

Vice President Report on Scientific Committees

**ICOH Joint Scientific Committee Chairs
and Board Meeting**

**Florence, Italy
March, 2017**

Scientific Committees

- 37 committees
- 36 have appointments of Chairs and Secretaries
- 1 still missing Chair

Scientific Committees

- Accident Prevention
- Aging and Work
- Allergy and Immunotoxicology
- Cardiology in Occupational Health
- Education and Training in Occupational Health
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Epidemiology in OH
- Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH
- History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases
- Indoor Air Quality and Health
- Industrial Hygiene
- Mining Occupational Safety and Health
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Nanomaterials Worker's health
- Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology
- Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses
- Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry (MEDICHEM)
- Occupational Health in the Construction Industry
- Occupational Health and Development
- Occupational Health for Health Care Workers
- Occupational Health Nursing
- Occupational Health in Small-Scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector
- Occupational Medicine
- Occupational Toxicology
- Radiation and Work
- Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace
- Respiratory Disorders
- Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dusts
- Shiftwork and Working Time
- Thermal Factors
- Toxicology of Metals
- Unemployment and Health
- Vibration and Noise
- Women Health and Work
- Work and Vision
- Work Disability Prevention and Integration
- Work Organization and Psychosocial Factors

Summary of Today's Presentations

- **Morning:** Accomplishments of First Half of Triennium
- **Morning:** Breakout Sessions
- **Afternoon:** Report Back from Breakout Sessions
- **Afternoon:** Enhancing the Future of Scientific Committees
- **Afternoon:** ICOH 2018 in Dublin

Report on Scientific Committees

- **Accomplishments of First Half of Triennium**
 - ICOH Secretariat and Webpage
 - Major Projects and Focus Areas of SCs
- Preparing for today's 3 Breakout Sessions
- SC Conference participation to date
- Scientific Contributions to ICOH2018 to date

Thanks to ICOH Secretariat

- **Description of each SC in public webpage**
 - In place for 15 to date
- **SC-managed websites in public webpage**
 - In place for 16 to date
- **Events and Reports Section in SC Virtual Office**
 - Only Chair and Sec see List of SC Members
 - Provides for sharing and seeing other SC activities
- **Posting of Quarterly Reports and SC Forms, etc**
 - In SC Virtual Office

New process for leaving/joining up to 3 SCs

Go to your Personal Profile in the Virtual Office to see the SCs to which you belong

Scientific Committees

History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases

LEAVE

OH for Health Care Workers

LEAVE

PICK NEW SC in dropdown list

JOIN

Examples of Major Projects and Focus Areas of Scientific Committees

June 2015 – January 2017

- **SC Accident Prevention (SCAP)** is working with the International Institute for Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM), a Sustaining ICOH Member, to develop risk management training and consultancy for the English National Health Service.
- **SC Allergy and Immunotoxicology** focused successfully on publishing an eBook 'Allergy and Immunotoxicology in Occupational Health' instead of holding a Conference in this Triennium. It can be found at <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789811003493>.
- **SC Cardiology in Occupational Health** reported that sixty-three scientific papers were published by SC members between June 2015 and November 2016. This wins the prize for the most publications by SC members!


SC Emergency Preparedness and Response is working on a position paper on emergency preparedness in occupational health and on developing collaborations between occupational health and emergency medicine to improve the quality of emergency response in workplaces.

SC Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH requested a vote among members and chose a more relevant SC name to adopt in 2017. They also produced a new, more modern and attractive SC newsletter, are working on a new SC website. SC members have been key to developing the field of evaluation of the effectiveness of preventive OSH interventions, and contributing to the Cochrane Collaboration.

SC Epidemiology in Occupational Health (EPICOH) holds an EPICOH conference in *each of the two years* between the triennial ICOH Congresses, along with **Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace (RHICOH)**.

SC Indoor Air Quality and Health is working on a Consensus Document: “The role of occupational health services in the assessment and management of indoor air quality problems” and a document on “Indoor air quality assessment in modern office buildings”.

- **SC Industrial Hygiene** is focusing on increasing collaborations with other Scientific Committees and is co-sponsoring the SC MinOSH 2017 Conference
- **SC Mining Occupational Safety and Health** members have recently completed the text for a publication on 'Mining Occupational Safety and Health', and seek procedures for publishing it as an ICOH scientific document. The Chair also raised the question about how SC leaders facilitate more activity of the SC Members.
- **SC Occupational Health for Health Care Workers** signed a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) Technical Committee on Healthcare Ergonomics. Recognizing that the good practices of many international and national organizations are not adequately disseminated to those who need them most, SCHCW has decided to hold its upcoming conferences in developing nations.

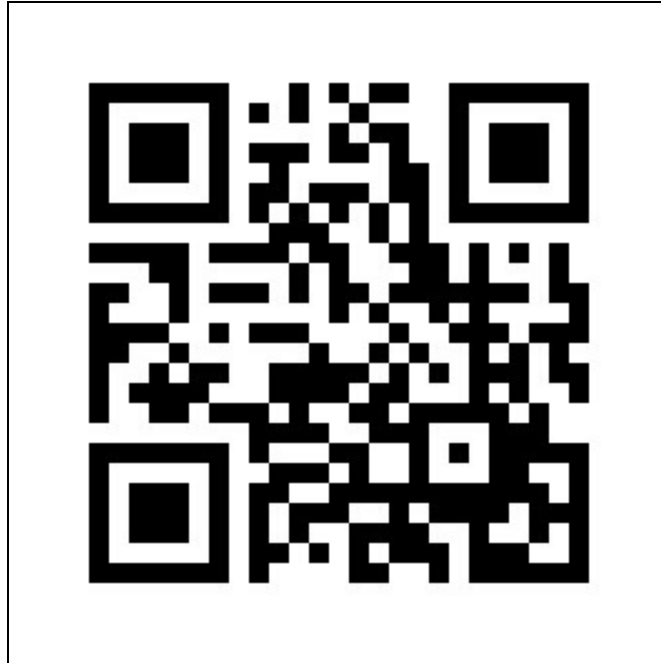


**10th International Joint Conference
on Occupational Health for Health
Workers Health & Wellbeing in the
Healthcare Sector;
addressing current threats to
workers**

Khon Kaen – Thailand

Nov. 28-30, 2017

www.ohhcw2017.org



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SC Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry (MEDICHEM)

communicates with members via a periodic Newsletter.

MEDICHEM also elected a new Board that has reinvigorated the organization and broadened reach into new countries.

SC Occupational Health in the Construction Industry

initiated the Qatar proposal for ICOH Board Approval and SC Thermal Factors contributed to the development of the ICOH Board Qatar Resolution noting the unprecedented loss of life among workers developing the 2022 FIFA World Cup venues in Qatar.

SC Occupational Health in Small-Scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector encourages emphasis on student and post-graduate presentations at SC and ICOH conferences to identify and disseminate studies of informal sector work and to develop the next generation of OH practitioners and researchers in developing nations.

SC Respiratory Disorders members participated in training programs around the world to upgrade skills of specialists, particularly in developing countries, on the application of the ILO International Classification of Radiographs of Pneumoconioses and implementation of the ILO/WHO Global Program for Elimination of Silicosis.

SC Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dusts notes the value and impact of the Lodi Declaration on Rural Health from the previous Triennium. The Declaration Signing opened a debate on strategies to increase access of agricultural workers in the health system, and has shown a sound way of collaboration among different actors.

SC Shiftwork and Working Time leadership meets every two months to maintain continuity of actions. They are creating Liaisons to other Scientific Committees and welcome Liaisons from interested Scientific Committees.

SC Toxicology of Metals published the Fourth Edition of the “Handbook on the Toxicology of Metals” in 2015.

SC Unemployment, Job Insecurity and Health is working on an update of an earlier position paper: “Social Implication and Job Insecurity from the Lifespan Perspective”.

SC Women, Health and Work is engaging member involvement through a Newsletter, Webinars, and E-meetings.

SC Work Disability Prevention and Integration has decided to create an Executive Committee to support the Chair and Secretary with decision-making and prioritizing future plans, and to increase impact of the SC.

SC Work Organization and Psychosocial Factors (WOPS) drafted a position paper “Promoting a positive psychosocial work environment key concepts, success factors and priorities for the future”. It will be reviewed at the next conference in Mexico City in 2017 and brought to ILO for approval.

Breakout Sessions **Sign up!**

[?] A: Integration and collaboration among SCs

Co-Chairs Elia Enriquez, ICOH Board and Mary Ross, Chair WGOIA
Rapporteur Gert Van der Laan SC Rural Health: Agriculture,
Pesticides and Organic Dusts

[?] B: Outputs from SCs

Chair Claudina Nogueira, ICOH Board
Rapporteur Leslie Nickels, SC History of Prevention of Occupational
and Environmental Diseases

[?] C: Continuity and resource management for SCs

Chair, Malcolm Sim, ICOH Board
Rapporteur Mahinda Seneviratne, SC Small Scale Enterprises and
Informal Sector

[?] Report to Joint Meeting: 20 minutes including discussion

Session A:

Integration and collaborations among SCs

- Many SCs collaborate; a few have integrated/joined together in the past
- Some SC chairs have asked for insights, so in the breakout session, please share:
 - Examples of successful collaborations
 - Suggestions for use by other SCs on how to increase membership
 - Suggestions how to obtain more activity by individual members of SC

Session B: Outputs from SCs

- **Please address in the Breakout Session**
 - 17 SCs listed publications that they seem to wish to become ICOH documents
 - At 2015 Seoul Congress Board Meeting suggestions were put forth to develop simple procedures for developing ICOH documents
 - Attachment 2 in VP Midterm Report lists content in ICOH Core Documents related to ICOH publications
 - (distributed to attendees)
 - Suggest formation of a Publications Working Group to develop procedures for approval by ICOH Board in Dublin 2018, for ICOH documents. Also to suggest options for ICOH webpage to host documents

17 SCs listing possible ICOH publications in Midterm Reports

- Allergy and Immunotoxicology
- Cardiology in Occupational Health
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Indoor Air Quality and Health
- Mining Occupational Safety and Health
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Session C: Continuity and Resource Management

- **Please discuss suggestions how to coordinate smooth transitions of SC Chairs/Secs**
 1. Conduct election of SC Chair/Secs prior to the Triennial Congress in order to arrange for a session in each triennial Congress so that new and old SC Chairs/Secs can meet to share experiences.
 2. Perhaps require that candidates for SC Chair and SC Secretary are ICOH members and also commit to being ICOH members in good standing during the new Triennium. This would avoid delays in startup.
- **Please discuss funding for SCs, especially**
 1. SC Conference funds (ICOH Member/non-member differential) going to SC from Conference Organizers
 2. Up to 2,000 CHF available for SC Conference request.

Contributions to ICOH2018 (to date)

- **Thirty six Scientific Committees and two ICOH Working Groups** contributed to the scientific content of ICOH 2018 by suggesting Plenary and Semi-Plenary speakers, agreeing to develop Special Sessions, and providing leadership and review for Abstract Sessions
- **75 Abstract Sessions were posted in the February 2017 Call for Abstracts** at www.icoh2018.org.
- **This afternoon we will discuss upcoming actions** needed to review Abstract Sessions and to complete Final Confirmation forms for Special Sessions by August 1, 2017.

Conferences held in first half
of 2015 – 2018 Triennium
ICOH Scientific Committees

**VP Report Attachment 3: Conferences
has been distributed for ease of discussion**

Congratulations on the many outstanding
contributions to worker health and safety globally!

Scientific Committee Conferences

June 2015 to November 2016

- **During this reporting period 29 Scientific Committees organized conferences, participated in conferences, and provided trainings.**
- Some Scientific Committees jointly co-sponsored conferences and participated in activities with other Scientific Committees and/or organizations outside ICOH.
- Conferences to be held between December 2016 and April 2018 will be listed in the Scientific Committee Final Reports.
- **Please look at your handout with me.**

Questions?
Suggestions?
Other?

Reminder: Sign up for Breakout Session and
go directly from the Coffee Break

Thank You !!