



Report on activities of National Secretaries

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Summary of the reports of ICOH National Secretaries for 2006 - 2008
(1) Main activities for membership campaign

Country /Area	National Secretary	Main activities for membership campaign
Canada	Louis Patry	<p>- During the last year, I tried to promote ICOH as much as possible despite the fact that I was out of work for medical reason during 6 months. On the occasion of the 7th International Conference on Health Care Worker Health, Vancouver, Canada, October 26–28, 2007, special efforts were made to promote ICOH activities and increase ICOH membership.</p> <p>To promote ICOH and increase the membership in a wide country like Canada, it is not easy task and a strategy should be developed. The strategy should be based on the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improvement of the links between the National Secretary and the Organisation committee when a Conference is held in a country. The National Secretary should be involved and invited the participate to the conference. The objectives should be the representation and the promotion of ICOH; ● Improvement of the communications with the members via the web; ● A budget should be available to the National Secretary to facilitate the travel. Right now, I have to use my personal budget, ● To conduct a survey among the members with the support of the ICOH Secretary concerning their needs and to develop a strategy to improve the link between the ICOH members and the National secretary.
Mexico	Elia E. Enriquez	<p>Special efforts are made to recruit new ICOH members. The preparation of CIOH 2012 is providing a special impetus for the ICOH membership campaign.</p>
United States	Robert R. Orford	<p>- On the occasion of the 7th International Conference on Health Care Worker Health, Vancouver, Canada, October 26–28, 2007, special efforts were made to recruit new ICOH members.</p> <p>- I have supported membership campaigns in our country. I have tracked lost sheep in the country.</p>
Argentina	Claudio Herman Taboadela	<p>- In 2006, I began to write in conjunction with Dr. Antonio Werner in Buenos Aires, the Reporter ICOH, a section of the Journal "Salud Ocupacional" (Occupation Health), where actualized information about ICOH is published regularly.</p> <p>- I organized a campaign for the recruitment of new Latin American ICOH members during the International Congress on Occupational Health: "25th Anniversary" in Buenos Aires (13-14 November 2007). During this Congress I presented my first book written in Spanish: "Goniometry, a Tool for Occupational Permanent Disability Evaluation", that I hope it will be used in Latin America.</p> <p>- After 3 years of hard work, at the end of 2008 Argentina has got 36 members in good standing compared with 15 at the beginning of the triennium.</p> <p>- It was very important for the campaign that the 1st ICOH NS Meeting was organized in Buenos Aires in November 2007 with the presence of ICOH Vice-President Kazutaka Kogi and General Secretary Sergio Iavicoli attended a meeting in September 2008.</p> <p>- Besides, the Sociedad de Medicina del Trabajo de la Provincia de Buenos Aires has got it's re-affiliation in 2007 after the Argentina economic crisis with the default. Actually I represent the Sociedad at ICOH.</p>
Brazil	Ruddy Facci on behalf of Edoardo Santino	<p>Membership campaign has been actively undertaken through the NS and the ICOH members. Efforts are made to promote ICOH among the members of national occupational health associations.</p>

Columbia	Juliette Rodriquez Guzman	<p>- Definition of recruitment policy of new members for ICOH Colombia.</p> <p>a) On-line and physical recruitment was successfully promoted by means of issuing a written general invitation with a personal testimony was delivered by email to pre-selected candidates who expressed interest to join ICOH.</p> <p>b) Also being present and joining university, governmental and professional associations OH events, gatherings and congresses was also found to be a good practice for promoting ICOH membership.</p> <p>c) Active recruitment process: all new members were instructed to bring 3 new members from professional associations, conferences and graduate programs that they could certify..</p> <p>- Support given during the recruitment process of Colombian applicants/candidates.</p> <p>a) The formal ICOH PPT presentation translated into Spanish was delivered in several national conferences, to create awareness and to invite to join us.</p> <p>b) A guideline in Spanish and English was written, explaining step by step the method to register on line or in a written application.</p> <p>c) Once registered, the candidate would report to the NS by email the date, time and day the ICOH website had accepted the application on-line. The NS would send this information to the General Secretariat in Rome and acknowledgement of receipt was requested.</p> <p>d) Follow-up until the letter of acceptance or rejection was issued and sent with Settlement Form to the candidate.</p> <p>e) A volunteer member coached all the process, including recruiting, registration, payments and follow up. (Dr. Federico Gomez).</p> <p>- Support given for assuring the payment process for accepted Colombian applicants/candidates.</p> <p>- Final result: Membership increased as follows: 2006 6, 2007 12, 2008 23 and 2009 February 33. Our goal for the triennium was to increment 300%, and we almost doubled it. Recruitment for 2009 goes on and should increase during the events we have programmed this year.</p>
Ecuador	Raur Harari	<p>- April 2008: International Meeting in Ecuador about Environment and Health (organized by IFA, our organization, with the presence of 16 professors from different countries mainly from Italy) where 10 new members were recruited and information of ICOH was distributed.</p> <p>- December 2008: National Meeting of ICOH in Quito, Ecuador with the presence of 11 Fellows interested in participating in ICOH. All these colleagues want to belong to ICOH, unfortunately only a few of them got an answer of their request from the General Secretary. I think it is important to answer all the persons about their possibility to participate in ICOH. In this meeting we decided to organize a closed meeting of ICOH inviting new people to inform them about ICOH. At the same time our Fellows will present some studies. We expect to have around 50 Colleagues and we will try to include them in ICOH. This meeting will be in Quito in April 2009 and we will try to invite some Fellows from Colombia and Perú but it depends on our budget.</p>
Peru	Denis Barnaby	<p>I promoted ICOH activities by attending the following meetings. At the end of all these presentations, I invite all the audience to apply to ICOH, also inviting them by e-mail and sending them the membership application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course or Ergonomics done by Dr. Jorge Morales in 2006 sponsored by 3M, Sopeso and ICOH. • Course or Audiometry done by Dr. Jorge Morales in 2006 sponsored by the Health Ministry and ICOH • Course or Audiometry done by Dr. Jorge Morales in 2006 sponsored by the Health Ministry and ICOH • Meetings of the OH Peruvian Society (SOPESO) and the Peruvian Occupational Medicine and Environmental Society (SOMOMA) inviting associated members to apply ICOH. <p>At the Segundo Encuentro Nacional sobre Salud Ocupacional y Seguridad, 22</p>

		November 2007, held on the theme of chemical risks in the detergent industry, I invited all the audience (mainly composed of engineers) to apply to ICOH, and I gave them the membership application.
Austria	Robert Winker	As Medichem Secretary organized Officers' Medichem Mid-term Meeting (January 2007) along with a scientific symposium in co-operation with the University of Zagreb, Zagreb/Croatia. In line with the symposium, I on behalf of my duty as Medichem-secretary introduced "Medichem" and ICOH to young professionals who were attending the Mini-Symposium. In September 2008m I introduced Medichem and ICOH at the annual congress of the Austrian Society of Occupational Medicine within the chairmanship at the session on chemicals (Eisenstadt).
Belgium	Simon Bulterys	<p>- In the board of the Belgian Association of Occupational physicians (BBvAG-APBMT) there are several members yet and I invited the other board members to become members of ICOH, too.</p> <p>At the VUSA, (the Flemish universities days), I interested a number of colleagues in a membership of ICOH. Several members are planning to go to Cape Town and will hopefully profit from this occasion to become members.</p> <p>- I tried to interest multiple (young) colleagues to prepare an abstract for Cape Town. Since they had to make a paper, they already have a subject. When accepted, they will go to Cape Town and becoming a member is then also interesting for them.</p> <p>- Further, I contacted all the members not in good standing. Some members forgot simply to pay their contribution and even didn't realize they were not in good standing. They promised me to arrange it. Others let me know that they aren't interested anymore, most of them are yet or will be retired soon.</p> <p>- We held a two-day symposium on occupational health in October. The title was 'the future of occupational health' In this ICOH and its activities were promoted.</p> <p>- We had a number of people informing about the congress in Cape Town. At each occasion we tried to make them member or asked them to prolong their membership. Several did.</p> <p>- At the VUSA (Flemish university days of occupational health), we contacted a selected group of occupational physicians, that used to go to the three yearly symposium before, to interest them in becoming member and to go to Capetown.</p>
Croatia	Vlasta Deckovis-Vukres	<p>- Membership campaign was undertaken during the Spring and Autumnal Meetings of the Croatian Society on Occupational Health (CSOH). The information concerning ICOH was disseminated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information dissemination within Croatian Society on Occupational Health members about ICOH activities. • Dissemination of ICOH Newsletter within CSOH. • Information dissemination about ICOH 2009 – Cape Town to the CSOH and Board members. Positive answer to organizers request for assistance with abstract evaluation.
Denmark	David Sherson	<p>- In Denmark we have 12 public occupational health clinics. Every time I get information about an advertised ICOH meeting or congress I send an e-mail to all these clinics. Twice a year I write and recommend that additional individuals join ICOH; e.g. when early registration for ICOH 2009 was available I disseminated this information.</p> <p>- I have obtained a list of Danish ICOH members in good standing as well as those who have not paid their dues. I have attempted to contact all members who have not paid their dues to remind them that their dues have not been paid.</p>
Finland	Timo Leino	<p>- Members not in good standing contacted for renewal of membership.</p> <p>- Contact addresses of members checked based on the list of lost sheeps received in May 2007.</p> <p>- New members recruited in national meetings and congresses, and through</p>

		<p>personal contacts from the FIOH, professional associations and universities; the current number of members is 120.</p> <p>- ICOH activities informed on the website of FIOH, on the website of Virtual University for occupational health physicians on specialization training and on the Journal of the Finnish Association of Occupational Health Physicians.</p>
France	Janine Bigaignon-Cantineau	<p>- Meeting of French members at the National Occupational Health Congress in Lyon in 2006.</p> <p>- Help with membership application and required signatures</p> <p>- Integration of History of ICOH and its activities in the Occupational Health Nurses "Licence" curriculum.</p> <p>- Meeting with French ICOH members at the French National Occupational Health bi-annual meeting in Tours, June 2008. The objective was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • :- Renew dialogue and communication within French community regarding ICOH • Discuss and promote French membership within ICOH • Organise and promote French participation to coming ICOH Congress in Cape Town. • Plan Group participation through a travel agency • Promote intermediate ICOH Congresses
Greece	Theodore Bazas	<p>- Three young Greeks have applied and have been made ICOH Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Alkinoi Krikella, Physician (2007), 2. Dr Eleni (Helen) Zorbas, Physician (2008), and 3. Dr Styliani Tziaferi, Occupational Health, Nurse (2008). <p>- Recruitment is hoped to increase prior to the forthcoming ICOH2009, but, in general physicians practicing occupational medicine in Greece do not easily recognize the benefits of becoming an ICOH member on account of their having other career priorities and concerns. Nevertheless, the effort to recruit more physicians and other occupational health professionals to become ICOH members will continue and is to be intensified.</p>
Hungary	Eva Ruzsas	<p>- At the Hungarian National Conference on Occupational Health the Hungarian National Secretary, Dr. Eva Ruzsas made a presentation on the history and present activities of the ICOH. As part of the presentation Dr. Ruzsas informed the participants about ICOH 2009 organised in Cape Town, about the preparation for this event of the Hungarian ICOH members and also about the topics of the accepted oral presentations of the Hungarian ICOH members. Participants of the conference were offered to join the ICOH by becoming a member with the support of those who were already members.</p> <p>- We enlarged our database set up at the last year's national conference with the names of the occupational doctors interested in the activities of ICOH.</p> <p>- We established a Hungarian ICOH newsletter. This is based on the regularly sent English newsletter translated into Hungarian to inform the Hungarian doctors about the ICOH events and activities.</p> <p>- The Hungarian National Secretary is operating an e-mail address: info@icoh.hu, which replies the questions and requests from the Hungarian OH care professionals.</p>
Ireland	Patrick Lee	<p>- 2007 was my first year as ICOH Secretary in Ireland. As far as I am aware there were no specific ICOH activities in Ireland for a number of years. ICOH does not have many members at present in Ireland. I hope to promote ICOH activities by increasing it's membership in Ireland. This I hope to do with the assistance of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and the Society of Occupational Medicine of Ireland.</p> <p>- During 2008 I advertised ICOH and its activities with the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and the Irish Society of Occupational Medicine of Ireland and as a result have increased the Irish ICOH membership substantially.</p>
Italy	Sergio	<p>- A wide membership campaign was preformed during the last triennium</p>

	Iavicoli	<p>2006 – 2008 and was based on two pillars. The first was to promote ICOH Membership in the Post Graduate Schools through actions aiming at increasing the membership among young professionals (a specific CD-Rom was developed in order to foster ICOH Membership). The second pillar of the triennial strategy was to support ICOH affiliation in all meetings and symposia held in Italy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the meetings of the Italian Society of Occupational Health (SIMLII) in 2007 and 2008, a promotional booth was set up with the objective of increasing the awareness of ICOH Activities. To this purpose, Brochures, Application Forms, Core Documents, Calendar of Meetings and other helpful tools were available.
Norway	Helge Kjuus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of the ICOH National Secretary Presentation CD has been provided to all six Regional Departments of Occupational Medicine in Norway, together with the University of Bergen, with motivation for new memberships. At the annual meetings of occupational physicians similar information has been given, with focus on relevant meetings during 2007 and 2008. - The year 2008 has been a year of continued focus on ICOH activities in Norway. All institutions in occupational medicine has been informed about ICOH, also by spreading the information CD that I received from Secretariat. - Membership campaign: Although several new members have been recruited, there are also several members that have retired. Due to downsizing of the occupational health services in Norway during the last years, fewer candidates have been available. We foresee a change in this picture for 2009, as several new positions for specialist in occupational medicine at the institutions will be established. We therefore hope that the number of members from Norway can be increased during the next years. One problem related to membership recruitment has been the slow process from application to decision, and some confusion and problems related to the practicing of recommendations required from 3 other members in good standing.
Portugal	Antonio Neves Pires de Sousa Uva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I may say that national secretaries should have any kind of support even the more simple (and administrative) information. - I try to maintain ICOH members and to have new members, and in the context of the Portuguese Society of Occupational Medicine to promote information about ICOH meetings and work groups.
Serbia	Peter Bulat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In period after 2006 Milan ICOH Conference there were a number of important activities within membership campaign. First of all , In 2006 Montenegro became independent from Serbia, so I immediately reacted and proposed Dr. Ljiljana Kezunovic for ICOH National Secretary for Montenegro. Also, in contacts with colleagues from Montenegro I tried to stimulate them to apply for ICOH membership. I signed three applications from Montenegro (unfortunately, I do not receive any information if they were accepted as ICOH members.) Also, during regional meetings (especially during Congress in Dubrovnik in November 2007) I had a number of fruitful discussions on ICOH membership with colleagues from Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a result of that activity I signed 5 application forms to Bosnia and Herzegovina occupational health physicians. - In attracting new Serbian ICOH members I choose same strategy and during our meetings in individual contacts with most prominent Serbian occupational health physicians I promoted ICOH and ICOH membership. So, as a result of that activity I may conclude that the most prominent occupational physicians in Serbia are ICOH members. This will give us a good perception of other occupational health physicians who are still hesitating to apply for membership. I would like to emphasize that ICOH membership policy (decreased membership dues for developing countries) played a significant role in attracting new members.

		<p>- During 2008 I continued activities on attracting new ICOH members. Like in previous years I choose individual approach to OH specialists. Due to my previous experiences with colleagues I decided to focus on younger OH specialists with adequate knowledge of English language. Due to my position of University professor I was able to contact all young specialists and to propose them to join ICOH family. I signed a number of ICOH application but so far I do not have exact information from ICOH secretariat on new members.</p>
Sweden	Håkan Westberg	<p>- During our yearly professional meetings for the Swedish Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Hygiene associations, comprising physicians, nurses, psychologists, industrial hygienists and safety engineers, we have advertised the ICOH meeting 2009.</p> <p>- The Swedish National Institute for Working Life was closed down in 2007, allocating researchers to universities and other national institutes, not necessarily linked to areas of occupational and environmental medicine. An updating of our member register has been Performed.</p>
Switzerland	Andreas Flueckiger on behalf of Helmut Krueger	<p>- With important chemical and pharmaceutical industry in the country, the corresponding SC of ICOH, Medichem, enjoys support and interest here with good participation in the annual Medichem conferences. Medichem in its newsletters and electronic mail-outs as well as at its conferences continuously promotes ICOH membership. Both at the 2007 and 2008 conferences (Queretaro and Amsterdam), Medichem offered high-ranking ICOH board members a podium as speakers and guests to specifically promote ICOH and ICOH membership.</p>
Turkey	Yucel Demiral	<p>- There are 4 new members in 2007 and currently there are 21 members known by the NS. All are medical background. We have planned to reach other professional groups (engineers, economists and law, etc.) in 2008 for new membership.</p> <p>- Turkey reached 17 ICOH members in good standing in 2008. Two more are waiting for the acceptance.</p> <p>- Turkish ICOH members are mostly from medical background. Only one member is an mining engineer. Most of the medical members' background is occupational health (52%) and public health (41%). Gender is rather equally distributed as 52% are women. Almost all members are academicians with the one exception who is working in the OSH administration in government. With this regards we will try to reach OHS professionals working in the field (e.g. nurses, safety engineers, OH physicians, ergonomics) and improve memberships of especially non-medical members in the following years.</p>
United Kingdom	John Harrison	<p>- Preparation for the Conference of the ICOH Scientific Committee on Training and Education in Glasgow – April 2008. The Conference held in April 2008 was a springboard for promoting ICOH in the UK.</p>
Kenya	Franklin K. Muchiri	<p>- Strengthened effort for recruiting new members is necessary through active ICOH members in the region. Attention is drawn to the benefits of becoming ICOH members and to the payment of fees.</p> <p>- ICOH 2009 is an important occasion for the membership campaign in the whole region.</p>
South Africa	Charles P. Roos	<p>- ICOH membership promotion was conducted through presentations and the distribution of ICOH registration leaflets at the following instances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - SASOM conference – Raising standards in Occupational Health 6/7 August 2007; • SASTM conference – Travel Medicine 26/28 October 2007; • SASOM conference – Wellness in the Workplace 23 November 2007. <p>- In addition to the ICOH membership benefits, the financial benefits of membership relating to discounted registration fees for ICOH 2009, was stressed.</p> <p>- ICOH promotional and registration details were included on the SASOM/ICOH2009 website.</p>

Zambia	Anne Kamoto Puta	The role of ICOH is crucial in developing occupational safety and health and efforts are made to promote ICOH activities and membership campaign through various OSHE projects.
China	Hua Fu	We promoted young professionals understood ICOH and hope them to be ICOH membership. In last two years, some young professionals applied for ICOH membership. There were 3 other experts who applied for ICOH membership and became the members.
India	S, Sivarama-krishnan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ICOH membership campaign was conducted within the Indian Association of Occupational Health during 2007. - On the occasion of the workshop of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health and Development on 14 January 2008 and during the Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Occupational Health held in Mumbai from 15-17 January 2008, a special campaign was held to recruit new ICOH members. There were a number of applicants, and these applications were sent to the ICOH Secretariat. As a result of the membership drive, we received 33 duly filled forms. The forms were forwarded to Secretariat.
Indonesia	Sudjoko Kuswadji	Moderating mail list such as Company Physician Maillist and Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Maillist was undertaken to help increase the exchange of research and practice among occupational health professionals. We expect to increase the number of ICOH members in Indonesia to 20 within 2006-2008.
Japan	Norito Kawakami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brochures and application forms were distributed at the annual meeting of the Japan Society for Occupational Health (JSOH) in April, 2006. - ICOH active members have been encouraged to recruit new members, through an e-mail newsletter. - A promotion brochure was distributed at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Occupational Health (JSOH) in Sapporo, June 24-28, 2008. The brochure particularly focused on (1) discount membership fee for applicants under age 35, (2) benefits of being an ICOH member (a discount registration fee for ICOH2009 and other ICOH-related conferences, newsletters, membership for 33 Scientific Committees, a discount rate for ILO publications, etc.), and (3) support by ICOH active members for applicants to find “sponsors” for their application. - The announcement was also sent out to several mailing lists related to occupational health in Japan (such as the ICOH active member mailing list, and the Occupational Health Mailing List)..As the results of the membership campaign, eight new applications and one renewal application were submitted and accepted from June to August 2008.
Korea	Se-Hoon Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage the members of the Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (KSOEM) to join in ICOH membership at its annual conference held in Haewoondae Grand Hotel, Busan, Korea, on November 11~12, 2007. We put a poster at the registration desk. - Similar activity was performed at the annual conference held in BEXCO, Busan, Korea, on Nov 6~7 2008. - Brief introduction about ICOH, and encouragement of the 99 residents of Board of Occupational and Environmental Medicine to join in ICOH membership at the lecture given in the Annual Educational and Training Program for the residents held on Aug 21~23, 2008 in Songwon Resort, Cheolanamdo. All residents but a few exceptions are 30 years old or less. Dr. Seong-Kyu Kang, KOSHA (Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency), Secretary of SC on Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology ICOH, did similar introduction at the end of his lecture. Dr. Kang also introduced them on KOSHA’s plan of application for hosting ICOH2015 Congress in Korea. We expect some of the residents will join in ICOH in the near future.
Philippines	Benito Reverente Jr	- We try to recruit new members during the annual meeting of the Philippine College of Occupational Medicine. (PCOM) and informed the prospective members of the reduced membership dues of ICOH.

		- I have been promoting ICOH membership to our national association members during our scientific meetings as well as national and regional conferences on occupational health. Please note that there are more members from the Philippines now than in previous years. We have also highlighted the fact that our national association, the Philippine College of Occupational Medicine is an affiliate society of ICOH.
Taiwan	Jung-Der Wang	While most professional industrial hygienists join the IOHA, I hope to invite all board certified occupational physicians (a total of about 250) to join ICOH. In fact, many of them joined before, but later dropped the participation of ICOH conference because of the increasing expense.
Thailand	Yothin Benjawung	Interest in ICOH activities is growing, and new members are expected. The payment of membership fees is a problem. It is important to clarify the benefits of becoming an ICOH member.
Australia	Wai-On Phoon	<p>- There are about 500 occupational physicians and trainees in Australia or New Zealand. In addition, there are about 500 safety officers, occupational health nurses and other OHS personnel. There are far fewer ICOH members in Australia than those members suggest. Much of my activity in this present triennium was to persuade OHS personnel to join ICOH. They already belong to the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, a requirement to practice as Occupational Physicians. Safety officers and occupational health nurses also belong to other equivalent organizations.</p> <p>- Another frequent objective is that Australia already belongs to the Asian Association of Occupational Health. However, most existing such members are national associations, although individual membership is also provided for.</p> <p>- Despite these problems, I have tried to spread the message of the advantages of belonging to the peak body in occupational health in the world. Yearly we have annual meetings of OHS personnel in Australia, so I tried to use such platforms.</p>

Summary of the reports of National Secretaries for 2006 - 2008
(2) Other activities done during 2006-2008

Country /Area	National Secretary	Other activities done during 2006-2008
Canada	Louis Patry	<p>- In 2008, I continue to promote ICOH during different Occupational Health meetings. The promotion of ICOH in a wide country like Canada, it is not an easy task. My strategy relied on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications with the members by email. • Support from the ICOH Secretary. The link between National Secretary and ICOH secretary, should be improved; it was not easy to get an updated list of the Canadian members. The addresses were wrong in many cases. • Discussion with the organisation committee of the International ICOH-WOPS 2008 Conference. The National Secretary should be involved when a Scientific Committee decides to hold a Conference in the country of the NS. The role of the National Secretary seem to be unknown by the Scientific Committees. <p>- Meeting with ICOH members during the International ICOH-WOPS 2008 Conference.</p>
Mexico	Elia E. Enriquez	<p>- ICOH members are actively supporting the preparation of ICOH 2012. The National Secretary took part in several international meetings to promote 2012.</p>
United States	Robert R. Orford	<p>- The 7th International Conference on Health Care Worker Health, Vancouver, Canada, October 26–28, 2007 was attended by over 300 persons, including approximately 120 ICOH members. The conference was sponsored by ICOH, ACOEM, NIOSH, WorkSafe BC, sponsors/exhibitors, attendees. ICOH Executive Committee and several National Secretaries attended. Very successful conference jointly sponsored by the ICOH SC on Health Care Worker Health and the ICOH SC on Occupational Health and Development. Preconference Workshop was held on OHS and OIA in Developing Countries and Rural and Remote Communities (chaired by Dr. Yassi). Both SCs, plus the National Secretaries, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Infectious Agents (OIA) met during the meeting.</p> <p>- USA will sponsor panels on immunization and on health and productivity at the ICOH Congress in Cape Town, March 2009 (Drs. McLellan, Hymel, and others).</p>
Argentina	Claudio Herman Taboadela	<p>- I attended the National Secretary Meeting (Milan - Italy) during the 2006 ICOH International Congress. I was assigned to NS for Argentina replacing Dr. Antonio Werner who was designated as Honorary Member. I attended the OIA Meeting at Milan, Italy, as new member of the group.</p> <p>- I read for the first time in Spanish the ICOH Centennial Declaration in Sao Pablo (Brazil) during the Brazilian ICOH Centennial Celebration in November 2006. In June 2007, I wrote in Spanish the paper: "A hundred years of ICOH foundation", published in the Journal "Salud Ocupacional" (Occupational Health), Year XXIV N° 100.</p> <p>- In May 2007, I founded with other Orthopedic Surgeons who work in Occupational Orthopaedics the "Occupational Orthopaedics and Traumatology Argentine Society": SATO.</p> <p>- In October 2007, I represented Argentina as ICOH NS during the "First River Plate Conference on Occupational Health", Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay (October 5-7). Then I attended the OIA Committee Meeting held at the Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, Canada (October 25th). I represented Argentina as ICOH NS during the "ICOH NS Meeting" held in Vancouver, Canada (October 26).</p> <p>- In November 2007, I joined the Sociedad de Medicina del Trabajo de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, Argentina, as ICOH affiliate member. As I am</p>

		<p>the General Secretary of this Society, I also represent it at ICOH. I organized the Latin America ICOH NS Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina (November 13, 2007).</p> <p>- During 2008 there were two Occupational Health Meetings in Argentina: September 3-5, Buenos Aires, "XII Conference on Occupational Health" organized by Sociedad de Medicina del Trabajo de la Provincia de Buenos Aires; and in October 2008, San Luis: "XV Argentine Congress on Occupational Health" organized by the Argentine Federation on Occupational Health.</p> <p>- I have invited Dr. Sergio Iavicoli to the 12th Conference on Occupational Health and 2nd River Plate Conference on Occupational Health, Buenos Aires, September 3-5, 2008. Argentina. On this occasion, Professor Iavicoli dictated two lectures, one organized by the Ministry of Labor.</p> <p>- I have translated into Spanish the Declaration of Brescia which has been published in the Journal "Salud Ocupacional" October-December 2007, XXIV,102:40-45.</p> <p>- I have been working with Dr. Antonio Werner, Dr. Ruddy Facci and Dr. Edoardo Santino in the development of ICOH in the Mercosur.</p>
Brazil	Ruddy Facci on behalf of Edoardo Santino	<p>- ICOH activities and ICOH 2009 are actively promoted through the national occupational health associations.</p> <p>- The promotional materials available at the National Secretary Virtual Office are used in promoting ICOH activities.</p>
Columbia	Juliette Rodriquez Guzman	<p>- The following activities were undertaken during 2006-2008:</p> <p>(1) Information dissemination and promotion of Ethics in Occupational Health in Colombia and other Latin American countries. (· A survey on ethical practices in occupational health services in Latin America was carried out in 2006, and followed during 2007 and 2008; A proposal to adopt ICOH's Code of Ethics was addressed to the Government of Colombia. Basic principles were included in Human Resource la, and currently a regulation in being built; · Several Forums and debates were carried out in 2007 and a new one is going to be held in 2009.</p> <p>(2) Promotion of education and training in OH in Colombia and Latin America: Co-organization of the 3rd National Conference of Graduate Programs in Occupational Health, and the 1st International Conference of Education and Training in Occupational, will be held on May 27-28, 2007. Venue: Cartagena de Indias. This was a satellite event of the Xth Latin American Conference of Occupational Health, and the XXVII National Conference of Occupational Health and work medicine. Support from the SC Education and Training was given by Bonnie Rogers. NIOSH supported the proceedings. The Declaration of Cartagena was issued and published in Medicina di Lavoro, and several national and international newsletters. Several distance education activities followed for improving training of OH professionals in Latin America and the Caribbean with US, Italy and Germany.</p> <p>(3) Agricultural medicine and rural health development and promotion in Colombia and Latin America:</p> <p>· Organization together with the ICOH SC RHAPOD and IAAMRH of the XVIIth International Congress of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health to be held in Cartagena, Colombia in October 13-16th 2009, as a satellite event of ICOH Cape Town 2009 Congress. A series of actions aimed for promoting this topic and the global conference were carried out and symposiums and/or oral presentations on AM&RH were organized in El Salvador, San Salvador (October 2006), La Havana. Cuba (March, 2007), Cartagena, Colombia (May-June, 2007), Vancouver, Canada (October, 2007), Buenos Aires, Argentina (November, 2007), EPICOH Heredia, Costa Rica (June, 2008), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (June, 2008), Seoul, Korea (July, 2008), Zacatecas, Mexico (October, 2008), and for Cape Town, South Africa (March, 2009).</p>

		<p>(4) Organization of Network-ICOH-Colombia: · Through Yahoo-groups, as a closed discussion list since 2006. Currently 21 active members. Only members in good standing share this privilege to communicate, and exchange ideas, papers, discussions, etc. Dr. Federico Gomez was chosen to co-moderate our Network-ICOH-Colombia since we are expecting the group to grow bigger. You can see it in the following link: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Network-ICOH-Colombia. Our contact e-mail address is: Network-ICOH-Colombia@yahoo.com</p> <p>Further, we are promoting the building of a Latin American Network, by means of which all Latin American National Secretaries actively support each other. This has worked for our AM&RH Congress through email, and with other colleagues from the region non-ICOH members, for conforming the Congress' Latin American Consultative Committee.</p> <p>(5) Women and work: promotion of advances with gender approach: Document preparation for discussion about promotion of women, work and health have been constructed for participating in different forums in Latin America (Colombia, June 2007; Dominican Republic, June 2008), promoting gender approach for improving women's working conditions in Colombia and Latin America. Support was given as Latin American Advisor to the V World Congress on Women, Work and Health held in Zacatecas, Mexico, in October 2008.</p>
Ecuador	Raur Harari	<p>- June 2008: Participation in the International Meetings in Costa Rica organized by different Committees of ICOH. (EPICOH and NEUREOH) We sent six abstracts (all of them were approved). We also did an oral presentation. In this meeting we participate in a meeting about new activities of ICOH in Latin America, leaded by Claudio Colosio, where presentation was made about the Meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, about Rural Health (organized by Julietta Rodriguez).</p> <p>- August: we spread information about ICOH and their next activities in Latin America in different sites in Ecuador trough our friends.</p> <p>- September: I was invited to go to Argentine to the Second River Plate Conference on Occupational Health, by Dr Taboadela from Argentine, but it was impossible for me to attend due to local troubles in Ecuador.</p> <p>- We received the ICOH Newsletter of December 2008 and we want to send our congratulations to our President and all the Board for the good job you have done during this years.</p>
Peru	Denis Barnaby	<p>- Activities done during 2006-2007 for promoting ICOH activities included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course or Ergonomics done by Dr. Jorge Morales in 2006 sponsored by 3M, Sopeso and ICOH • Course or Audiometry done by Dr. Jorge Morales in 2006 sponsored by the Health Ministry and ICOH] • Occupational Health Mastery (San Marcos National University) invited participant with 2 presentations. • Meetings of the OH Peruvian Society (SOPESO) and the Peruvian Occupational Medicine & Environmental Society (SOMOMA). <p>- I attended the National Secretaries meetings in Buenos Aires-13 Nov 2007, together with Vice President Kazutaka Kogi, Board Members Dr. René Mendes (Brasil), Dr. Jorge Morales Camino (México). The National Secretaries from Argentina (Dr. Claudio Taboadela), Brasil (Dr. Ruddy Facci on behalf of Edoardo Santino), Chile (Ing. Rodrigo Munita Necochea), Colombia (Dra. Julietta Rodríguez Guzmán), México (Dra. Elia Enríquez Viveros), Perú (Dr. Denis Barnaby) and Uruguay (Dr. Raúl Barañano).</p> <p>- At the Argentina-Occupational Health International, 25° Aniversario: 1982-2007, 11as. Jornadas de Salud Ocupacional Sociedad de Medicina del Trabajo de la Provincia de Buenos Aires 13-16 Nov. 2007, I presented a paper: Riesgos químicos en la industria del detergente. The conference was also attended by Peruvian members of ICOH): Elizabeth Barba, Mirco</p>

		Cuello, Oscar Ramírez, Jorge Barreto. Segundo Encuentro Nacional sobre Salud Ocupacional y Seguridad, 22 November 2007, Hotel Sol de Oro: Theme was Riesgos químicos en la industria detergentes.
Austria	Robert Winker	<p>- Medichem organized a congress together with Fenastac (Mexican Association of Occupational Medicine). The Fenastac-Medichem-congress was held from the 13-15th of September 2007 in Querétaro/Mexico. I as Medichem secretary organized the Medichem-board meeting together with Horge Morales. We invited Marilyn Fingerhut, who on behalf of a Global Network of Collaborating Centers in Occupational Health by the WHO, introduced projects, which will be carried out in the ICOH period 2006-2010. Marilyn Fingerhut serves as a Coordinator of this specific Global Network. It includes several active occupational health centers on all continents, the International Labor Organization, and three international non-governmental organizations: the International Commission on Occupational Health, the International Occupational Hygiene Association, and the International Ergonomics Association. In particular Marilyn Fingerhut briefly introduced the following 3 projects to the Medichem-board: the NIOSH Transportation Initiative; women: work and health by the WHO and a SARS-project by the WHO. The Medichem board decided to promote these ICOH activities.</p> <p>- Together with colleagues of the Medichem-board we launched a new award scheme named "Medichem International Young Professionals Award". It is intended for sponsoring a speaker at a national congress. This speaker will be formally speaking on behalf of Medichem and ICOH. A proposal for 3 such speakers will have to be made to the Medichem Chairman and Medichem has the right to decide which of the 3 will receive the award. The first trial was launched in India in January 2008.</p>
Belgium	Simon Bulterys	<p>- At the brand new website of the Belgian association of occupational health physicians (www.apbmt.be) you can find ICOH and you can click through to Icohweb.org. This website becomes the main communication channel for the association and his 450 members. When the website is fully operational, we will add more information on ICOH and ICOH-activities...</p> <p>- ICOH activities are published in the newsletter of the Flemish scientific association of occupational health.</p> <p>- We made a link from the new website of the Belgian association of Occupational Medicine to the ICOH website and to the congress in South-Africa.</p> <p>- The Flemish scientific organisation of occupational health announced at every occasion in their newsletter the congress in South-Africa.</p> <p>- The Flemish scientific organisation of occupational health also gave a price of 2500 to a selected contributor of the congress. This contest is organised to promote scientific contributions.</p> <p>- We tried to convince some colleagues to make a contribution for Cape Town. Some did. Some contributors were disappointed that they could only present a poster and decided not to go.</p>
Croatia	Vlasta Deckovis-Vukres	<p>- Activities during 2006/2007 included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and information dissemination about ICOH 2006 - Milan to the Croatian Society on Occupational Health (CSOH) members and agitation for abstracts. Participation on the Congress – 30 participants with 11 papers (oral, poster and special sessions). • Preparation and participation in a special ICOH 2006 – Milan session organized by UEMS on competency and training in OH. • Organization and hosting the 14th Congress of the ICOH Scientific Committee on Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH entitled "Occupational Health Services in Transition in Eastern and Western Europe". held on 8-11 November 2007 in Dubrovnik. Croatia as a joint event with the 4th Croatian Congress on Occupational Health.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing a group trip to the Cape Town – ca 21 persons from Croatia. • Information dissemination within Croatian Society on Occupational Health members about ICOH activities. • <u>Dissemination of ICOH Newsletter within CSOH members.</u>
Denmark	David Sherson	<p>- In Denmark we have 12 public occupational health clinics. Every time I get information about an advertised ICOH meeting or congress I send an e-mail to all these clinics.</p> <p>- As national secretary I have sent out invitations to the upcoming ICOH meeting twice to all the departments of occupational medicine in Denmark.</p>
Finland	Timo Leino	<p>- 2. April 2008 a national ICOH information meeting was held in FIOH. Some 30 participants attended the meeting. The program and pre-information of the meeting was specifically directed to the younger colleagues and prospective members of ICOH. The following presentations were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News from ICOH, ILO and WHO, ICOH President Jorma Rantanen • ICOH membership campaign and forthcoming Cape Town 2009 Congress, National Secretary Timo Leino • ICOH website and newsletter, ICOH Board member Suvi Lehtinen • Challenges for occupational health (Evidence-based information and its utilization), FIOH director Harri Vainio • Work and family life, Dr. Ari Väänänen • Occupational dermatoses and their diagnostic criteria, Dr. Kristiina Alanko • Short presentations of the activities of the following Scientific Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aging and Work, secretary Clas-Håkan Nygård - Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH, secretary Timo Leino - Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses, chair Kristiina Alanko - Occupational Health and Development, chair Suvi Lehtinen - Reproductive Hazards, executive board member Helena Taskinen - Occupational Health in Small-Scale Enterprises, secretary Panu Oksa - Occupational Health Nursing, chair Marjatta Peurala - Radiation and Work, chair Maila Hietanen - Employment and Work, secretary Simo Mannila - Vibration and Noise, chair elect Jukka Starck <p>- An article of the ICOH meeting was published in the ICOH April 2008 Newsletter.</p> <p>- Timo Leino participated in the ICOH National Secretaries meeting on 21 October in Paris and presented the ICOH activities in Finland.</p>
France	Janine Bigaignon-Cantineau	<p>For promoting ICOH activities or the work of members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting for all French speaking members is to be held at the French Occupational Health National Conference in Tours in June 2008. - Regular e mails regarding ICOH mid term conferences are being sent regularly to French members. - As chair of SCETOH in Glasgow 2008, I have been active in the organisation and promoting French & international contribution. - A special group flight to ICOH 2009 is in progress. - Organisation and contribution at the SCETOH meeting in Glasgow April 2008 - Contribution at the joint ICOH Evaluation and Research Committee and CISME meeting in Paris in June 2008. Promotion of ICOH membership - Participation at the National Secretary meeting before this Congress
Greece	Theodore Bazas	<p>- The ICOH2006 in Milan was publicized also after it took place as follows:</p> <p>(1) An article on ICOH 2006, including a summary of the Centennial Declaration, was written by Dr T. Bazas and it was published, in Athens, in the monthly “Medical Newspaper” [“Iatriki Efimeris”] (30.11.2006 issue,</p>

	<p>circulation 4000 copies all over Greece).</p> <p>(2) Dr T. Bazas contributed to an article, on ICOH2006, published, in Athens, in the trimonthly journal "Occupational Health and Safety" ["Ygieni and Asfaleia Tis Ergasias"] (July-September 2006 issue, circulation 8,000 copies all over Greece).</p> <p>(3) Dr T. Bazas sent the ICOH Centennial Declaration to the Minister and to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity and to the Mayor of the Athens Municipality of Psychico.</p> <p>(4) Dr T. Bazas, in his capacity as Vice President of the Greek Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, publicized ICOH and the ICOH2006, also after it took place, during meetings of the Board and the General Assembly of this Society (2006).</p> <p>(5) On the occasion of the World Day for Health and Safety at Work (28 April 2008), which was by and large ignored by the Greek mass media, on account of it coinciding with the second day of the Greek Orthodox Easter (celebrated in Greece as much as Christmas in Northern and Central European countries), on 29 April 2008 at 13:00 hrs, Dr T. Bazas was interviewed live on the very reputable Greek television station SKAI, in the daily 15 minutes long live News program "ECO News" (ecological news). SKAI tv is part of the firm which issues in Greece the very reputable newspaper "Kathimerini" [Daily], which is the equivalent of the "London Times" (a policy making newspaper), and which includes the Greek Edition of the International Herald Tribune newspaper, in its Saturday issue. In Dr T. Bazas's aforementioned interview, ICOH was mentioned both orally and in a caption [Diethnis Epitropi Iatrikis kai ygieinis tis ergasias - which is the official translation of ICOH according to the Translation Department of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs]. The video of the ECO News program in which Dr T. Bazas was interviewed can be seen on the SKAI television station website: 1) <i>Key in:</i> www.skai.gr, then 2) On the page that appears, click : <i>deite</i>, then 3) On the next page that appears, <u>under</u> the small empty screen in the center, in the empty space key in: ECO News (Note ECO <u>in capital letters</u>, News , <u>only the first letter is a capital letter</u>), then 4) Click on the little, round "button" which has the word "video" on it, which is to the right of the space mentioned in 3 above, then 5) On the next page that appears, on which there is a list of all ECO News programs to date, listed by date going back in time, <i>click:</i> ECO News 29/04/2008, and the video of the program will start showing on the screen on the center of that page. My interview starts approximately on the 8th minute and 20 seconds (if you wish, you can have a full screen by clicking the appropriate right angular little frame at the bottom right hand side of the screen, and you can also fast forward the video by "pinching" the horizontal lever which runs along the bottom part of the screen). This was the first time ever that ICOH is mentioned on Greek Television. This, of course, is of little consequence, compared with the Italian achievement, to have an ICOH document incorporated in the National Italian legislation. Still, in Greece, one has to make the best of any opportunity as they present themselves, so that Occupational health and Safety and the ICOH, become more widely known.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr T. Bazas presented ICOH, outlining its aim and activities, to the Directorate of International Organizations of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, contacting in person and in writing the Director of the aforementioned Directorate, Ambassador Alexandros Rallis, in September 2008. This was done with a view to having ICOH involved in future consultations on occupational health undertaken or initiated or sponsored by or linked with the activities of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. - Dr T. Bazas cited ICOH in several articles on various occupational health issues (e.g. on preventive measures in the workplace in a possible flue epidemic, on administrative measures regarding asbestos hazards, on education and training in occupational medicine), which were published in
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		<p>major daily Athens Newspapers, without, of course, committing ICOH to his views.</p> <p>- A brief communication on ICOH2009, written by Dr T. Bazas, has been published: 1) In the bimonthly journal “Medical Podium” [“IATRIKO VIMA”], which is the official journal of the Panhellenic (Greek) Association [PIS] (January 2008 issue, circulation 40,000 copies all over Greece); 2] In the monthly “Medical Newspaper” [“Iatriki Efimeris”] (31.1.2008 issue, circulation 4000 copies all over Greece).</p> <p>- <u>Translation Of ICOH Code of Ethics for Occupational Health Professionals into Greek:</u></p> <p>(1) The work of Translation Committee (established in 2007, chaired by Dr T. Bazas and consisting of four Greek ICOH Members and another experienced Greek physician) was submitted to the Officers of ICOH for approval on 18 July 2008. It is hoped that it will be posted on the ICOH website and also that it will be published as soon as approval is granted. In Greece, although the basic post war laws and regulations regarding protection of health at work came in force in 1985 and regarding the establishment of the specialty of occupational medicine came in force in 1986, there is still room for improvement with regard to the coverage and the degree at which they have been materialized. These laws do not include a comprehensive code of ethics for all occupational health and safety professionals.</p> <p>(2) The ICOH code is compatible with the relevant provisions of Greek laws, such as the law on medical ethics, it summarizes many of them, it clarifies them, it complements them, and, in addition, it covers professions for which there are no specific codes of ethics. The occupational health professionals practicing in Greece, particularly the younger ones, will find in it, in their mother tongue, useful and easy to understand answers to their queries arising in their daily practice. Furthermore, other people who are involved directly or indirectly with activities pertaining to protection of health at work, will realize to a greater extent certain aspects of the work of the professionals who provide relevant services.</p> <p>(3) The code was initially translated into Greek from the English original document. Each member of the Working Group recorded independently from the other members, his/hers remarks on the first draft, studying either the English or the French original document. Afterwards an exchange of views took place in connection with all remarks made by all the members of the Working Group. Finally, following a general consensus, the definitive version of the text of the translation was produced. The translation was subsequently endorsed by almost all Greek ICOH members.</p> <p>(4) The Greek translation of this code is expected to contribute to the effective occupational health and safety practice, to the protection of the privacy and health of more workers and to the improvement of the quality of their lives. It is planned, that Dr T. Bazas will present the ICOH Code of Ethics at the Round Table Session on “Occupational health issues pertaining to hospital employees” of the 22nd Greek Medical Conference of the Armed Services i(Thessaloniki, 9 November 2008). This conference is the second largest medical conference in Greece and it well attended also by several hundred civilian physicians.</p> <p>(5) The Mayor of the Athens Municipality of Psychico, Dr Iriki Katsarou, placed the Greek edition of the code under her aegis and funding for the publication of the Greek edition of the code has been secured.</p> <p>- Liaising with other Greek ICOH members:</p> <p>(1) Dr T. Bazas collaborated meeting several times with two other ICOH Members (Dr E. Zimalis and Dr A. Krikella) in the authorship of a paper (submitted for presentation at the 8th International Conference of the ICOH SCETOH, in Glasgow, in April 2008) and with four Greek ICOH members in the translation of the ICOH Code of Ethics for Occupational Health</p>
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		<p>Professionals (Dr A. Zimalis, Dr A. Krikella, Dr E. Zaharias, Dr A. Maris).</p> <p>(2) Dr T. Bazas repeatedly met (in small groups or individually) most other Greek ICOH Members, either in connection with reviewing the Greek translation of the ICOH Code or in order to discuss other matters of mutual interest (e.g. the possible type of event for launching the Greek ICOH Code Translation in a Conference or workshop in Athens). He also met the new ICOH members to clarify matters pertaining to ICOH, as needed.</p>
Hungary	Eva Ruzsas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of our main successes in year 2008 was to start operating the Hungarian ICOH web site: www.icoh.hu. The site gives information in Hungarian about the ICOH and our national secretary, their activities and also presents articles and news translated from the English ICOH web site. - The national secretary contacted the editor of the national scientific journal of the Occupational Medicine Society and got support for a publication, which presents the ICOH and campaigns for new members. - The Hungarian national secretary Dr. Eva Ruzsas and her deputy Dr. Timea Toth have become both board members of the Hungarian Society of Occupational Medicine, which offers several opportunities to campaign and get support for the ICOH.
Ireland	Patrick Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I successfully arranged through both of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland under the leadership of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine for Ireland to be one of the 3 bidders at Cape Town to host the 2015 ICOH triennial Congress in Dublin, Ireland. We hope to make a strong and successful presentation at the Congress. - ICOH membership fee reminders to be sent to each ICOH member shortly before their membership lapses. - Members reminded also of various benefits of their being a member of ICOH, e.g. access to scientific works and forum etc.
Italy	Sergio Iavicoli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In addition to the membership campaign, the second pillar of the triennial strategy was to support ICOH affiliation in all meetings and symposia held in Italy. - The most important achievement was, beyond doubt, the inclusion of the ICOH International Code of Ethics for OH Professionals as term of reference in the new Framework Act for occupational safety and health ("Decreto legislativo 81/08") signed by the President of the Italian Republic on April 9, 2008. - Meetings of ICOH members were held in Rome in December 2007 and in Palermo in November 2008 in conjunction with the meetings of the Italian Society of Occupational Health (SIMLII). - During the meetings a promotional booth was set up with the objective of increasing the awareness of ICOH Activities. To this purpose, Brochures, Application Forms, Core Documents, Calendar of Meetings and other helpful tools were available.
Norway	Helge Kjuus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special motivation campaigns related to participation in the EPICOH conferences, in Banff, Canada (2007), and in Costa Rica (2008). - Participation in ICOH activities: Norway has very active participants in several of the scientific committees, in addition to having a Norwegian member of the Board. We have also proposed a new candidate from Norway to the Board. Our members have participated in several of the meetings and conferences, e.g. between 15-20 Norwegian members participated at the EPICOH in Costa Rica. Relatively few members, however, will join the world Congress in South Africa, it seems that the main reason for many is the high expenses related to travel and participation.
Portugal	Antonio Neves Pires de Sousa Uva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the context of the Portuguese Society of Occupational Medicine to promote information about ICOH meetings and work groups.
Serbia	Peter Bulat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2006-2007 activities of ICOH National Secretary were focused on attracting new members and there were no other activities. - Apart from attracting new members among young OH specialist, with

		<p>support of WHO and Serbian Ministry of Health I organized a meeting promoting BOHS with lecturers Jorma Rantanen and Rokho Kim (WHO Europe) on November 7th in Belgrade. The attendance was above expectations, we had at the meeting 83 Heads of Occupational Services from whole Serbia and all of them got invitation to join ICOH. I hope that this event will create at least a few new members from Serbia in 2009.</p> <p>- In 2008 group from occupational service from South Serbia (Niš) prepared a draft translation of ICOH code of ethics and we distributed it together with English version among colleagues for comments. I am expecting that this job will be finished in March 2009 and we will send it to ICOH for approval.</p> <p>- With support from WHO BOHS booklet has been translated in Serbian and distributed during meeting on November 7th in Belgrade when Jorma Rantanen gave lecture on BOHS.</p>
Sweden	Håkan Westberg	<p>- During our yearly professional meetings for the Swedish Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Hygiene associations, comprising physicians, nurses, psychologists, industrial hygienists and safety engineers, we have advertised the ICOH meeting 2009.</p> <p>- An email advertising and reminder of the ICOH 2009 in Cape Town has also been distributed, based on the announcement info provided by the ICOH 2009 organizing committee.</p>
Switzerland	Andreas Flueckiger on behalf of Helmut Krueger	<p>- The activities in Switzerland have focussed on notifying the pertinent professional associations of the country of the Cape Town conference, asking them to publicise the meeting on their websites and ensuring that credits were allocated to this congress within the framework of the compulsory continuing education requirements.</p> <p>- With important chemical and pharmaceutical industry in the country, the corresponding SC of ICOH, Medichem, enjoys support and interest here with good participation in the annual Medichem conferences. Medichem in its newsletters and electronic mail-outs as well as at its conferences continuously promotes ICOH membership. Both at the 2007 and 2008 conferences (Queretaro and Amsterdam), Medichem offered high-ranking ICOH board members a podium as speakers and guests to specifically promote ICOH and ICOH membership.</p>
Turkey	Yucel Demiral	<p>- Activities done in 2007 included: "1st Global Expert Meeting on Basic Occupational Health Services organized in Izmir, Turkey in August 2-3, 2007 in coordination with WHO, ILO and ICOH. All documents are available at the web page: http://web.deu.edu.tr/halksagligi/BOHS.htm</p> <p>- Following activities have been organised and participated</p> <p>(1) First Global Expert Meeting on Basic Occupational Health Services organized in Izmir, Turkey in August 2-3, 2007 in coordination with WHO, ILO and ICOH. All documents are available at the web: http://web.deu.edu.tr/halksagligi/BOHS.htm</p> <p>(2) 5th International OSH Regional Conference held in Istanbul in 1-3 October 2008. ICOH president Prof Dr. J Rantanen and several board members participated in a panel session on "Basic Occupational Health Services".</p> <p>(3) The Booklet entitled "Basic occupational health services" translated by the Government OSH agency.</p> <p>- ICOH Code of Ethics have been translated and published by the government. We have been working on dissemination of the documents and advocacy for a regulation of code of ethics.</p>
United Kingdom	John Harrison	<p>- During the preparation for the Conference of the ICOH Scientific Committee on Training and Education in Glasgow – April 2008, we have circulated many e-mails to members and non-members to encourage them to support the project. We have lobbied government and stakeholders, such as the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, the Institute of Safety and Health. We have explained the role of ICOH and why it is important to support the Conference.</p>

Kenya	Franklin K. Muchiri	- Promotion of ICOH activities is done through NSs and various regional and subregional conferences. ICOH 2009 provides a special opportunity to promote ICOH.
South Africa	Charles P. Roos	- The following meetings were held involving the National Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICOH / SASOM meetings on ICOH 2009 Meetings with ICOH Officers and the ICOH 2009 organizers were attended on the 6 th July 2007 in Cape Town and February 2008 in Johannesburg for an update on the progress, concerns etc; relating to ICOH 2009 to allow appropriate and informed response to enquiries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SASOM exco-meetings - Attendance at quarterly SASOM exco-meetings where ICOH 2009 organizing/planning were discussed and approved. ICOH international information shared and tabled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ad-hoc responses were done to national and international ICOH queries, information and requests (registration, conferences etc;)
Zambia	Anne Kamoto Puta	- Awareness Creation of OSHE in the formal and informal sector.. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading of shanty townships. Some community members have been empowered to build houses. Over 200 houses have been built in Ndola, Zambia. The project had been initiated by Anricia Health Care/ ZOOHS, Habitat for Humanity and Pan African Building Society. This has been a success story that has attracted global attention by addressing the Millennium Development goals.
China	Hua Fu	- Considering language is one of barriers for China professionals to involve ICOH activities, we put our energy to translate three ICOH documents into Chinese. The Chinese version of the three ICOH documents (Bye-laws, Constitution, and Code of Ethics) have been finished and will submit them to the mid-term meeting this year.
India	S, Sivarama-krishnan	- The workshop of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health and Development was organized on 14 January 2008 in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Occupational Health. The topic was Basic Occupational Health Services (BOHS) – Current status and future challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annual Conference of the IAOH focused on the Basic Occupational Health Services in line with the ICOH activities. This theme attracted the interest of many occupational health professionals. The Conference provided a valuable opportunity to promote ICOH activities in various areas. - 16 September 2008: National Secretaries Meeting in Singapore. Nominated to Head the Committee to co-ordinate the Occupational Health activities of National Occupational Health Associations of the region with ICOH. - Intimation to all the ICOH Members of the Election.
Indonesia	Sudjoko Kuswadji	- Moderating mail lists such as Company Physician Maillist and Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Maillist was conducted with the support of ICOH members.
Japan	Norito Kawakami	- In 2007, an annual meeting of Japanese ICOH active members was held during the 80th Annual Congress of the Japan Society for Occupational Health (JSOH) in Osaka, Japan, on 2007 April. A total of about 30 active members participated, exchanged relevant information, and made a discussion. Information on ICOH2009 in South Africa was also announced to participants of the meeting, as well as to those at the Congress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision of the Japanese translation of constitution, by-laws, and code of ethics of ICOH: The Japanese translations of ICOH constitutions, by-laws, and new code of ethics were revised to fit amendments made in the originals in May 2007, and then posted at the ICOH website. - In 2008, an annual meeting of Japanese ICOH active members was held during the 81st Annual Congress of the Japan Society for Occupational Health (JSOH) in Sapporo, Japan, June 2008. About 30 active members in total participated to exchange relevant information and discuss important matters.

		<p>- Nomination and election of the new ICOH National Secretary Japan: Following the Guidelines for the ICOH National Secretary, an election of the new ICOH National Secretary Japan for the next triennium 2009-2011 was conducted. The National Secretary called for the nomination in May and June 2008. Prof. Seichi Horie, University of Occupational and Environmental Health (UOEH) was the only nominee and was approved as the next ICOH National Secretary Japan at the annual meeting of Japanese ICOH active members in June 2008. This was announced to all Japanese ICOH active members via e-mail and approved by October 2008. Prof. Horie will serve as the new ICOH National Secretary Japan, if the election is approved by the ICOH.</p> <p>- Information dissemination for ICOH 2009 and other related international conferences: A flyer for the ICOH 2009 conference in South Africa was distributed to participants of the 81st Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Occupational Health (JSOH) in Sapporo, June 24-28, 2008. The announcement of the 19th Asia Conference on Occupational Health in Singapore, Sept 17-19, 2008 was made through the Japanese ICOH member mailing list, and at the annual meeting of Japanese ICOH active members. Other international conferences, symposia, and/or meetings planned by the ICOH Scientific Committees were announced to members at the annual meeting of Japanese ICOH active members in June 2008.</p>
Korea	Se-Hoon Lee	<p>- Dissemination of the ICOH information: We promptly forward the messages delivered from ICOH office to the Korean ICOH members, and related officers of the Korean academic societies.</p> <p>- KOSHA organized a provisional meeting on invitation 2015 ICOH Congress in Korea on Aug 26, 2008. Important issues dealt at the meeting were venue and date, and registration fee of the Congress. Five Korean academic societies related to occupational health decided to strongly support KOSHA. KOSHA has submitted application document in due time to ICOH recently Korea.</p>
Philippines	Benito Reverente Jr	<p>Presently there are six members here, namely, Drs. Marilyn Alentajan, Oscar Tinio, Helen de Guzman, Teresita Cocuesco, Marilou Renales and myself. Dr. Tinio is the present President of All of us are active members of the College and regularly participate in activities of the Asian Association of Occupational Health. We are trying to form a group that will attend the Congress in Cape Town next year.</p> <p>We are encouraging Philippine occupational health experts to attend the Asian Conference to be held in Singapore in September this year.</p> <p>- We also tried to encourage attendance at the South Africa conference and officially there will be 5 delegates from the Philippines going there. I am sorry I cannot attend as I have been advised by my doctor to minimize long travels.</p>
Taiwan	Jung-Der Wang	<p>During the year of 2008, there are following major developments on occupational health in Taiwan:</p> <p>(1) The teaching and research faculty of occupational hygiene of Taiwan (several of them are ICOH members) have worked together with occupational medicine and occupational health nursing to organize the 7th IOHA (International Occupational Hygiene Association) conference in Taipei, which attracts experts from 34 countries to attend and exchange information and new development. The ICOH president, Dr. Rantanen, also participated in this conference and exchange ideas.</p> <p>(2) The workers' compensation system in Taiwan has adopted a new system of monthly payment and adjusted for inflation to replace the lump sum payment for occupational mortality and severe permanent occupational disability beginning in July 17, 2008 after a lot of efforts from ICOH members in Taiwan and Association of Injured workers. Previously, the Labor Insurance only paid lump sum amount of money, up to 60 months, for the most severe permanent disability. But the study conducted by ICOH</p>

		<p>members showed that on average the most severely disabled workers, say, quadriplegia, could still survive for about 13 years in Taiwan, and the compensation was not adequate and unjust to these workers. The new system, however, still needs more improvement to have an equivalent standard as those in OECD countries.</p> <p>(3) Because of the joint efforts of all occupational physicians in Taiwan, we have established 9 centers for managing occupational injuries and diseases throughout Taiwan. In fact, most directors of these centers were current ICOH members or previously ICOH members. The center implements a universal policy of applying PCR (prevention, compensation, and rehabilitation) principles to help all injured workers. We are on the stage of developing a net work throughout Taiwan by coordinating with local occupational medicine practitioners.</p> <p>(4) To facilitate the evidence-based occupational and environmental health, my colleagues and I have integrated survival and quality of life functions to develop methods for comparative health risk assessment with a common unit of QALY (quality-adjusted life year), which has quantified the number of QALY and monetary values saved for prevention. From now on, we shall be able to compare the health benefits of prevention with diagnostic and therapeutic medicine, rehabilitation medicine and alternative medicine.</p>
Thailand	Yothin Benjawung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in ICOH 2009 was promoted through the Association of Occupational and Environmental Diseases. - ICOH members assist postgraduate training in occupational medicine that is gaining importance - In collaboration with the ILO and Japan, through the AirPneumo project, training workshops for readers of ILO Standard Radiographs of Pneumoconiosis were held. - Linking the Asian Conference on Occupational Health (ACOH) is important. An article on ACOH 2008 held in Singapore was included in the ICOH Newsletter.
Australia	Wai-On Phoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently, we have an upsurge of new members. Some have already been admitted, some others are awaiting acceptance. Some have complained that payments in Swiss Francs are rather restrictive. Credit cards would facilitate the process. - Another activity recently has been the mobilization of support for our bid to make Melbourne the venue for the 2015 Congress. The chairman of the Bid Committee, Dr. Ross Mills, is one of our most recent ICOH members. We have circulated all the ICOH members in Australia, as well as in the Faculty of Occupational Medicine members. If we are successful in our bid, these will be a tremendous boost for Occupational Health in Australia and an upsurge of ICOH membership in this country. - In May 2009 there is a meeting of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine within the omnibus meeting of the Royal College of Physicians at Barling Harbour. It is my intention to disseminate information about ICOH there. It will, of course, be wonderful if I could announce that Melbourne will be the venue of the 2015 Congress.

Summary of the reports of National Secretaries for 2006 - 2008
(3) Suggestions concerning ICOH activities and concerning support for National Secretaries

Country /Area	National Secretary	Suggestions concerning ICOH activities and concerning support for National Secretaries
Canada	Louis Patry	<p>- To promote ICOH and increase the membership in a wide country like Canada, it is not an easy task and a strategy should be developed. The strategy should be based on the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of the links between the National Secretary and the Organisation committee when a Conference is held in a country. The National Secretary should be involved and invited the participate to the conference. The objectives should be the representation and the promotion of ICOH; • Improvement of the communications with the members via the web; • A budget should be available to the National Secretary to facilitate the travel. Right now, I have to use my personal budget, • To conduct a survey among the members with the support of the ICOH Secretary the document their needs and to develop a strategy to improve the link between the ICOH members and the National secretary. <p>- Support from the ICOH Secretary: The link between National Secretary and ICOH secretary, should be improve, it was not easy to get an updated list of the Canadian members. The addresses were wrong in many cases,</p> <p>- The National Secretary should be involved when a Scientific Committee decide to hold a Conference in the country of the NS. The role of National Secretary seem to be unknown by the Scientific Committees,</p>
United States	Robert R. Orford	<p>- It would help to have a “how to do it” manual for organizers of ICOH sponsored conferences.</p> <p>- Financial support is needed to carry any of the activities for ICOH promotion or implementation of ICOH’s programs in the country. ICOH provided \$2500 to support abstract submission, and covered some of the costs for ICOH meetings, particularly the meeting of the ICOH Officers. The organizers are grateful for this commitment.</p> <p>- Earlier notice of meetings is advised. Also, some financial support would help.</p> <p>- More frequent communication with NS concerning membership in the country of responsibility is advised (USA in my case). This information is sent irregularly and often only when I request it. There should be a report of GS and NGS members sent to NS every year at least, and preferably every six months. The current triennial billing mechanism is difficult for non-members to understand, and should be changed to cover three years from the time of acceptance of the application, not the balance of the triennium. Alternately, there could be a pro-rated charge for the balance of the triennium added to the membership fee for the following triennium if you wish to synchronize membership payments by most members to a triennial schedule.</p>
Argentina	Claudio Herman Taboadela	<p>- With the ICOH International Congress in Monterrey 2012 in our schedule as the most important Occupational Latin American Health Event of the early Century XXI.</p> <p>- It is very important for Latin America the translation into Spanish and Brazilian of the ICOH Newsletter because few people understand English and French in this region.</p> <p>- It is very important that ICOH Officers, Board Members and Scientific Committees Authorities attend regularly the Occupational Health Meetings organized in the region.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is very important to organize periodically regional ICOH NS Meetings in conjunction with Latin American Scientific activities such as Congresses or Conferences. - It is very important to promote discounts in the registration fees for the ICOH activities in Europe and North America for Latin American NS and Occupational Health professionals. - It is very important to promote discounts in the registration fees for the next International Congress in Cape Town 2009 for Latin American NS and Occupational Health professionals. <p>Further, (1) I think it is very important to adopt Spanish as the third language of ICOH with regard to the next Congress in Monterrey. (2) It is also very important to translate the core documents and the Newsletter into Spanish. (3) The presence of ICOH Officers and the organization of meetings of the Scientific Committees in Latin America in conjunction with Latin American Scientific Meetings are of great importance for the campaigns of membership and the development of OH in the region. (4) Special Fees and grants for Latin American Members will promote their affiliation. (5) Promoting the access of Latin American Members to the Scientific Committees is of high importance for the development of OH in the region. (6) Latin American NS should be invited to participate with grants in European or Asian ICOH Meetings in order to develop a networking among the NS all over the world.</p>
Brazil	Ruddy Facci on behalf of Edoardo Santino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As awareness of the need to strengthen ICOH is growing, it is important to promote ICOH activities through national and regional conferences in the field of occupational health.
Colombia	Juliette Rodriquez Guzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestions concerning NS activities: (1) Incentivize NS to create a triennial Action Plan with clear objectives and goals for allowing ICOH's growth at national level. (2) Stimulate country and regional initiatives with ICOH's written consent when it is requested. (3) Board members from each region of the world should act as delegates for supporting the region they belong to. This can perfectly avoid creation of regional secretaries that would create bureaucracy. (4) Publishing the announcements of our activities and our Annual Reports in the ICOH Newsletter, or on the ICOH website would be an asset. I have asked several times for publishing the announcement of our 17th International Congress on Agricultural medicine and Rural Health, and have not been listened. (5) Building an annual inventory of national activities organized by the NS. It should be sent to ICOH General Secretariat at least once every 6 months to be published so everyone knows what is going on on the side of the world, given there are so many things going on all the time. (6) It is important to receive an answer, consent and/or supportive statements when requesting anything. A simple written approval to local initiatives is important to make our members feel supported by the ICOH organization as a whole. (7) Sponsoring some of the NS activities, as stated in the NS regulations, or at least showing the way for fundraising. (8) Creation of a list of sponsor institutions/governments/NGOs, etc that would be willing to sponsor activities in the regions. - Suggestions concerning ICOH activities: (1) Promoting and supporting effective knowledge exchange and experience from the SC to the developing countries, by sponsoring attendees to our national meetings. (2) Many of our members have complained in the sense SC are not

		<p>responsive, nor the organization itself. I think it is important to make them feel they are truly ICOH members by sending them an email or a letter to become SC members. It is important to enhance their active participation because their contributions are important for the organization. Let them know the way and why it is important to be part of the SC.</p> <p>(3) Give them news, even a flash message to explore ICOH's website is a good way to call their attention and making them feel part of this worldwide network. In other words, make People Feel Important For ICOH, so that they can feel the difference between being and not being an ICOH member. For instance, acknowledgements for results achieved should be sent to the members, when a personal or national outstanding result is met.</p> <p>(4) A mentoring strategy or a program to show them how a SC works could be created.</p> <p>(5) A "grant fund" or "sponsor-availability list" could also be created and available, in a similar way as it finally worked out for Cape Town. This could be very stimulating strategy for our members to join and participate in the SC activities around the world.</p>
Ecuador	Raur Harari	- I think in the next future we should be more integrated by e-mails and other networks because it will help to add more members in our country.
Peru	Denis Barnaby	<p>- The emphasis of the activities should be placed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial Congress. • Scientific/medical information is very valuable. • Also Scientific Committees are very good. • Discounts for Journals and other publications are good. • Membership payment is good for Peruvian physicians/nurses/engineers (most useful way to pay are credit cards).
Austria	Robert Winker	<p>- To assist the National Secretaries in distributing information about ICOH, a short informative ICOH-brochure would help.</p> <p>- To further enhance ICOH's visibility, I would proposed to create a "ICOH Award" for outstanding presentations at selected annual national events (though I know that currently there are too few members of ICOH in Austria for such an event).</p>
Belgium	Simon Bulterys	<p>- In October 2008 we have a two days symposium on the theme of 40 years of occupational health in Belgium on which we expect at least 250 participants. The Belgian association invited through me J. Rantanen to discuss past and future of Occupational health in Europe. On that occasion we will have a stand to make publicity for Cape Town and membership of ICOH.</p> <p>- Discussion: I think we should consider to start the three years period in the year of the triennial event instead of after it. More people will consider to become member for three years and having a reduction for the symposium!</p> <p>- It seems to be difficult to interest persons to become member of ICOH, certainly if they belong to the large group of colleagues that are not used to participate in international symposia. An idea could be to combine a national or regional association membership with an ICOH membership?? Often these memberships are reimbursed by the employer of occupational physicians, which facilitates the step to become members. A problem is that these contributions are yearly and ICOH's contribution is not.</p>
Finland	Timo Leino	<p>- Second national ICOH meeting has been planned and taking place 2 April 2008. The program is specially targeted to young professionals in occupational health services interested in ICOH activities.</p> <p>- ICOH World Congress 09 advertised on the websites of FIOH and the Finnish Association of Occupational Health Nurses and the Journal of the Finnish Association of Occupational Health Physicians.</p> <p>- ICOH leaflets and publications have been useful when recruiting new members.</p> <p>- Website is now working better.</p> <p>- Active collaboration with the WHO has continued in the network of</p>

		<p>collaborating centers in OH in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scientific matters (e.g. NANO) • BOHS development • training and education • tool boxes • information dissemination <p>- The ICOH World Congress 2009 has been advertised on the websites of FIOH, the Finnish Association of Occupational Health Nurses and the Journal of the Finnish Association of Occupational Health Physicians (about 50 experts from Finland will be participating in the Cape Town Congress).</p> <p>- ICOH leaflets and publications, and the website have been useful when recruiting new members.</p> <p>- Dr Timo Leino is finishing his second term as a ICOH national secretary. New secretary will be elected in March-April 2009.</p>
France	Janine Bigaignon-Cantineau	<p>- Attending ICOH meetings is becoming more and more difficult due to budget restriction everywhere. It is always difficult to find arguments to recruit new members as professionals do not clearly see the added value of ICOH membership.</p> <p>- Suggestions concerning ICOH activities and concerning support for National Secretary are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve information and communication regarding ICOH within Group Service Enterprises • Inform and motivate Group Service Enterprise Directors of the necessity of active membership and collaboration within Scientific Committees and participation at ICOH Conferences • Presence of ICOH Stand, information and communication at all national events and conferences. Organise meeting with French members. • Develop contact end meetings within French ICOH members • Disseminate French membership list
Hungary	Eva Ruzsas	<p>- We would be glad to see ICOH staff members at our national conferences to give more information about their activities and make our doctors to join</p> <p>- Have more regional meetings for ICOH secretaries to provide possibilities of personal contact, which would help the collaborations and the exchange of experiences. This could be facilitated by some financial support, as well (for. e.g. reimbursement of travel costs)</p> <p>- More support in "marketing". Designing T-shirts, pens, etc. with the ICOH logo. <u>Receiving regularly brochures and CDs for promotion purposes.</u></p>
Ireland	Patrick Lee	<p>- I would suggest that National Secretaries would be circularised/e-mailed with their countries ICOH members' names and e-mails and updated with new members' names and e-mails.</p>
Norway	Helge Kjuus	<p>- With regard to recruitment of new members: The formal system with recommendations from "3 members in good standing" seems a bit outdated, and may contribute to a more complicated recruitment process, where people are reluctant to apply, because they do not know how to organise this matter.</p>
Portugal	Antonio Neves Pires de Sousa Uva	<p>- I am ICOH National Secretary since 1996 and I have, a lot of times, communicated the national secretary problems. It begins for the simple fact that the ICOH general secretary doesn't inform of new Portuguese (and probably other countries) members. I profusely have conversations about this issue with Prof. Jerry Jeyratnam, and for instances Ruddy Facci.</p> <p>- In this context I have been in numerous national secretaries meetings in the last fourteen years and the majority of problems are always the same. For that reasons for report is the same has the others I send ten years ago. I am sorry but is the real situation.</p>
Serbia	Peter Bulat	<p>- As in this phase collecting new ICOH members is in my focus, I would like to receive quarterly reports on membership status. This would help me in follow up of application forms that I signed. Also, I would like to have data</p>

		<p>on promoters for each new member from Serbia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like last year I would like to receive quarterly reports on membership status. This would help me in follow up of application forms that I signed. Also, I would like to have data on promoters for each new member from Serbia.
Switzerland	Andreas Flueckiger on behalf of Helmut Krueger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Krueger has retired and Prof. Guillemin has asked me to take over as National Secretary for ICOH in Switzerland. I have been a member of the ICOH SC on Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry for almost 20 years and have acted as Secretary and/or Treasurer of this SC for over a decade. My belief is that ICOH can best promote itself through its SCs. Here, each member can develop activities and make contacts that are of immediate interest to the daily professional lives of the members.
Turkey	Yucel Demiral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need to know updated list of Turkish members to make them to follow ICOH activities and stimulate for the new memberships. There could be a web page open for the National secretaries to see members of the country.. - Sometimes there is no members around to sign the membership application forms. NS sign could be enough for the approval of new membership. - NS could be encouraged for establishing their own ICOH National web pages (with the approval of general secretary of ICOH) in order to improve dissemination of ICOH documents and promote membership campaigns. - Government agencies of OHS could be informed by the ICOH for NS as the contact person in the given country. This might help to reputation of ICOH in the governmental agencies and promote memberships from the government OH workers like inspectorates etc.
United Kingdom	John Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We hope that the Conference of the ICOH Scientific Committee on Training and Education in Glasgow in April 2008 will be a springboard for promoting ICOH in the UK. - It would help if the President of ICOH wrote to organizations such as the Faculty of Occupational Medicine to encourage their support of ICOH activities.
Kenya	Franklin K. Muchiri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to pay fees is a universal problem in the region. Facilitation of payment at conferences and through regional networking will help.
Zambia	Anne Kamoto Puta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICOH to strengthen Occupational Health in Developing Countries. It's aims and objectives are suitable for our situations, eg. PACOH '92 aroused interest from both formal and informal sectors, increased membership. - WHASA project very little known in our community, kindly extend informal sector to Zambia. - OHSE Training, research and development is urgently needed in Zambia. A lot of investment is taking place in Zambia especially in the mining, construction, agricultural, energy and tourism sectors. We have very few trained OSHE manpower mostly foreign. - Need for coherent OSHE legislature; ICOH reps to visit Zambia and give support to ZOOHS.
Indonesia	Sudjoko Kuswadji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Real benefits to members such as answering their day-to-day questions in their OH practice by mail list, the NS will translate the questions into English. - Advice on how to promote NS activities in the future: - Providing OH trainers and sponsoring their travel, etc. - We need ICOH support for carrying out activities for the promotion of ICOH programs, such as proceedings published by Scientific Committees and sending experts to Indonesia. - As suggestions about how to support ICOH members covered by me, on-line access to all members by linking to Indonesian Maillist after translation. Please send me names and addresses of Indonesian members recorded by the ICOH Secretariat.
Japan	Norito Kawakami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I wonder how to develop a relationship between National Secretaries and regional academic societies (e.g., Asian Conference of Occupational Health,

		and China Korea Japan Joint Conference on Occupational Health for Asia). - It would be efficient to promote collaboration among NS from countries in each area (e.g., East Asia) and with other regional academic societies in the field of occupational health (e.g., Asian Conference on Occupational Health).
Korea	Se-Hoon Lee	- Information on the list of ICOH members to the National Secretaries: I guess ICOH has the database of its members divided into GS and NGS by their status. I keep the list of Korean members dated by June 2007. Once I asked to send me the updated list but no answer. I replied several times since the beginning of 2008 to the ICOH office on the request for Endorsement Confirmation of the ICOH membership applicants. - I would like to ask to the ICOH office to inform the list of ICOH members to the National Secretaries regularly. Or inform us how to admit (give ID and password) the list of member in the ICOH Homepage, if any. We need that information to: have the ICOH national meetings (how can we have the meetings without such information?); have ICOH membership campaign to the Korean colleagues more effectively, and; to know the membership status of Korean members, and so on.
Philippines	Benito Reverente Jr	- We are trying to form a group that will attend the Congress in Cape Town next year. Hopefully ICOH can reduce the congress fees for developing countries or we can be given subsidies towards the congress fees. - I would also like to reiterate that you please replace me as national secretary.
Taiwan	Jung-Der Wang	- May I propose that the conference fees be lowered down so that I can recruit more members for ICOH in the near future. The 2009 ICOH conference in South Africa is another example of expensiveness, and I have failed to recruit more members.
Thailand	Yothin Benjawung	- Support for membership campaign is needed especially through publicizing the benefits of joining ICOH and facilitating the payment of fees.
Australia	Wai-On Phoon	- Only very recently have I obtained the updated list of ICOH members in Australia and their e-mail numbers. This should enable us to mobilize the election of the next ICOH National Secretary to succeed me.