The International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) is an international non-profitmaking, non-political, multidisciplinary scientific organisation whose sole purpose is to foster the scientific progress, knowledge and development of occupational health and related subjects on an international basis.
ICOH – International Commission on Occupational Health

Constitution, Article 1, Section 2:

ICOH provides a forum for scientific and professional communication. To achieve this purpose, the ICOH:

- sponsors international congresses and meetings on occupational health;
- establishes scientific committees in various fields of occupational health and related subjects;
- disseminates information on occupational health activities;
- issues guidelines and reports on occupational health and related subjects;
ICOH – International Commission on Occupational Health

- collaborates with appropriate international and national bodies on matters concerning occupational and environmental health;
- takes any other appropriate action related to the field of occupational health;
- solicits and administers such funds as may be required in furtherance of its objectives.
1906 Milan

First International Congress for Occupational Health

Foundation of International Permanent Commission for Occupational Health
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

1906 Milan
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12th International Congress for Occupational Health Helsinki – 1957
Abolition of the numerous clauses for national delegation membership has increased from 190 to 1127 and the countries represented have increased from 36 to 71.

21th International Congress for Occupational Health 1984 - Dublin
The Permanent Commission and International Association of Occupational Health becomes International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH). New professional groups participate: industrial medical officers, occupational health specialist, etc.
ICOH Centennial Declaration

Centennial Declaration of the International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH

The Permanent Commission - International Association on Occupational Health, now named International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH, was founded on 13 June 1906 in Milan by Austrian, French, Bavarian, Belgian, Canadian, Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Prussian, Swedish, Swiss and UK occupational health scientists and physicians. The aim of the Commission was to promote research on occupational diseases worldwide and disseminate the available knowledge on occupational health to the entire scientific community, to physicians, and practitioners, employers and workers. To achieve these goals it was further decided to regularly hold a Congress every three years. In June 2006, a century after the foundation of ICOH, the occupational health experts once more convened for the Centennial ICOH 2006 Congress in its birthplace, Milan, Italy.

In spite of the impressive progress made in the improvement of health, safety and social conditions of work, in the industrialised countries, the need for occupational health and safety is as evident as it was 100 years ago. While the nature of the problems, hazards and risks has changed the traditional hazards and particularly the new problems of work life still need much expert knowledge, research, training and information in order to be controlled, managed and prevented.

The conditions of work for more than two thirds of the almost three billion workers of the world do not meet the minimum standards and requirements set by the International Labour Organization and the World Health Organization for occupational health, safety and social protection. Over 2 billion workers in the developing countries work under conditions which are hazardous to their health, safety and work ability. These workers do not have access to occupational health and safety services and are not covered by safety and health inspection. In both the industrialised and developing countries working people are increasingly exposed to time pressure, continuously increasing job demands, frequent reorganization, and job insecurity. This has led to an unreasonable work load, stress-related somatic and mental disorders such as cardiovascular diseases and depression, thus affecting work ability and shortening the work career of ageing workers.

Poor occupational health and safety results in 270 million occupational accidents and 360,000 fatalities and causes 160 million new cases of occupational diseases a year. Altogether these lead annually to 2.3 million deaths of people at their best working age. In principle they all should be preventable. We want to commemorate the millions of people who have lost their lives at work during the past 100 years of industrialization.

The adverse conditions of work constitute an enormous and unnecessary loss of health, work ability, productivity and loss of well-being among working people and their families and communities. The burden to national and company economies is also high amounting to 4-5% of business turnovers and national GDPs.

The globalization process has not succeeded in equalising the conditions of work but in fact the opposite has occurred: the gaps are increasing. Poverty, inequality and under-development are closely associated with the poor safety, health and social conditions of work, as they are also linked with illiteracy, lack of education, poor access to health services and low or non-existent social protection. Sustainable development, equity and elimination of poverty cannot be achieved without good work ability, safety and health of working people. Moreover, decent conditions of work will ensure work ability and productivity of people and enable them to sustain themselves, their families and communities and to contribute to the national development and GDP.

...the signing at ICOH 2006
ICOH 2015

31\textsuperscript{th} International Congress on Occupational Health

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Dublin (Ireland) was elected to host the Congress
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ICOH Non Governmental Partners

International Ergonomics Association

International Social Security Association

International Occupational Hygiene Association
### ICOH Members

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Members in good standing as of 2011
ICOH members: geographical distribution

Europe 44.7%
Asia 17.8%
North America 13.1%
South America 13.2%
Africa 8.5%
Oceania 2.7%

ICOH GS members in 98 countries
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ICOH Members Profession

- Physician: 67%
- Others: 9%
- Toxicologist: 3%
- Engineer: 2%
- Nurse: 4%
- Hygienist: 4%
- Ergonomist: 3%
- Epidemiologist: 5%
- Others: 9%
- Psychologist: 3%
ICOH Sustaining Members in GS

- Fundacentro, Brazil
- The Finnish Work Environment Fund, Finland
- Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finland
- Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail, Canada
- Fondazione Maugeri, Italy
- Clinica del Lavoro “L. Devoto”, Italy
- OH Promotion Foundation, Japan
- University of Occupational & Environmental Health, Japan
- KOSHA, Rep. of Korea
ICOH Sustaining Members in GS

AFA Insurance
Sweden

Prevent
Sweden

Stichting Arbouw
The Netherlands

International Institute for
Risk and Safety
Management
United Kingdom

National Institute for Occupational
Safety and Health
USA

Institut National de
Recherche et de
Sécurité
France

Bundesanstalt für
Arbeitsschutz und
Arbeitsmedizin
Germany

Italian Workers
Compensation Authority,
Dept. of Occupational
Medicine (formerly ISPESL)
Italy
ICOH Affiliate Members in GS
The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the ICOH. It approves the Constitution, elects honorary members, one Auditor and one Vice-auditor, and decides on the venue of triennial International Congresses. The General Assembly also sets fees, accepts and approves the financial accounts, accepts the Auditor's report taking such action on it as is necessary, and approves the report on the activities of the Scientific Committees. It consists of the individual members in good standing and one representative of each collective member.

ICOH Constitution, art. 4, section 1
President
Kazutaka KOGI
Japan

Vice-President
Bonnie ROGERS
USA

Secretary General
Sergio IAVICOLI
Italy

Vice-President
Suvi Lehtinen
Finland
Tasks of Board Members

These are some of the most important tasks of the Board Members listed in Constitution, article 5, Section 7:

- to review the programme of work of ICOH and its Scientific Committees,
- to assist the Officers,
- to amend the Bye-laws whenever necessary,
- to recommend the venue of future International Congresses on Occupational Health to the General Assembly,
- to recommend the election of honorary members,
- to make recommendations to the President for submission to the General Assembly for its approval,
- to review the accounts.
ICOH NATIONAL SECRETARIES
ICOH accomplishments

ICOH activities cover a wide range of topics, as reflected by the 35 Scientific Committees, each one focused on a specific field of work, and 1 Collaborative Network.
Scientific Committees

- Accident Prevention
- Aging and Work
- Allergy and Immunotoxicology
- Cardiology in OH
- Education and Training in OH
- Epidemiology in OH
- Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH
Scientific Committees

- History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases
- Indoor Air Quality and Health
- Industrial Hygiene
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Nanomaterial Workers’ Health
- Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology
- Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses
Scientific Committees

- Toxicology of Metals
- Unemployment, Job Insecurity and health
- Vibration and Noise
- Work and Vision
- Work Disability Prevention and Integration
- Work Organization and Psychosocial Factors
- Women Health and Work
ICOH Working Groups and Networks

WG on the Elimination of Asbestos-related Diseases

WG on Participatory Approaches in Occupational Health

WG on Young Workers and Child Labour

WG on Occupational Infectious Agents

WG on the Implementation of the Global Strategy of Occupational Health for All with a special reference to global ban of asbestos

Network on International Communication and Information Technology
ICOH Scientific Committees

Your Scientific Committee:
Benefits for ICOH members

- A substantial reduction of the registration fee of the triennial International Congresses and some other ICOH-sponsored conferences;

- 20-30% reductions of the subscription rates of international scientific journals such as:

  - Applied Ergonomics,
  - Archives des Maladies Professionelles,
  - Dermatoses in Beruf und Umwelt,
  - La Medicina del Lavoro,
  - Scandivanian Journal of Work,
  - Environment and Health
Benefits for ICOH members

- 50% reduction in the price of all ILO publications including the Encyclopaedia on Occupational Health and CIS abstracts. 40% reduction on all WHO information products.

- Epidemiology Journal, is making a discounted subscription offer to ICOH members. Irregularly the ICOH members are offered free scientific publications mainly from the WHO, the UNEP and the CEC.

- To participate in the activities of up to three of the 35 scientific committees as well as submit materials for publication in the Newsletter.
Benefits for ICOH members

- Active participation to ICOH website internet platform and its social scientific professional community
- Discounted fees for more than 40 among the major International conferences of OSH, in the triennium
- Hard copy of newsletter for the members
Message from the President (August, 2008)

Dear ICOH Colleagues,

While the world athletics celebrated their Olympics in the sunny Beijing, here in the northernmost part of the northern hemisphere the summer starts gradually to retreat and we move to the fourth season of the year. Read more →

Election of ICOH Officers and Members of the Board for Triennium 2009-2011

The candidates must be eligible under Article 5, section 2 a, 8 of the ICOH Statute. They may present themselves for a maximum of two terms, of which one term corresponds to the office of President of the Board. The outgoing President may run for a second term, but only with the exception of the Secretary-General, who may be elected for more than one additional term, with the exception of the Secretary-General, who may be elected for more than one additional term. The newly elected Officers take office at the General Assembly convened immediately after the ICOH 2009 Congress. Members of the ICOH can apply as a candidate for one post only at a time. The election will be held at the ICOH 2010 Congress. Members in Good Standing as of March 22, 2008 will have the right to vote. Read more →

Message from the President

Dear ICOH Colleagues,

Prominent progress is seen in the ICOH activities for supporting the occupational health practice in many difficult situations. Discussion at the conferences of ICOH Scientific Committees indicated that the last Congress always focused on the practical support measures for comprehensive risk management in different sectors. These support measures seem effective when clear procedures for risk assessment and control are presented. Recent progress is also noted about such procedures for presenting Basic Occupational Health Services (BOHS) and for managing multidisciplinary risks.

This was typically seen during the ICOH/ISSA World Congress on Safety and Health at Work held in Istanbul last September and at the BOHS Conference on Occupational and Environmental Health in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) held last October in Accra. Ghana by the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health in Small-scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector.

We can learn from the recent developments in action-oriented risk assessment procedures addressing multiple risks usually found in small-scale and informal workplaces. A good combination of workplace observations and the application of qualitative and other simple procedures is shown to lead to many practical improvements in risk reduction. Action-oriented training is being developed for using such procedures for BOHS and SMEs.

In facilitating effective support procedures in this direction, an increasing number of international and regional projects are in progress. Interactive development of such projects is noteworthy.

Trends in hazard monitoring and control

Intra-country projects reported at the Accra and other ICOH-related conferences mostly concerned practical procedures for hazard monitoring and control. For example, comprehensive procedures for addressing physical, chemical and ergonomic-related risks are being developed, particularly for small-scale workplaces. Significant progress is seen in indicating direct observations of high-risk situations or in visualising, using exposure to physical and chemical hazards. By knowing particularly hazardous operations, the identification of necessary control measures is made easier. In training, active participation of employers and workers in following the procedures can be promoted.

The wider use of task-oriented training tools for improving small-scale workplaces is also noteworthy. Participatory training is required when simple, often not fully understood, guidelines are used for preparing practical risk-reducing improvements. These tools are utilized to focus on locally feasible improvements that have real impacts on risk reduction.
The largest OSH professionals scientific social network !!!
ICOH website

- 833 Members registered
- 42 out of 61 NS registered
- 20 out of 34 SCs Chairs registered
- 19 out of 34 SCs Secretaries registered
- 93 member’s photo uploaded
- 143 member’s current position indicated
- 115 cv uploaded
Benefit for ICOH members!

New private area homepage
Benefit: Newsletter archive
Benefit: Key Notes of ICOH Congresses
Benefit: ICOH Centennial Heritage
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1) Fill in the application form

It is available in English, French, Spanish and Italian at the National Secretary of your Country, and on ICOH website (www.icohweb.org)

Application form must be returned to the Secretariat General

How to become an ICOH member !!!

The application form must be endorsed by three ICOH members in good standing
2) The application will be verified and once accepted the new applicant will receive:

The acceptance letter from the Secretary General

The contact form, please:

a) Check your data

b) Complete the questionnaire

…and return it to the Secretariat General
3) In order to pay the membership fee new applicant will receive a Settlement Form:

Tick the mode of payment and return it to Secretariat General:

a) Cheque / Bank draft

b) Direct Bank Transfer to UBS

c) VISA credit card

d) American Express credit card

e) Mastercard

4) Once in good standing new applicant will receive the membership card:
On-line Payment

New mode of payment with PayPal (in addition to the traditional one)
Membership fees

For the triennium 2012 - 2015

- CHF 330 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita $\geq 15,000$ USD
- CHF 66 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita $< 15,000$ USD
- CHF 66 for Young (< 36 years old) members from all countries
- CHF 90 for Retired
Membership fees

For the triennium 2012 - 2015

- **CHF 660** for Affiliate members: societies with 200 or more members
- **CHF 440** for Affiliate members: societies with less than 200 members
- **CHF 5,000** Sustaining Members