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Minutes of the Second General Assembly of the International Commission on Occupational Health

**May 4, 2018
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Venue: Wicklow Hall 2, second floor Convention Centre Dublin
Spencer Dock, N Wall Quay, North Dock, Dublin 1, Ireland

1. Opening

ICOH President Dr. Jukka Takala opened the Second General Assembly of the 32nd International Congress on Occupational Health and read out the agenda items. He also thanked the ICOH members, the ICOH Board, the Scientific Committee Officers and the National/Area Secretaries, for their contribution to ICOH activities.

Dr. Takala showed his appreciation to the congress organizers for the successful outcomes of the congress. ICOH President Dr. Takala presented the two newly elected ICOH Vice Presidents and their roles: Ms. Claudina Nogueira will be the ICOH Vice President in charge of Scientific Committees, while the Vice President in charge of National Secretaries will be Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang, who is serving his second term in this post.

2. Farewell to Officers and Board Member 2015-2017 and Service Awards

ICOH Secretary-General Prof. Sergio Iavicoli expressed his appreciation to the outgoing ICOH Vice President Dr. Marilyn Fingerhut, who was bestowed with the Service Award. He also thanked Dr. Fingerhut for the cooperation and great results achieved while working together during the past triennia.

Prof. Iavicoli praised the ICOH Board members of the triennium 2015-2017 for their continuous support, collaboration and active contribution to the achievement of the goals set by the ICOH work plan.

Prof. Iavicoli conferred and distributed the Service Award to the ICOH Board members who had served for two terms (2012-2017): Prof. Andrew Curran (United Kingdom), Dr. Elia Enriquez (Mexico), Prof. Monique Frings-Dresen (The Netherlands), Ms. Claudina Nogueira (South Africa), Dr. Edoardo Santino (Brazil), Dr. Shrinivas Shanbhag (India) and Prof. Malcolm Sim (Australia).

Then Prof. Iavicoli bestowed the Service Award on the Chairs of Scientific Committees who had served for two terms (2012-2017): Swen Malte John (Occupational and environmental dermatoses), Paolo Carrer (Indoor air quality and health), Clas-Hakan Nygard (Aging and Work), Frank van Dijk (Education and Training in OH), Stefano Mattioli (Effectiveness in Occupational Health Services - EOHS), Paul Schulte (Nanomaterials workers' health), Kent Anger (Neurotoxicology and psychophysiology), Paula Naumanen (OH in Small-Scale enterprises and the informal sector), Murray Coombs (OH in the Chemical Industry - MEDICHEM), Knut Ringen (OH in the Construction Industry), Fabriziomaria Gobba (Radiation and work), Pau-Chung Chen (Reproductive hazards in the workplace), Gert van der Laan (Rural health: agriculture, pesticides and organic dusts), Frida Marina Fischer (Shiftwork and working time), Hannu Rintamäki (Thermal



factors), Julietta Rodriguez Guzman (Women health and work) and Stavroula Leka (Work organization and psychosocial factors).

Prof. Iavicoli expressed his thanks to all the National Secretaries for the work done and their relevant contribution to growing ICOH membership globally, and conferred the Service Award to the best performing National Secretaries in terms of member recruitment: Renato Vargas Zegarra (National Secretary for Peru), R. Rajesh (National Secretary for India), Dino Pisaniello (National Secretary for Australia), William Bernice Bunn (National Secretary for USA), Adriaan Combrinck (National Secretary for South Africa) and Alfonso Cristaudo (National Secretary for Italy).

Finally, Prof. Iavicoli praised the ICOH2018 Organizing Committee for the excellent work done towards achieving such a successful congress: Prof. Blánaid Hayes (Dean, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, RCPI), Dr. Martin Hogan (President ICOH2018 Congress), Prof. Ken Addley (National Organizing Committee and President of the National Scientific Committee), Ms. Clare Kilmartin (Conference Partner) and Dr. Marilyn Fingerhut (Chair - International Scientific Committee).

The General Assembly audience congratulated and applauded the awardees. Those who could not attend the General Assembly in person were awarded separately.

3. Results of the Elections of ICOH Officers and Board 2018-2021

ICOH President Dr. Takala asked Dr. Jorge Morales Camino, Chair of the Scrutineers Committee, to report on the election results of the ICOH Officers and Board Members for the tenure 2018-2021. Dr. Morales explained the counting procedure and proceeded to read the results of the candidates elected as follows:

ICOH PRESIDENT

Dr. Jukka Takala (Singapore)

Elected Uncontested

ICOH VICE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Seong-Kyu Kang (Republic of Korea)

Valid votes: 280 – Elected

Ms. Claudina Nogueira (South Africa)

Valid votes: 261 – Elected

Prof. Malcolm Sim (Australia)

Valid votes: 205

Prof. Andrew Curran (United Kingdom)

Valid votes: 179

Dr. Dingani Moyo (Zimbabwe)

Valid votes: 58

ICOH SECRETARY GENERAL

Prof. Sergio Iavicoli (Italy)

Elected Uncontested

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Valid Votes</i>	
1	Martin Hogan	Ireland	366	elected
2	Mats Hagberg	Sweden	315	elected
3	Kari E. Reijula	Finland	297	elected
4	Eun-A Kim	Rep. of Korea	292	elected
5	Seichi Horie	Japan	282	elected
6	Paul Schulte	USA	282	elected



7	Francesco S. Violante	Italy	277	elected
8	Maureen Dollard	Australia	274	elected
9	Shyam Pingle	India	272	elected
10	Olivier Lo	Singapore	264	elected
11	Frida Marina Fischer	Brazil	264	elected
12	Stavroula Leka	United Kingdom	253	elected
13	Maria Luisa Tupia Gonzalez	Peru	237	elected
14	Rosa Maria Orriols Ramos	Spain	229	elected
15	Christophe Paris	France	228	elected
16	Sunil Kumar Joshi	Nepal	215	elected
17	Carel T. J. Hulshof	The Netherlands	209	-
18	Hans Martin Hasselhorn	Germany	197	-
19	Louwina Pretorius	South Africa	188	-
20	Min Zhang	P. R. of China	188	-
21	Robert Orford	USA	165	-
22	Anette Wahl-Wachendorf	Germany	162	-
23	Marc Schenker	USA	155	-
24	Maged Younes	Switzerland	141	-

Decision:

- The ICOH General Assembly unanimously approved the report of the Scrutineers Committee.

4. President's Address and Strategy 2018-2021

Dr. Takala thanked all ICOH members for their dedicated work to date. He also thanked the ICOH2018 Congress Organizing Committee for the successful event.

Dr. Takala addressed the ICOH General Assembly and presented his Strategy for the tenure 2018-2021.

Firstly he gave an overview on workers' health worldwide presenting some data on work-related mortality and injuries. The results of the analysis indicated many gaps still to be filled in this field, and this offers many opportunities for ICOH contributions to be possible in this respect. Dr. Takala also stressed the importance of Ethics, with a focus on equitable and just treatment for all workers.

Decision:

- The ICOH General Assembly unanimously approved the President's Address and Strategy for the tenure 2015-2018.

ICOH President Dr. Takala opened the debate to the ICOH members. Prof. Guidotti took the floor and highlighted that China was not represented on the ICOH Board. He also invited the ICOH leadership to consider this issue.

Prof. Rantanen, former ICOH President, congratulated Prof. Iavicoli for ICOH's continuous efforts and hard work. Prof. Iavicoli – continued Prof. Rantanen – is the key person for the ICOH organization. Secretary General Prof. Iavicoli thanked Prof. Rantanen for this acknowledgment and showed his



appreciation to the ICOH team for carrying out the activities of the organization. Dr. Takala also remarked on the pivotal role played by INAIL, through the financial coverage of the ICOH staff salaries. Mr. Mangi requested clarification on the ICOH activities in the various countries. Secretary General Prof Iavicoli pointed out that the organization supports the local OSH communities, helping them in the organization of congresses, events and symposia. Furthermore, he stated that the ICOH Code of Ethics has been translated into different languages; this document can help the development OSH communities at national level and enhance the relations with local authorities.

5. ICOH2024 Congress – Bid Results

ICOH President Dr. Takala asked ICOH Vice President Prof. Seong Kyu-Kang, member of the Scrutineers Committee, to report on the results of the votes for the venue of the 34th International Congress on Occupational Health, to be held in 2024. Before illustrating the results, Prof. Kang thanked the bidding committees of the four candidate countries for the excellent proposals presented and reminded attendees that the Maastricht (The Netherlands) Bid has been withdrawn.

BID RESULTS

Marrakesh	Morocco	207 votes
Montréal	Canada	128 votes
Mumbai	India	110 votes
Bangkok	Thailand	94 votes

Total ballots counted: **539**

Number of spoilt votes: 1

Prof. Abdeljalil El Kholti, representative of the Moroccan Local Organizing Committee, took the floor and expressed his appreciation and warm thanks for the election of Marrakesh as the venue of the ICOH2024 Congress. He also thanked the other bidders for their friendly and fair competition. Dr. Hogan, President of the ICOH2018 Congress, congratulated Morocco and stressed that holding events as complex and large as the ICOH triennial congresses is very hard work and requires meticulous and ongoing organization and planning. He highlighted that this burden needs to be shared in collaboration with ICOH.

Dr. Adi Jain took the floor and requested the organizers to explain the plans to support the developing countries. Prof. El Kholti reassured the attendees that the organizers will guarantee support for developing country participants: for each 1000 non-Moroccan members, at least 50 participants will get reduction on the registration fees.

Prof. Kang pointed out that the organizers have to guarantee at least a partial coverage of the expenses for participants from developing countries.

Dr. Quentin Durand-Moreau asked for some clarification concerning the possibility of introducing the electronic vote for the determination of the ICOH International Congress venue. Secretary General Prof Iavicoli explained that the process and the vote can be expressed only when the members have all the information on the technical feasibility, the congress venue, the financial liability, etc. The members attending the congress can only make their final decision by comparing the different proposals, talking with the bidders, taking note of the Board recommendation based on the site visits to the various venues, etc. Hence, only by attending the congress can ICOH members have comprehensive information on the bids presented, to make an informed decision when voting for the venue. Therefore, the application of the electronic vote for the determination of the congress venue is not recommended.



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Dr. Enumah encouraged the Officers to provide guidance and cooperation for helping the Moroccans in the organization of the ICOH2024 Congress.

Finally, Dr. Rajesh, a prominent member of the Indian bidding committee, praised all the other bidders for their efforts.

Decision:

- The results of the votes were confirmed by the ICOH General Assembly.

6. Closing

Dr. Takala closed the Second General Assembly by expressing his sincere thanks to all the participants for the high standard of their contributions to ICOH activities and to the resounding success of the ICOH2018 Congress.