the conference registration form, submit an abstract of their occupational health science research in advance of the Congress, and prepare a scientific poster to be displayed at a special Congress session. The posters will be judged on scientific quality, poster presentation quality and clarity, and the student's ability to answer questions from a panel of international judges. There will be a cash prize for the Best Student Poster, and the winner will be recognized at the Congress closing session.

ILO Master Fellowship

In occasion of the 31st ICOH Congress a partial fellowship to attend ILO Master in OSH will be assigned for two ICOH candidates from developing countries who will present a scientific contribution to ICOH Congress 2015. The partial contribution will cover the residential and catering package on the campus of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin (ITC-ILO), Italy. Applicants must be ICOH members in good standing by December 31, 2014. The call for applicants will be published on ICOH website (www.icohweb.org).
Call for Papers

Guidelines

- The abstract is submitted online only. Refer to the website (www.icoh2015.org) for submission details.
- When an abstract is received, a confirmation email will be sent to the lead author, and an identification number will be given to the abstract.
- The abstract is inserted in the conference proceedings, and therefore, must be prepared in the fixed form with content appropriate for the topic.
- The abstract should be written in English.
- The abstract should be comprised of less than 300 words (excluding title, keywords, author's name, and organization's name).
- The title should be less than 200 characters, and the font shall be 12pt Arial.
- When there is more than one author, indicate the authors' names using 11pt Arial font by their initials and last names. Separate names by commas.
- Indicate the organization the author belongs to with a superscript number behind each name (separate organization names with commas when there is more than one organization).
- Use 10pt italic Arial font to indicate the organization behind each name along with the city and country.
- Use 11pt bold Arial font to indicate keywords. The number of keywords shall be no greater than three.
- Write the main text using 11pt Arial font and applying single line spacing (left-justified, right-justified prohibited).
- Divide contents into four areas with the heading written in bold font.

Schedule

- Submission of Abstracts by September 30, 2014
- Early Bird Registration by December 15, 2014
- Selection of Abstracts by November 15, 2014
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance by November 30, 2014
- Abstract Submission by September 30, 2014
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion

- Refer to the website (www.icoh2015.org) for more details.
Social Programme

Have opportunities to meet world prominent professionals and experts in the OSH sector, to learn more about Korea, to exchange fond farewells, and to experience on-site technology and knowhow at first hand.

Opening Ceremony / Welcome Reception
- Date and Time: Sunday, May 31, 2015
  - 17:00-19:00 Opening Ceremony
  - 19:00-21:00 Welcome Reception
- Location: COEX D2

Korean Night
- Date and Time: Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 19:30-22:00
- Location: COEX D2

Gala Dinner
- Date and Time: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 20:00-22:30
- Location: Let’s Run Park Seoul Convention Hall

Closing Ceremony
- Date and Time: Friday, June 5, 2015, 14:00-15:30
- Location: COEX Auditorium

Technical Tour
- Date and Time: Tuesday, June 2 – Wednesday, June 3, 2015
- Location: Industrial and Historic sites in Korea

Accompanying Persons Programme

Gyeongbokgung Palace
Gyeongbokgung Palace was established by the founder of the Joseon Dynasty in the late 14th century.

Changgyeonggung Palace
Changgyeonggung Palace is one of the 4 major palaces along with Gyeongbokgung Palace.

Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), Seoul
Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) is a blend of traditional buildings, relics and cutting-edge modern multicultural facilities.

Namdaemun Market
Namdaemun Market is the oldest and largest traditional market in Korea, and it is the economic indicator of Seoul and the place to compare the lowest prices for all kinds of products.

Accompanying registration includes Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Korean Night, Exhibition.
The above is only for reference. The actual programme may vary.
Introduction to the COEX Convention Center

This is Korea’s largest comprehensive exhibition center, opened in March 1979 to offer a perfect spot for international trade and cultural exchange. It is a hub of global business, equipped with transportation, communication, and advanced business infrastructure, and is Asia’s best attraction for exhibitions, culture, and tourism.

Occupying a huge space of 36,000 m² (total floor area of 430,000m²), COEX has four ground floors and four basements, which include twelve exclusive exhibition halls, a convention hall capable of accommodating 7,000 people, and 61 meeting rooms. COEX also runs a comprehensive support system for international business and holds 150 or more professional exhibitions, various international meetings, and events every year.
Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea, is located in the western center of the Korean peninsula. With the Han River running across the city and magnificent and splendid mountains surrounding it, it is indeed the center of the peninsula, boastful of scenery rivaling that of any city in the world. In addition, Seoul is a business center of Northeast Asia and acts as a hub for business in the region and for the international consumption market and distribution based on a highly efficient finance and distribution system, highly competitive advanced digital industry and knowledge industry, and excellent traffic system from the airports to high-speed rail, motor-way, and port facilities. It is a center of culture and art in Asia, brimming with national treasures and monuments in addition to 24 public libraries, 50 museums, and theaters, including the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts and the Seoul Arts Center.

www.visitseoul.net

Tour Information

Climate
Korea belongs to the temperate region, which has clear climatic characteristics, the four distinct seasons. The early summer begins in June. The average temperature is between 21 and 26°C. You will need a light jacket in the early morning and near sunset.

Food
Food is one of the biggest delights of any tour of Korea. Korean dishes are tasty and great for the health, mostly comprising of various fermented foods and vegetables that are rich in nutrition and low in calories. Bulgogi and bibimbap are quite well known around the world. For table manners in Korea, you should keep the bowls on the table instead of holding them by the hands, keep pace with others, and place the spoon and chopsticks in their original positions after your meal.

Currency
The currency of Korea is the Korean won. Bills include the 1,000 won, 5,000 won, 10,000 won, and 50,000 won bills, and coins include 10 won, 50 won, 100 won, and 500 won coins. The exchange rate is about 1,100 won for USD 1. Traveler’s checks and major foreign currencies can be exchanged at the Foreign Exchange Bank of Korea or other exchange offices. (The exchange rate varies depending on the circumstances.)

Passport and Visas
All visitors to the Republic of Korea must carry a valid passport and visa. Visitors from countries that have signed a special agreement on visa waivers may enter and stay in Korea visa-free for 30 days to up to 90 days, depending on agreement. If you need more information, contact the Korean Consulate or Embassy in your area or visit the official website (www.korea.net or www.mofa.go.kr).

Countries entitled to entry without a visa

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Organizers

The International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) is an international non-governmental professional society founded in 1906 in Milan as the Permanent Commission on Occupational Health.

ICOH main purposes:
• To enhance the knowledge of members in the field of occupational health.
• To generate and disseminate scientific knowledge in occupational health.
• To support and promote use of knowledge in occupational health practice and in training.
• To promote and maintain the highest standards of moral and professional commitment to the health and safety of workers and their families.

Today, ICOH is the world’s leading international scientific society in the field of occupational health with a membership of 2,000 professionals from 93 countries.

www.icohweb.org

Established in December 1987, KOSHA has been concentrating on the prevention of occupational accidents, devoting itself to the safety and health of workers with the aim to “Protect the life and health of workers.”

KOSHA is focusing on the research, guidance, development, and dissemination of accident prevention technologies, as well as the construction and operation of preventive facilities in an effort to prevent occupational accidents.

All employees of KOSHA are striving to provide the best in safety and health services that impress customers based on professionalism and creativity. The six regional offices, 14 area offices, and 1,300 or more employees around the country, centering on the main office, are striving to prevent occupational accidents in Korea.

www.kosha.or.kr

Established in 1988, KSOEM is an organization comprised of over 1,000 occupational medicine specialists and environmental medicine specialists in Korea.

Occupational medicine is intended to maintain and promote the health of workers and prevent diseases. Environmental medicine is for preventing, diagnosing, and eliminating health hazards that can be caused by harmful factors included in the environment surrounding us.

KSOEM is working hard to fulfill the nation’s demand for environmental medicine by preventing and managing occupational diseases, establishing preventive measures for environmental diseases, and preparing diagnosis criteria and treatment guidelines, along with efforts in the advancement and development of occupational and environmental medicine.

www.ksoem.org

Supporter

To accomplish the vision of “Synergetic Country, Happy Nation,” the Ministry of Employment and Labor is aiming to achieve national development and national happiness by:
* achieving a 70% employment rate and enhancing the quality of work
* establishing energetic, safe, and reliable workplaces
* developing future-building win-win labor-management relationships

Its major duties include the development of an amicable and win-win labor-management relationships, the observation of labor standards, and the enhancement of self-confidence among workers through occupational health and safety, employment policy and employment service, as well as policy on occupational capabilities.

Furthermore, the Ministry is engaged in international cooperation for employment equality and the provision of international labor information in order to promote happy and synergetic workplaces.

www.motel.go.kr