The International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) is an international non-profitmaking, non-political, multidisciplinary scientific organisation whose sole purpose is to foster the scientific progress, knowledge and development of occupational health and related subjects on an international basis.
ICOH - International Commission on Occupational Health

Constitution, Article 1, Section 2:

ICOH provides a forum for scientific and professional communication. To achieve this purpose, the ICOH:

- sponsors international congresses and meetings on occupational health;
- establishes scientific committees in various fields of occupational health and related subjects;
- disseminates information on occupational health activities;
- issues guidelines and reports on occupational health and related subjects;
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- collaborates with appropriate international and national bodies on matters concerning occupational and environmental health;

- takes any other appropriate action related to the field of occupational health;

- solicits and administers such funds as may be required in furtherance of its objectives.
1906 Milan

First International Congress for Occupational Health

Foundation of International Permanent Commission for Occupational Health
21th International Congress for Occupational Health
1984 - Dublin

The Permanent Commission and International Association of Occupational Health becomes International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH).

New professional groups participate: industrial medical officers, occupational health specialist, etc.

12th International Congress for Occupational Health
Helsinki - 1957

Abolition of the numerous clausus for national delegation membership has increased from 190 to 1127 and the countries represented have increased from 36 to 71.
11-16 June 2006, Milan

28th International Congress for Occupational Health

“Renewing a century of commitment to a healthy safe and productive working life”
Centennial Declaration of the International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH

The Permanent Commission – International Association on Occupational Health, now named International Commission on Occupational Health, ICOH, was founded on 13 June 1906 in Milan by a delegation from France, Belgium, Japan, Canada, Austria, Hungary, Italy, France, Switzerland, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States. The aim of the Commission was to promote research on occupational disease worldwide and disseminate the available knowledge on occupational health to the entire scientific community, to physicians, and practitioners. To achieve these goals it was further decided to regularly hold a Congress every three years. In June 2006, a century after the foundation of ICOH, the occupational health experts once more convened for the Centennial ICOH 2006 Congress in its birthplace, Milan, Italy.

In spite of the impressive progress made in the improvement of health, safety, and social conditions of work, in the industrialised countries, the need for occupational health and safety is as evident as it was 100 years ago. While the nature of the problems, hazards, and risks has changed the traditional hazards and particularly the new problems of work. We still need much expert knowledge, research, training and information in order to be controlled, managed, and prevented.

The conditions of work for more than two-thirds of the almost three billion workers of the world do not meet the minimum standards and requirements set by the International Labour Organization and the World Health Organization for occupational health, safety, and social protection. Over 2 billion workers in the developing countries work under conditions which are hazardous to their health, safety, and work ability. These workers do not have access to occupational health and safety services and are not covered by safety and health inspection. In both the industrialised and developing countries working people are increasingly exposed to time pressure, continuously increasing job demands, frequent reorganisation, and job insecurity. This has led to an unacceptable work load, stress-related somatic and mental disorders such as cardiovascular disease and depression, thus affecting work ability and shortening the working careers of ageing workers.

Poor occupational health and safety results in 270 million occupational accidents and 160,000 fatalities and causes 160 million new cases of occupational disease a year. Altogether these lead annually to 2.5 million deaths of people at their best working age. In principle they all should be preventable. We want to commemorate the millions of people who have lost their lives at work over the past 100 years of industrialisation.

The adverse conditions of work constitute an enormous and unnecessary loss of health, work ability, productivity, and well-being among working people and their families and communities. The burden to national and company economies is also high amounting to 4-5% of business turnover and national GDP.

The globalization process has not succeeded in equilibrating the conditions of work but in fact the opposite has occurred. The gaps are increasing. Poverty, inequality and under-development are closely associated with the poor safety, health, and social conditions of work, as they are also linked with illiteracy, lack of education, poor access to health services and low or nonexistent social protection. Sustainable development, equity and elimination of poverty cannot be achieved without good work ability, safety and health of working people. Moreover, decent conditions of work will ensure work ability and productivity of people and enable them to sustain themselves, their families and communities and to contribute to the national development and GDP.
ICOH 2009

29th International Congress on Occupational Health

http://www.icoh2009.co.za/
ICOH 2012

30th International Congress on Occupational Health

Monterrey (Mexico) was elected to host the Congress
### Presidents and Secretary General from ICOH Foundation

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Members in good standing at 2005
ICOH members: geographical distribution

- Europe: 52%
- North America: 13%
- Africa: 10%
- South America: 6%
- Asia & Oceania: 20%

Europe has the highest percentage of ICOH members.
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ICOH Sustaining Members

- Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité, Francia
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Germania
- Liberty Mutual Group, USA
- Nordic Institute for Advanced Training, Finlandia
- Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finlandia
- Prevent Svezia
- The Finnish Work Environment Fund, Finlandia
- AFA Insurance Svezia
- University of Occupational & Environmental Health, Giappone
ICOH Sustaining Members

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
USA

Promotion Foundation of OH
Giappone

Clinica del Lavoro
“L. Devoto”
Italia

Fondazione Maugeri
Italia

Fundacentro Brasile

Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Regno Unito

Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza del Lavoro
Italia

Stichting Arbouw
Olanda

FSM

Arbetslivsinstitutet

Svezia
The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the ICOH.
It approves the Constitution, elects honorary members, one Auditor and one Vice-auditor, and decides on the venue of triennial International Congresses.
The General Assembly also sets fees, accepts and approves the financial accounts, accepts the Auditor's report taking such action on it as is necessary, and approves the report on the activities of the Scientific Committees.
It consists of the individual members in good standing and one representative of each collective member.

ICOH Constitution, art. 4, section 1
ICOH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Tasks of Board Members

These are some of the most important tasks of the Board Members listed in Constitution, article 5, Section 7:

- to review the programme of work of ICOH and its Scientific Committees,
- to assist the Officers,
- to amend the Bye-laws whenever necessary,
- to recommend the venue of future International Congresses on Occupational Health to the General Assembly,
- to recommend the election of honorary members,
- to make recommendations to the President for submission to the General Assembly for its approval,
- to review the accounts.
ICOH Accomplishments

ICOH activities cover a wide range of topics, as reflected by the 33 Scientific Committees, each one focused on a specific field of work, and 1 Collaborative Network.
Scientific Committees

- **Accident Prevention**
  Kirsten J ÖRGENSEN
  DENMARK

- **Aging and Work**
  Masaharu KUMASHIRO
  JAPAN

- **Allergy and Immunotoxicology**
  Kanehisa MORIMOTO
  JAPAN

- **Cardiology in OH**
  Peter SCHNALL
  USA

- **Education and Training in OH**
  Bonnie ROGERS
  USA

- **Epidemiology in OH**
  Dana LOOMIS
  USA

- **Fibres**
  Utz DRAEGER
  GERMANY
Scientific Committees

OH and Development
Suvi LEHTINEN
FINLAND

OH for Health Care Workers
Hans-Martin HASSELOMN
GERMANY

OH in the Chemical Industry
Stephen W. BORRON
USA

OH in Small-scale Enterprises and the Informal Sector
Toru ITANI
JAPAN

OH in the Construction Industry
Knut RINGEN
NORWAY

OH in Nursing
Marjatta PEURALA
FINLAND

Occupational Toxicology
Claude VIAU
CANADA
Radiation and Work
Maila Hietanen
Finland

Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace
Jens Peter Bonde
Denmark

Respiratory Disorders
Sverre Langård
Norway

Rural Health: Agriculture, Pesticides and Organic Dists
Claudio Colosio
Italy

Shiftwork and Working Time
Giovanni Costa
Italy

Thermal Factors
Ken C. Parsons
United Kingdom
International Communication and Information Technology Network for Occupational Safety and Health

Max LUM
USA
ICOH Task Groups and Committees

**TG Constitution Bye-Laws and Guidelines**
Jorma RANTANEN
FINLAND

**TG on Transparency and Ethics**
Petter KRISTENSEN
NORWAY

**TG on Information**
Suvi LEHTINEN
FINLAND

**TG on Membership**
Sergio IAVI COLI
ITALY

**Finance Committee**
Frank van DIJK
THE NETHERLANDS
Benefits for ICOH members

✓ A substantial reduction of the registration fee of the triennial International Congresses and some other ICOH-sponsored conferences;

✓ 20-30% reductions of the subscription rates of international scientific journals such as:

- Applied Ergonomics,
- Archives des Maladies Professionelles,
- Dermatoses in Beruf und Umwelt,
- La Medicina del Lavoro,
- Scandinavian Journal of Work, Environment and Health
Benefits for ICOH members

- 50% reduction in the price of all ILO publications including the Encyclopaedia on Occupational Health and CIS abstracts. 40% reduction on all WHO information products.

- Epidemiology Journal, is making a discounted subscription offer to ICOH members. Irregularly the ICOH members are offered free scientific publications mainly from the WHO, the UNEP and the CEC.

- To participate in the activities of up to three of the 33 scientific committees as well as submit materials for publication in the Newsletter.
Renewed Newsletter

Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Much has happened during the past twelve months in the ILO Programme. Internationally, several new agreements have been reached and the ILO has gained significant influence in the world of work. In addition, the Newsletter has been revised and improved, and the Communication Network has been updated.

Communication Network leaflet

ICOH website

www.icohweb.org

www.cistweb.org
1) Fill in the application form

It is available in English, French, Spanish and Italian at the National Secretary of your Country, and on ICOH website (www.icohweb.org)

Application form must be returned to the Secretariat General

How to become an ICOH member !!!

The application form must be endorsed by three ICOH members in good standing
2) The application will be verified and once accepted the new applicant will receive:

- The acceptance letter from the Secretary General
- The contact form, please:
  - a) Check your data
  - b) Complete the questionnaire

...and return it to the Secretariat General
3) In order to pay the membership fee new applicant will receive a Settlement Form:

Tick the mode of payment and return it to Secretariat General:

a) Cheque / Bank draft
b) Direct Bank Transfer to UBS
c) VI SA credit card
d) American Express credit card
e) Mastercard

4) Once in good standing new applicant will receive the membership card:
Becoming ICOH members

New fees system for tenure 2006 - 2008

CHF 300 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita > 15000 USD

CHF 60 for Active membership from countries with GDP per capita < 15000 USD

CHF 60 for Young (< 36 years old) members from all countries