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To: All ICOH Members

Re: *New Scientific Committee on Women, Health and Work*

Dear Members of ICOH:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the ICOH Board approved the creation of a new ICOH Scientific Committee on Women, Health and Work (SCWHW) at its mid-term meeting in Hamburg in March 2008 to be initiated at ICOH2009 in Cape Town.

Please contact me at [mfingerhut@cdc.gov](mailto:mfingerhut@cdc.gov) if you would like to be a member; you can also join at the ICOH Congress. *I am interested in knowing who among you might be interested in possibly being the Chair or the Secretary of SCWHW. Please send me an email so we can discuss this.*

As you know, all ICOH members can belong to up to three Scientific Committees. I am hoping that many of you will join this new SCWHW. All of the special focus areas of the current ICOH Scientific Committees address the risks of working women in the formal and informal sectors. We anticipate a vibrant new Scientific Committee actively engaging with all of the SCs, and we feel that this will be enhanced by many members serving on their current SCs and also on this new SC.

The first business meeting of SCWHW will be held at 17:15 on Monday 23 March in Room 1.4.3. Please do plan to participate in the business meeting. The meeting will be preceded on that day and in the same room by three Special Sessions on issues of women workers. Of course there are numerous sessions throughout ICOH2009 that also address risks and solutions for working women. We have scheduled the SCWHW meeting early in the Congress to encourage interactions and additional gatherings throughout the week.

With this letter, I also want to thank Janine Caintineau and colleagues, who worked hard for several years in the Working Group on Women that has led to this new Scientific Committee. Also, I thank Kaisa Kauppinen and Athena Linos, who have organized the sessions about women in the Congress.

Sincerely,

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