



International Commission on Occupational Health

## **Task Group on Information**

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**Editorial Board of the Newsletter**

# **A Plan for Information Activities 2006–2009**

## **Aims**

- **allow two-direction information flow**
- **keep members informed of ICOH activities**
- **material for membership campaigns**
- **offer a platform for SCs to disseminate information**

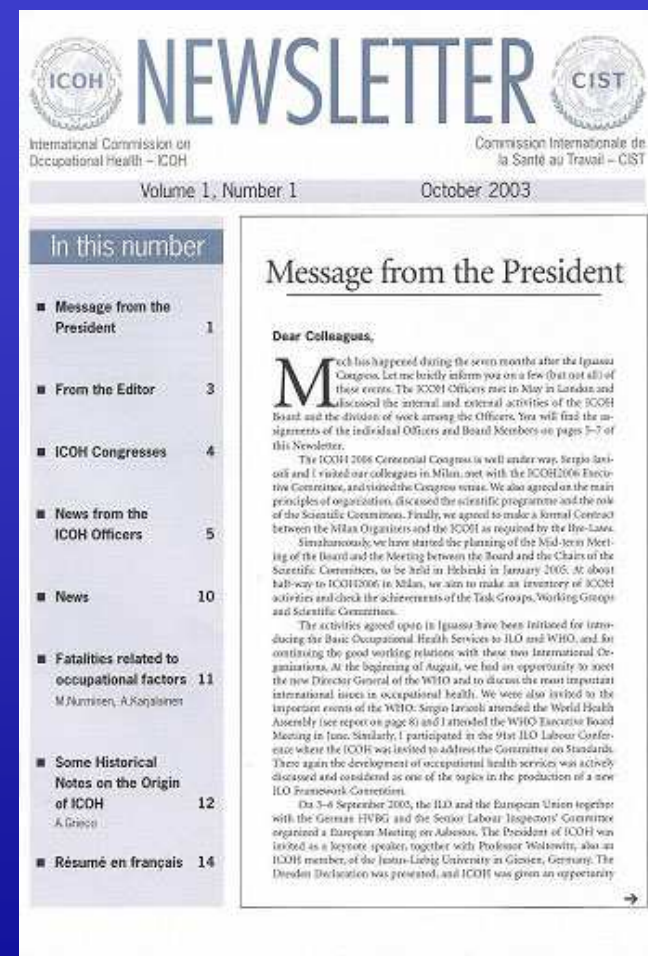
# **A Plan for Information Activities 2006–2009**

## **Tasks**

- **Publishing the ICOH Newsletter**
- **Maintaining and updating the ICOH website**
- **Publish the ICOH brochures in collaboration with the TG on Membership**
- **Collaborate with the International Communication and Information Technology Network**
- **Prepare a Position Paper on Information in Occupational Health**

# ICOH Newsletter

- Channel for internal information
- 3 issues a year, a total of 14 issues from autumn 2003 on
- Sent to all members in good standing by mail
- Important to have an up-to-date address list of ICOH members – mailing costs
- Newsletter accessible on ICOH website – Reading previous issues
- [www.ichweb.org/Newsletter](http://www.ichweb.org/Newsletter)



# Contents of the ICOH Newsletter

- Message from the President
- From the Editor
- News from the ICOH Officers
- Introductory articles (reviews, overviews, etc.)
- News and meeting reports from Scientific Committees
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Forthcoming meetings
- New members
- Other news
- Résumé en français



# Website

- Professor Sergio Iavicoli, Editor in Chief
- Bruno Hanneman, technical web editor
- Carlo Petyx, Pierluca Dionisi

- [www.ichweb.org](http://www.ichweb.org)
- [www.cistweb.org](http://www.cistweb.org)



# Website

- The number of website visitors has been on the increase
- Still space for development in increasing the number of visitors – depends on the availability of practice-oriented information, guidelines, etc.
- New template for Scientific Committee websites has been launched; SCs should be encouraged to utilize it



## Other information materials

- **ICOH Slide-show**
- **ICOH brochure**
- **Triennial Report**
  
- **Publications, proceedings, position papers produced by Scientific Committees (SC)**
- **Should be available through the web, at least as pointer information**
- **ICOH web service decentralized**
- **Scientific contents on websites of SCs – editing the responsibility of the SCs**

## Tasks up till Cape Town 2009

- Continue publishing the ICOH Newsletter
- Continue maintaining and updating the ICOH website
- Prepare materials and brochures for membership campaigns
- Work in collaboration with the Communication and Information Technology Network
- Prepare the Position Paper on Information in Occupational Health

# Position Paper on Information in Occupational Health

## Contents

1. Global programmes on occupational health and safety
2. Global information sources of occupational health and safety
3. National Programme on Occupational Health and Safety
4. Role of information support in the development of occupational health and safety at the national level
5. Occupational health personnel - knowledge and skills basis
6. Training and information support (e.g. Harrison&van Dijk; WHO and ILO programmes; training networks (metroNet, BSN, SEE Network); universities)
7. Availability of information (global analysis)
8. Access to information - Digital Opportunity Index
9. Tools for reaching out to employers and workers with OH&S information (Int'l resolutions, BOHS, 28 April, 7 April, guidelines, national programmes, campaigns, TV, radio, mobile)
10. Needs for development

## **Offers from Scientific Journals to become ICOH Journals**

- **Several offers have been made to become an 'ICOH journal'**
- **ICOH covers expertise areas from psychology to accident prevention to toxicology**
- **Several journals are needed**
- **Session on Scientific Journals to be organized in CapeTown2009 where this issue will be discussed**