

# Integration and Collaboration among ICOH SCs



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# Collaboration



- **Collaboration between SCs**
  - In organizing conferences, many examples, plans, active attraction of other SCs in future activities
  - Especially of interest for smaller SCs
- **Collaboration with non ICOH organizations**
  - Regional level with ICOH banner (India)
  - Workshops with practical issues (miners)
- **Logistic, financial, practical and other reasons:**
  - Attracting a wider audience: more attractive for participants
  - Attracting younger persons
  - Attracting participants from less developed countries

# Integration



- Example: Rural Health: agriculture, organic dust, pesticides
- Problem of small SCs
  - Radiation? Fear to disappear.
- Taxonomy of SCs?
  - Overlap of issues between SCs
  - Chemical issues: MEDICHEM, nano, metals, neurotox??

# Success factors



- Dedicated leadership with broad network making links between SCs and beyond
- Summer school activities in OHS (Brescia example)
- Continuity
- Financially sound (Medichem)
- Global e-contacts; Webinars
  
- Suggestion
  - Better reaching-out, promotional activities
  - We should all be ICOH-ambassadors
  - Using new media, tweets/ What's Apps from this conference?

# Membership SC



- **Optimal size?**
  - Big size- more work, more sustainable
  - Larger SCs; working method: split up in working groups
  - Small SCs continuity after 2 triennials?
- **Attracting new members**
  - Medichem: workshops attracting young professionals, prizes
  - Promoting ICOH during conferences:
  - Gaining from membership: reduced prizes, Vibrant network, practical aid/ coaching and stimulating in publishing: SHAW might help. Training materials
  - In regional OH-meetings ICOH promotion / marketing

# Miscellaneous



- Don't ask what ICOH can do for you, but...
- 15 SCs were present, how about the others?
- Position papers, scientific News (time consuming..)
- Vision and position of ICOH? Branding ICOH?
- A New life for ICOH? Attractive communication, Increasing visibility: feeding ICOH with tweets. Ask assistance from younger members



**Take the right track!**

**Thanks for your attention**

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