



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

3 May 2024
Marrakesh - 34th International Congress

Time: Friday, 3 May 2024 15.00-17:00

Venue: Palais des Congrès - Marrakesh - Morocco

Opening

ICOH President, Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang, opened the Second General Assembly of the 34th International Congress on Occupational Health welcoming the participants.

1. Farewell to Officers and Board Members 2022-2023 and Service Awards

Dr. Diana Gagliardi took the floor and expressed her appreciation to the outgoing ICOH Officers for the cooperation and great results achieved working together during the past two terms. Dr. Gagliardi praised the ICOH Board members and Scientific Committee (SC) Officers for their continuous support, collaboration and active contribution to the achievement of the goals set by the ICOH work plan. Dr. Gagliardi thanked all the National Secretaries (NSs) for the work done and their relevant contribution to the increase in the number of ICOH members.

A small video was launched listing the names of the ICOH Service Awards recipients:

Outgoing ICOH Officers

Ms. Claudina Nogueira – ICOH Vice President for two terms

ICOH Board members who served for two terms

Prof. Maureen Dollard (Australia)
Prof. Frida Marina Fischer (Brazil)
Dr. Sunil Kumar Joshi (Nepal)
Dr. Eun-A Kim (Republic of Korea)
Prof. Stavroula Leka (United Kingdom)
Dr. Olivier Lo (Singapore)
Dr. Dingani Moyo (Zimbabwe)
Dr. Shyam Pingle (India)
Dr. Paul A. Schulte (USA)
Prof. Francesco S. Violante (Italy)

ICOH SC Chairs who served for two terms

Dr. Jodi Oakman (Australia) – Aging and Work
Dr. Claudia Petrarca (Italy) – Allergy and Immunotoxicology
Prof. Stefania Curti (Italy) – Effectiveness in Occupational Health Services
Prof. Paul Blanc (USA) – History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases



Dr. Gwen Orr Brachman (USA) – Occupational Health for Health Workers
Dr. Krishna Nirmalya Sen (India) – Occupational Health in Construction Industry
Ms. Kim Davies (South Africa) – Occupational Health in Nursing
Dr. Marc Wittlich (Germany) – Radiation and Work
Dr. Hsiao-Yu Yang (Taiwan, China) – Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace
Dr. Sashikala Chandrasekar (India) – Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dusts
Dr. Stephen Popkin (USA) – Shiftwork and Working Time
Dr. Jason Kai Wei Lee (Singapore) – Thermal Factors
Dr. Natalia Urszula Pawlas (Poland) – Toxicology of Metals
Prof. Akihito Shimazu (Japan) – Work Organisation and Psychosocial Factors
Mr. Mahinda Seneviratne (Australia) – Occupational Health in Small-Scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector

ICOH National/Area Secretaries with best results in membership recruitment (per geographical area)

SOUTH AMERICA: Dr. Ricardo Turenko Beca, National/Area Secretary for Brazil 2022 – 2023
NORTH AMERICA: Dr. Charles Milton Yarborough, National/Area Secretary for USA 2022 – 2023
ASIA: Dr. Ashish Mishra, National/Area Secretary for India 2022 – 2023
AFRICA: Ms. Rim El Kholti, National/Area Secretary for Morocco 2022 – 2023
EUROPE: Dr. Michele A. Riva, National/Area Secretary for Italy 2022 – 2023

ICOH2024 Congress Awards

Prof. Abdeljalil El Kholti - ICOH2024 Congress President
Ms. Claudina Nogueira - ICOH2024 Chair, International Scientific Advisory Committee
Dr. Kamal Wifaq - ICOH2024 Chair, National Scientific Committee

Finally, Dr. Gagliardi expressed some words of thanks to the ICOH Secretariat staff for their continuous support to the management of ICOH Secretariat activities and contribution to the congress organization.

2. Results of the Elections of ICOH Officers and Board Members 2024-2027

Dr. Gagliardi passed the floor to Dr. Jorge Morales Camino, Chair of the Scrutineers Committee, to report on the results of the election of ICOH Officers and Board members for the tenure 2024-2027.
Dr. Morales proceeded to read the results of the candidates, elected as follows:

ICOH PRESIDENT

Prof. Seong-Kyu Kang (Rep. of Korea)	Elected uncontested
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ICOH VICE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Martin Hogan (Ireland)	Valid votes: 429 – Elected
Dr. Shyam Pingle (India)	Valid votes: 286 – Elected
Dr. Dingani Moyo (Zimbabwe)	Valid votes: 213 – Not elected



ICOH SECRETARY GENERAL

Dr. Diana Gagliardi (Italy)

Elected uncontested

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Valid votes</i>	
1	Alexis Descatha	France	422	Elected
2	Akizumi Tsutsumi	Japan	399	Elected
3	Mahinda Seneviratne	Australia	376	Elected
4	Rosylane Rocha	Brazil	371	Elected
5	R Rajesh	India	347	Elected
6	Quentin Durand-Moreau	Canada	343	Elected
7	Riitta Sinikka Sauni	Finland	340	Elected
8	Ashish Mishra	India	316	Elected
9	Rim El Kholti	Morocco	312	Elected
10	Stefan Esser	Germany	309	Elected
11	Charles Milton Yarborough	USA	301	Elected
12	<u>Giovanna Spatari</u>	Italy	288	Elected
13	Aida Lucia Fajardo Montiel	Mexico	281	Elected
14	Dongmug Kang	Rep. of Korea	279	Elected
15	Naesinee Chaiear	Thailand	271	Elected
16	Sashikala Chandrasekar	India	238	Not elected*
17	Kamal Wifaq	Morocco	230	Elected*
18	Stephen Popkin	USA	223	Not elected
19	Sandeep Sharma	India	193	Not elected
20	Zhijun Zhou	P. R. China	160	Not elected

***ICOH Constitution, Article 5, Section 6**

The Board of the ICOH shall be elected by postal and/or electronic ballot and shall consist of the Officers, the immediate Past President, the immediate Past Secretary General, and 16 other members in good standing so as to represent as far as possible the different disciplines and a balanced geographical distribution. No more than two of these 16 members may be citizens of the same country. [...]. In compliance with the ICOH Constitution, being Dr Sashikala Chandrasekar the third member of Indian nationality, she is not eligible and her seat on the board is assigned to Dr. Kamal Wifaq, the first non-elected.

Decision:

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

3. President's Address and Strategy for 2024-2027

Prof. Kang thanked all ICOH members for all the work done in the past. He also thanked the ICOH Congress 2024 Organizing Committee for the successful event.

Prof. Kang addressed the ICOH General Assembly and illustrated his strategy for the tenure 2024-2027. The President remarked the importance to continue working on "Global Responsibility for Workers' Health" also for the new term. Professionals in each country strive to enhance workers' health as far as their economic circumstances allow. Moreover, stakeholders from LMICs seek to engage with those from HICs to



learn from their past experiences, knowledge, and potential solutions through international platforms such as ICOH. Countries aim to glean insights from the historical experiences of other nations facing situations similar to their current status, rather than solely focusing on immediate challenges. This collaborative exchange fosters cross-country learning and spreads more effective approaches to addressing occupational health issues globally. To achieve such goal, regional and global communication needs to be facilitated among countries. Central to the plan remains also the organization of international conferences during the triennium thanks to the active engagement of the ICOH Scientific Committees; the growing involvement of ICOH Sustaining and Affiliate members; closed collaboration with ILO, WHO and sister organizations.

Decision:

- The ICOH General Assembly unanimously approved the President's Address and Strategy for the tenure 2024-2027

4. ICOH2030 Congress Venue – Bid Results

The ICOH President passed the floor to Prof. Malcolm Sim, Chair of the Scrutineers Committee for Bid Results, to report on the results of the votes for the venue of the 36th International Congress on Occupational Health to be held in 2030. Before illustrating the results, Prof. Sim congratulated the ICOH Officers and Board members elected for the tenure 2024-2027.

BID RESULTS

Rome	Italy	Votes 260
Medellin	Colombia	Votes 104

Total number of votes: 366

Number of spoilt votes: 2

A delegation of the Italian Local Organizing Committee (Dr. Giovanna Tranfo, Mr. Pierluca Dionisi) took the floor to express appreciation for the election of Rome as the venue for the ICOH2030 Congress. Then, a brief video of thanks from the Italian Organizing Committee was shown.

Prof. Kang congratulated Italy and thanked the Colombian bidders for their fair and fierce competition.

6. Closing

Finally, Prof. Kang closed the Second General Assembly by expressing his sincere thanks to all the participants for their valuable contributions to ICOH activities and to the success of the ICOH2024 Congress.