

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 autum 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.icohweb.org/Newsletter



la Santé au Travail - CIST Volume 1, Number 1 October 2003 Message from the President Dear Colleagues, ch his happened during the seven months after the Ignama Congress, Let me briefly mixim you on a few (but not all) of these events. The KXX91 Officers met in May in Landon and aliscosed the internal and external activities of the IGOH Sound used the division of work among the Officers. Yea will find the sosignments of the individual Officers and Board Members on pages 5-7 of The ICOH 2008 Ceresonal Congress is well under way. Sergio lasiorli and I visited our colleagues in Milan, met with the ICOH2006 Enectstive Committee, and visited the Conston versus. We also asseed on the main principles of organization. discussed the sciratific programme and the role of the Scientific Committees, Finally, we arreed to make a formal Contract between the Milan Organizers and the ECOH as required by the live-Laws. Simultaneously, we have started the planning of the Mid-term Meet-ing of the limit and the Meeting between the Board and the Chairs of the mentific Committees, to be held in Helsinki in January 2005. At about half-way to ICCHEOUS in Milan, we aim to make an inventory of ICCH activities and check the achievements of the Tink Groups, Working Groups and Scientific Commo The activities agreed upon in Ignassa have been initiated for introducing the Basic Occupational Health Services to JLO and WHO, and for continuing the good working relations with these two International Oragainstions. At the beginning of August, we had an opportunity to meet the new Director General of the WHO and to discuss the most important international issues in occupational health. We were also invited to the important events of the WHO: Sergio Iavarsh attended the World Health Assembly (see report on page 8) and I attended the WHO Encuring Board Macrany in June, Similarly, I participated in the 91st ILO Labour Confernce where the ICOH was invited to address the Committee on Standards. There again the development of occupational health services was actively liscassed and considered as one of the topics in the production of a new If O Framework Convention. Dis 3-6 September 2003, the ILO and the European Union together with the German HVBG and the Senior Labour Respectors' Committee organized a fluropean Meeting on Asbeston. The President of SCOH was noted as a keynote speaker, together with Professor Welsowitz, also an 1000H member, of the Justin-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. The

Dresden Declaration was presented, and ICOH was given an experience

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.icohweb.org
- 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