Constitution, Article 1, Section 1:

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;
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- 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
**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.

**21st 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.
Centennial Declaration of the International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH

The Permanent Commission of the International Association on Occupational Health, now named the International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH, was founded on 13 June 1906 in Milan by Antonini, Frank, Bavarian, Belgian, Canadian, Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Persian, Swedish, Swiss and U.K. 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 industrialized 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 industrialized 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 unmanageable 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 cause 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 wellbeing 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 GDP.

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 underdevelopment 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.
Monterrey (Mexico) was elected to host the Congress
ICOH 2015

31th International Congress on Occupational Health

Seoul (Rep. of Korea) was elected to host the Congress
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Members in good standing at 2008
ICOH members: geographical distribution

- Asia: 15.1%
- South America: 9.3%
- Africa: 7.8%
- Oceania: 3.0%
- North America: 13.2%
- Europe: 51.6%
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ICOH Members Profession

Physician 67%

Nurse 4%
Hygienist 4%
Ergonomist 3%
Epidemiologist 5%
Engineer 2%
Others 9%
Toxicologist 3%
Psychologist 3%
ICOH Sustaining Members

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
  USA
- Stichting Arbouw
  The Netherlands
- Clinica del Lavoro “L. Devoto”
  Italy
- Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
  United Kingdom
- OH Promotion Foundation
  Japan
- Fondazione Maugeri
  Italy
- Fundacentro
  Brasil
ICOH Sustaining Members

Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
Finland

Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza del Lavoro
Italy

Nordic Institute for Advanced Training
Finland

Prevent
Sweden

AFA Insurance
Sweden

University of Occupational & Environmental Health
Japan

The Finnish Work Environment Fund
Finland

The Korea Occupational Safety & Health Agency
Rep. of Korea

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## ICOH Affiliate Members

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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
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 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

OH and Development
OH for Health Care Workers
OH in the Chemical Industry
OH in Small-scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector
OH in the Construction Industry
OH in Nursing
Occupational Toxicology
Occupational Medicine

NEW
Scientific Committees

- Radiation and Work
- Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace
- Respiratory Disorders
- Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dusts
- Shiftwork and Working Time
- Thermal Factors
ICOH Collaborative Network

International Communication and Information Technology Network for Occupational Safety and Health
ICOH Task Groups and Committees

- TG Constitution Bye-Laws and Guidelines
- TG on Transparency and Ethics
- TG on Information
- TG on Membership
- Finance Committee
- Scientific Advisory Committee
ICOH Working Groups

Child Labour

Restructuring and Occupational Health

Occupational Infectious Agents

Professional Curricula
ICOH Scientific Committees

Your Scientific Committee:
Improving networking
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,
- Scandinavian 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.
Message from the President (August, 2008)

Dear IOC member,

While the world athletics celebrated their Olympics in the sunny Beijing, here in the north-eastern part of the northern hemisphere the summer seems to have already started and we move to the fourth season of the year. Read more.

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

The candidates must be eligible under Article 5, section 2, of the IOC Constitution. They must also be in good standing with the International Olympic Committee and must have been elected for more than one additional term. The newly elected Officers take office at the first IOC Assembly convened immediately after the 2009 Congress. A member of the IOC can only be elected for one post for a term. The

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Message from the President

From the Editor

European Strategy for Preventing and Controlling Hypertension

 communicates that recent research has shown that there is a significant increase in the number of cases of hypertension in Europe. The World Hypertension Day is being held on May 17th, and the message is that everyone needs to be aware of the dangers of hypertension and the importance of regular medical check-ups.

New Members

Asian Association of Occupational Health

The purpose of this new association is to promote the health and well-being of workers and their families, and to encourage research in occupational health.

In Memory of Dr. Robert Loewenstein

Dr. Loewenstein was a leading figure in the field of occupational health, and his contributions to the field will be remembered for many years to come.

From South Africa

The South African branch of the IOC is organizing a conference in November on the theme of "Occupational Health in the 21st Century". The conference will bring together experts from around the world to discuss the latest developments in the field.

October Newsletter

The October newsletter is now available on the website. It contains updates on recent developments in the field, as well as information about upcoming events.

www.icohweb.org

www.cistweb.org
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 contact form, please:

a) Check your data

b) Complete the questionnaire

...and return it to the Secretariat General

The acceptance letter from the Secretary 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

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To pay your membership fee please click here.

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**Membership Payment**

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- **Last Name**: VACHON
- **First Name**: Sergio
- **Settlement Form N°**: 3961/2009
- **Dues 2009 - 2011**: CHF 300.00
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**New mode of payment with PayPal** (in addition to the traditional one)
Becoming ICOH members

New fees system for tenure 2009 - 2011

- CHF 330 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita > 15,000 USD
- CHF 66 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita < 15,000 USD
- CHF 66 for Young members (< 36 years old) from all countries