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## ***Editorial - February 2002***

***Dear CIS Colleagues***

**The year is moving ahead and there are less than 3 months to the CIS annual meeting in Vienna, Austria on 26 May 2002**

**2002 Annual Meeting in Vienna Austria.....will be on Sunday 26 May 2002 at the ILO Congress and Exhibition. CIS members may wish to go to the ILO Triennial Congress, exhibition and other events such as the multi-media show. As a result, no other workshops are planned. It appears unlikely that any preferential delegate fees to the Conference and Exhibition will be made available to CIS members.**

**ANY COUNTRY/CIS CENTRE RECEIVING TECHNICAL AID WHO BELIEVE THEY MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE SHOULD CONTACT EMMERT CLEVENSTINE AT CIS HQ IMMEDIATELY. REMEMBER THE MEETING IS ONLY 4 MONTHS AWAY! and time flies by very quickly!!!!**

**Also remember to send to Geneva HQ any items which you wish to have placed on the agenda. You should send as soon possible any items you wish to have discussed.**

**Also remember to send your annual reports in early.**

**Important News from Geneva:**

**There are news items for you in this edition from CIS HQ in Geneva -**

**\*the launch of the new joint ILO and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work web site**

**\*New and recent publications**

Thanks to all the contributors to this edition of your Newsletter - all news however small is most welcomed. If you are planning any publications, seminars or training courses, then please send your details to me so that we can share your efforts with others. Don't forget to send me your latest news!

You know I welcome ideas for inclusion in the future editions of this Newsletter. Let me know if there are any areas you would wish to see covered in future.

A number of individuals and organisations have let me know that wish to receive the Newsletter by email.... just let me know and I will send it.

Best wishes to you and your colleagues.

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## ***CIS NETWORK OF NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRES.....***

## ***WORKING TOGETHER AND HELPING EACH OTHER....***

### **News from Geneva**

#### **ILO and EU co-operate in creating Web-based information system on occupational health and safety**

The European Union and the International Labour Organization have taken an important step towards co-operation on occupational safety and health (OSH) information. The International Labour Office (ILO) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in Bilbao (Spain) have today launched a new joint OSH web-site.

The site follows the structure and presentation of the Agency's web-site network and is a major contribution to the creation of a global portal for workplace safety

and health information. As well as linking directly to EU information, the site is a rich source of information from the ILO on its OSH resources. In addition to the flagship SafeWork programme, users will find the International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS) and the OSH-related activities of programmes throughout the Organization.

The European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, Mrs Anna Diamantopoulou, said that: "The European Commission's strategy on 'quality at work' includes safety and health amongst the key elements in creating high-quality jobs and living standards. Likewise, the ILO's 'Decent Work' initiative includes safety and health as one of its key InFocus Programmes, 'SafeWork', under this initiative which intends to create productive work in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. By bringing together the combined health and safety information resources of the ILO and the EU, this joint ILO European Agency web-site marks an important step towards both these goals.

"I am sure that this web-site will be an excellent means of co-operation between the ILO and the EU in promoting joint information on health and safety standards, good practice and research and thus encourage the promotion of our shared objectives"

Juan Somavia, Director-General of the ILO commented: "The International Labour Organization was founded to ensure everyone the right to earn a living in freedom, dignity and security, in short, the right to decent work. We have never accepted the belief that injury and disease 'go with the job'. In the course of this century industrialized countries have seen a clear decrease in serious injuries, not least because of real advances in making the workplace healthier and safer. The challenge is to extend the benefits of this experience to the whole working world. SafeWork is designed to respond to this need"

SafeWork Director Jukka Takala noted that the ILO's global estimates of 1.2 million work-related fatalities, 250 million injuries and 160 million cases of work-related disease per year are totals that mask great differences in rates and causes at the national level:

"There is great variety just within Europe, and the picture becomes more complex the farther we look. Yet whatever the situation, information technology can help us reduce the toll by acquiring facts about problems, researching methods for solving them and storing our acquired expertise for the future. An Internet portal is ideal for matching the diverse information needs of the worldwide OSH community with the equally diverse experience of the ILO and its constituents."

The Director of the European Agency, Hans-Horst Konkolewsky, said: "The launch of the ILO web-site adds a significant dimension to the Agency's network. It will enable businesses, workers and experts to be better informed about the

huge amount of work the ILO has done internationally towards creating a safer working environment for workers."

**The EU/ILO web-site is available at:**

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/euportal/>

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International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS), International Labour Office, 1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland; tel. +41 22 799 67 40; fax + 41 22 799 8516; <mailto:cis@ilo.org>

## **News about IALI Labour Inspection: the global view**

A feature in the February 2002 edition of Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Occupational Safety and Health Journal explains what the International Association of Labour Inspectorates (IALI) is doing to ensure that labour inspection works in practice. The article by Sheila Pantry OBE looks at the goals of IALI which was founded in 1972 in order to provide a professional forum for the exchange of information and experience about the work of Labour Inspection and to promote closer cooperation between the authorities and institutions concerned with such work. The Association is a non-governmental international organisation recognised by the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During the May 2000 IALI conference which took place in Croatia, more than 100 participants from 20 countries discussed three main priorities for inspectors in the new Millennium:

- > construction
- > agriculture
- > illegal employment

presents challenges both for developed and undeveloped countries. There is a strong recognition of the importance of labour inspectorates working together and the role of IALI in assisting this process.

### **IALI goals**

The mission of the International Association of Labour Inspection is to:

promote professional understanding of all aspects of labour inspection,

provide opportunities for the exchange of experience in, and views about, labour inspection and the implementation of occupational health and safety and other employment legislation,

disseminate information about all such matters, through its congress, technical symposia, workshops, international enquiries, reports and other publications in order to increase the professionalism, the impact and the efficiency of labour inspection throughout the world.

The Association, which has members from 80 countries, exists only for ideal ends. It renounces and bans any political or religious activity, any criticism of national systems of Labour Inspection and any interference in their working. In the addition it renounces any statement or attitude constituting an interference in affairs of the social partners' business.

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## **News from the UK**

### **The Definitive Guide to Emergency Safety Showers, Eyebaths and Facewash Fountains**

Since the start of manufacturing of chemical in bulk quantities for use by industry for cleaning and manufacturing purposes, there has been a requirement for emergency safety showers, eyebaths and facewash fountains.

The first legislation in the UK covering first aid in the workplace, where strong acids and dangerous corrosive liquids are used was The Chemical Works Regulations 1922 which remained in force for over 66 years until it was superseded by the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1988. The 1922 legislation required that for use in emergency the following:

Adequate and readily accessible means of drenching with cold water, persons and the clothing of persons, who have become splashed with such liquid

A sufficient number of eyewash bottles, filled with distilled water or other suitable liquid, kept in boxes or cupboards conveniently situated and clearly indicated by a distinctive sign shall be visible at all times.

Recently published by Hughes Safety Showers is The Definitive Guide to Emergency Safety Showers, Eyebaths and Facewash Fountains that provides guidance on design standards, types and applications, water temperature,

materials of manufacture, location and installation, servicing and training. The 20 page booklet is filled with good advice and guidance and is a must for all inspectors, safety and health practitioners.

Contact: Hughes Safety Showers Ltd, Whitefield Road, Bredbury, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 2SS, UK

Tel: +44 (0) 161 430 6618 Fax: +44 (0) 161 430 79228 Email: [info@hughes-safety-showers.co.uk](mailto:info@hughes-safety-showers.co.uk) website [www.hughes-safety-showers.co.uk](http://www.hughes-safety-showers.co.uk)

Price of the Guide is Sterling £5.00 or Euros 8.00 including post and packing

***Make my day***

***Please Send news to your Editor***

## **News from the UK TUC**

### **Working Time Directive having little impact on women working long hours**

Europe's working time directive, over 750,000 women in the UK are working in excess of its 48-hours-a-week limit according to a UK Trades Union Congress (TUC) report just published. The TUC report, About Time: a new agenda for shaping working life, finds that the European Working Time Directive has had very little impact on the long hours women work.

TUC General Secretary John Monks said: "Britain's long hours culture is a national disgrace. It leads to stress, ill health and family strains. It's an indictment on how badly we manage work in the UK - we need to encourage men and women to balance their working life with their life outside work".

The UK tops the European long hours league, and is the only country that allows staff to opt out of the 48 hour limit. The average working week is 43.6 hours in the UK compared to an EU average of 40.3 hours. Many European countries, including those more productive than the UK, have tougher limits on hours. Austria, Finland, Norway, Portugal, Belgium, Spain and Sweden all have 39 or 40 hour limits, and France has a 35 hour week. But the EU is certain to end the UK opt out following a review in 2003, so the UK must start to tackle the long hours culture now, says the TUC report. Info on the TUC's work-life balance work can be found at: [www.tuc.org.uk/changingtimes](http://www.tuc.org.uk/changingtimes)

## **News from Germany**

### **Machinery Safety....impetus for early revision of EN 12999 Loader cranes says report in KANBRIEF**

European standard EN 12999 Cranes - loader cranes contains safety requirements for the design, analysis and testing of loader cranes with hydraulic drives. After successfully passing the final vote with three abstentions (those of

Germany, Portugal and Switzerland) the standard was ratified by CEN on 8 March 2001. The abstention by the German standardization body DIN was the consequence of a unanimous vote by German occupational health and safety representatives who had already expressed reservations in 2000 regarding safety aspects of the standard, certain provisions of which ran contrary in their view to the requirements of the Machinery Directive. One aspect concerned the facility for the crane operator to bridge the load torque limiter, which could potentially lead to component failure or tipping of the crane. As EN 12999 had been ratified by CEN but its reference not yet published in the Official Journal of the European Union, the safeguard clause had not initially been invoked formally against the standard.

At a European level, a session of the responsible CEN Working Group was convened in which the experts reached agreement on an amendment of EN 12999 which took the German reservations into account. Further information can be found in the very informative quarterly KANBRIEF 4/01 published by the Kommission Arbeitsschutz und Normung(KAN), Alte Heestr.111 , D-53757 Sankt Augustin, Germany. Tel: +49 (0) 2241 231 3455 Fax: +49 (0) 2241 231 3464 Email: [info@kan.de](mailto:info@kan.de) [www.kan.de](http://www.kan.de)

## **News from the USA**

### **Fire Fighter Deaths from Tanker Truck Rollovers**

Is the title of a new leaflet from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health contains case studies and a list of recommendations to reduce the risk of tanker truck rollovers. It also has references to further publications.

Copies can be downloaded from the NIOSH website and in print format DHHS (NIOSH) Publication No.2002-111 Fire Fighter Deaths from Tanker Truck Rollover from:

Publications, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati OH 45226-1998, USA. Tel: +1 800 356 4674 Email: [pubstaff@cdc.gov](mailto:pubstaff@cdc.gov) [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh)

NIOSH conducts the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Programme to determine factors that cause or contribute to fire fighter fatalities suffered in line of duty and to develop strategies for preventing similar incidents in future. More information is available at web: [www.cdc.gov/niosh.firehome.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh.firehome.html)

## **News from the European Foundation Working for a living.... new publications**

### **Gender, Employment and working time preferences in Europe by Colette Fagan and Tracey Warren**

This report looks at the role played by gender in determining labour market participation. It shows how women's and men's employment preferences are related to the kinds of jobs they do, as well as to their domestic circumstances, and compares the wishes of those who are currently employed with those of job seekers.

There is also an 8 page summary as well as the full report. ISBN 92 897 01161  
Working Time Preferences at different phases of life by Reija Lilja and Ulla Hamalainen

This survey involved 30,557 telephone assisted interviews with people aged between 16 and 64 across the 15 European Union Member States and Norway. This survey provides information on both the current situations and future preferences of those interviewed concerning employment.

There is a leaflet summary as well as the full report. ISBN 92 897 01080

### **Working Conditions in Atypical Work**

The European Foundation's research into different forms of atypical work such as non-permanent; temporary agency; part-time and self employment. The recent research reveals that working conditions for all workers in the European Union have generally degenerated over the past few years.

There are huge differences between countries with the EU concerning the distribution of different forms of atypical work.

A leaflet summary as well as the full report available. ISBN 92 897 01269

All available from the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, L-2985 Luxembourg. For further details about the content of the reports contact:

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions,  
Wyattville Road, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18, Ireland

Tel: + 353 1 2043100 Fax: + 353 1 2826456, + 353 1 2824209

Email: [postmaster@eurofound.ie](mailto:postmaster@eurofound.ie)

or check the website [www.eurofound.ie](http://www.eurofound.ie)

## **News from the NRPB**

**Know which Radiation Monitoring equipment to use!**



## **Guidance on the choice, use and maintenance of hand-held radiation monitoring equipment, by P H Burgess**

It is the duty of an employer to provide suitable instruments for the monitoring of controlled and supervised areas. Selection of suitable instruments can be an easy task in some circumstances, but a difficult task in others. It requires a detailed knowledge of the circumstances of potential radiation exposure. It is not always easy to predict which radiations may be present in occupied areas. This report aims to shed light on these problems and help make an informed choice of the appropriate radiation monitoring instrument, its use and maintenance.

Guidance on the choice, use and maintenance of hand-held radiation monitoring equipment, by P H Burgess. NRPB R326 ISBN 085951 461 7 £10.00  
Available from the National Radiological Protection Board, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0RQ, UK.

Email: [information@nrpb.org.uk](mailto:information@nrpb.org.uk)  
or check the website [www.nrpb.org.uk](http://www.nrpb.org.uk)

## **Titles you may have missed.....**

**Replace anecdotal guesswork with quantitative fact when evaluating safety management.....**

### **Managing for World Class Safety, by J M Stewart**

Despite the extensive literature on safety, few tools have been available to help managers quantitatively assess the level of safety management and the quality of safety practices in organisations. Dr. Stewart, the author of *Managing for World Class Safety* and a former executive of Dupont, Canada, developed such a method, crafting a safety survey centering on a comprehensive questionnaire for employees at all levels, that reveal the true level of corporate commitment to safety. Based on research at five of the world's safest companies and five with very poor safety. By developing quantitative benchmark data, the author reasons in this 275 page book that it will be easier to convince reluctant management to undertake the fundamental change necessary for a "step change" in their company performance.

*Managing for World Class Safety*, by J M Stewart. 2002, Wiley-Interscience  
ISBN 0471 443867 Sterling £59.50

## **New titles from the US Government Institutes**

**Environmental Biotreatment: Technologies for Air, Water, Soil, and Wastes**  
...provides a comprehensive, detailed analysis of the most up-to-date biotreatment remediation methods available.

Details: [www.hhsc.co.uk/gi2.htm#0865878900](http://www.hhsc.co.uk/gi2.htm#0865878900)

### **Integrating Quality, Environmental, Health, and Safety Systems**

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## **NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK**

### **News update from the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work**

The latest edition of the European Agency's **OSHmail** containing latest news and publications is best viewed or printed in Courier New 10 point. For html web version go to <http://europe.osha.eu.int/oshmail/oshmail072002en.html>

ES: Últimas noticias europeas e internacionales de la Agencia para la Seguridad y la Salud en el Trabajo (Bilbao). La versión española está disponible en la dirección

<http://europe.osha.eu.int/oshmail/oshmail072002es.html>

DE: Aktuelle europäische und internationale Nachrichten der Europäischen Agentur für Sicherheit und Gesundheitsschutz am Arbeitsplatz (Bilbao).

Deutschsprachige Version unter

<http://europe.osha.eu.int/oshmail/oshmail072002de.html>

FR: Actualités européennes et internationales de l'Agence européenne pour la sécurité et la santé au travail (Bilbao). Pour visualiser la version

française, allez à <http://europe.osha.eu.int/oshmail/oshmail072002fr.html>

## **EUROPEAN SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK - OCTOBER 2002**

The campaign slogan in English is "Working on stress" and as usual the Week will take place in October. Member States are free to choose which specific week.

The Agency is planning on a launch in the late Spring and of course your Newsletter will make sure that the latest news is disseminated.

## **EUROPEAN AGENCY NEW PUBLICATIONS**

### **The prevention of work-related accidents: a different strategy in a changing world of work?**

The European conference on 'The prevention of work-related accidents: a different strategy in a changing world of work?' was jointly organised in Brussels in November 2002 by the Belgian EU Presidency, European Agency and European Parliament. Presentations and speeches will be published shortly on the Agency's webpage.

[http://agency.osha.eu.int/news/press\\_releases/011120/](http://agency.osha.eu.int/news/press_releases/011120/)

### **Work Accident Prevention Reports**

This report brings together 22 cases of accident-prevention approaches from the 15 Member States providing detailed information about the way these approaches were implemented and the experiences in doing so.

<http://agency.osha.eu.int/publications/reports/workaccidents/>

<http://agency.osha.eu.int/publications/factsheets/facts20/>

This booklet consists of 22 award-winning and commended examples of accident prevention from the European Good Practice Awards. They cover 14 Member States and include cases from SMEs, large companies, a trade union and specialist safety and health institutes and prevention services.

<http://agency.osha.eu.int/publications/reports/howprevent/>

A great deal of additional EUROPEAN AND MEMBER STATE INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH is available at the Agency webpage at

<http://osha.eu.int>

## **News from Sweden and Switzerland**

### **ABB and asbestos liabilities**

Swiss-Swedish engineering group ABB has almost doubled the amount of money it is setting aside against liabilities relating to asbestos. Combustion Engineering, an ABB US subsidiary, now faces some 94,000 compensation claims in relation to asbestos in products supplied until the mid-1970s. The company is expected to post its first ever loss as a result of the asbestos payouts bill. Just two weeks ago the company was denying it needed to hike its asbestos liabilities reserve, in response to warnings from risk experts

[www.tuc.org.uk/h\\_and\\_s/tuc-4233-f0.cfm#insureasbestos37](http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-4233-f0.cfm#insureasbestos37)

## **News from Poland**

**FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOP CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.....**

**The European Centre for Occupational Health, Safety and the Environment in collaboration with Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland announce details of the**

**ECOHSE 2002 SYMPOSIUM:  
FACING THE CHALLENGE -  
INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND  
HEALTH (OHS) IN ENLARGING EUROPE.**

Venue: Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland  
Dates: 25th-28th September 2002

For full details in printable format please click on the link below:  
[www.gla.ac.uk/ecohse/news.html](http://www.gla.ac.uk/ecohse/news.html)

## **News from China**

### **China: Two explosions in a coal mine**

At least 27 miners have been killed in two explosions at a coal mine in northern China. An initial explosion at the mine in Chengde County killed 19 people. Eight more miners were killed in a second explosion the following day as they were trying to recover the dead bodies.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/asia-pacific/newsid\\_1785000/1785988.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/asia-pacific/newsid_1785000/1785988.stm)

## **News from HAZARDS Hazards 2002, National Hazards Conference, 6-8 September, Manchester, UK**

The National Hazards Conference will be held in Manchester for the second year running.

Further details from  
Email: [gmhazards@hotmail.com](mailto:gmhazards@hotmail.com)  
[www.tuc.org.uk/h\\_and\\_s/tuc-4170-f0.cfm](http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-4170-f0.cfm)

## **News from Europe**

### **EFOA WELCOMES PUBLICATION OF EU RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT ON MTBE**

EFOA, the European Fuel Oxygenates Association, welcomes the publication and the conclusions of the EU risk assessment report on Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE), which has just been published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

"The report provides a balanced and objective overview of the risks associated with MTBE. The conclusions confirm our view that MTBE has a key role to play in permitting Europe to reach better air quality," says Bruno Héry, EFOA's Director General. "We're satisfied that the conclusions are based on sound scientific evidence," says Hilka Vahervuori, lead member of EFOA's risk assessment task force, who has worked closely with the EU Rapporteur throughout the assessment process.

The MTBE risk assessment was conducted in two stages. Firstly, the health and environmental effects of MTBE were evaluated together with the potential for exposure, in order to determine the overall risk. Secondly, in those highly specialised areas where risks were identified, recommendations were made for a risk reduction strategy.

As a widely used component of petrol for more than 20 years, MTBE has been the subject of numerous scientific studies. After considering all the available information, the EU Rapporteur concluded that exposure to MTBE was not

expected to have any harmful impact on human health, the atmosphere or the environment.

"The conclusion of the EU risk assessment process is a tremendous milestone," says Bruno Héry. "EFOA is supporting the conclusions and recommendations of the Rapporteur and will co-operate with all stakeholders to facilitate their implementation".

EFOA, the European Fuel Oxygenates Association was founded in 1985 by European producers of MTBE, the most widely used fuel oxygenate. EFOA comprises companies having their own production of fuel oxygenates in at least one Western European country.

It is open to associate members having an interest in the production or the use of MTBE, ETBE and TAME. It is a sector group of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council. Current member companies of EFOA are: BP, DSM, Ecofuel, Fortum, Huntsman, Lyondell, Methanex, Oxeno, Polski Koncern Naftowy, Sabic, Shell Chemicals and TotalFinaElf. Together, EFOA members represent about 80 % of the EU MTBE production capacity. The core mission of EFOA is to act as a reliable, long-term source of information regarding the issues surrounding fuel oxygenates in petrol. EFOA's policy is to become engaged in constructive co-operation with all stakeholders: regulators, legislators, industry, NGOs etc.

\*MTBE Methyl Tertiary Buthyl Ether is a chemical compound obtained from a reaction between methanol and isobutylene, both of which are derived primarily from natural gas. It is used to enhance octane ratings and improves fuel combustion, thus reducing harmful exhaust emissions.

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## **News from South Africa**

### **Union seeks an audit of mine safety**

The MWU-Solidarity union called on Minerals and Energy Minister Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka to conduct a national audit of mining safety as the death rate reached one a day. The move followed a mine accident at Driefontein mine in which five miners were killed. "MWU-Solidarity has pressed hard for higher security measures in the past, and although it is acknowledged that much has been done, the rate of fatal accidents in SA mines, especially gold mines, is still too high," MWU-Solidarity spokesperson Dirk Hermann said. He said that currently, an average of one mineworker died in the industry every day, and about 16 were injured in mine-related accidents. The minister was also asked to organise a national safety conference to discuss the implementation of the audit.

[www.bday.co.za/bday/content/direct/1,3523,1008406-6099-0,00.html](http://www.bday.co.za/bday/content/direct/1,3523,1008406-6099-0,00.html)

## **Have you heard this CIS News?.....**

Agriculture etc....this ILO CD-ROM (available on-line) intends to provide technical guidance on safety and health measures to deal with hazards in agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry work.

[www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/agriculture/agricd.htm](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/agriculture/agricd.htm)

New ILO Guidelines on:

### **Lighting in the workplace**

[www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/hazardwk/ergono/lighting.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/hazardwk/ergono/lighting.pdf)

### **Ventilation in the workplace**

[www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/hazardwk/dust/ventlong.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/hazardwk/dust/ventlong.pdf)

### **Inspectors in improving working conditions and productivity in SMEs**

[www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/labinsp/smeguide.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/labinsp/smeguide.pdf)

## **For everyone seeking quality fire information**

### **FIRE WORLDWIDE**

Aimed at everyone in the fire industry internationally, this is the World's premier collection of validated and authoritative fire information, containing a number of complementary bibliographic databases covering over 100 countries, and in many languages, with the emphasis on all aspects of fire management principles, practices and research. An extensive collection of historical records of interest to researchers can also be found. There is information on every subject from airport fire safety, to the use of abandoned buildings for fire training, facemasks, forest fires, loss prevention, sprinklers, and wildland fires.

Articles from well known fire and fire-related journals from worldwide publishers are indexed into databases from internationally respected organisations, all of whom have collaborated with Sheila Pantry Associates Ltd to produce FIRE WORLDWIDE. These organisations are the :

- Fire Service College, UK
- LPC Centre for Risk Sciences, UK
- Fire Research Institute, USA
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## **ILO Meeting to Focus on Turmoil in Airline Industry**

Representatives of workers, employers and governments have recently met at the International Labour Organisation's Geneva headquarters today to search for solutions to the crisis that has racked world airlines since the events of September 11 last year.

A report\* prepared for the five-day "Tripartite Meeting on Civil Aviation: Social and Safety Consequences of the Crisis Subsequent to 11 September 2001" predicts that the fallout from the attacks in the United States, originally felt more by the major carriers of Europe and North America, increasingly will be felt by airline companies in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The report warns that the consequences of layoffs among airline staff are likely to spread to other segments of the labour market. For every direct flight job lost, at least four jobs are lost on the ground in airports (in such areas as catering, baggage, maintenance and airport security) and approximately three jobs around the perimeter of airports (in hotels, transport and support services for airlines and passengers).

The ILO report notes that "traffic forecasts for short-term growth are all negative" and it assumes that "the full rebound will take place in 2003, some 18-24 months after the disaster impact." Other factors likely to delay recovery include recessionary conditions worldwide, a sharp increases in insurance costs, increased security costs and lingering passenger concerns over safety.

Other topics likely to be debated at the ILO meeting include security concerns, the employment effects of the current downturn, including the social consequences of restructuring and the provision of social plans for workers who lose their jobs and the promotion of social dialogue.

Full press release  
[www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/pr/2002/2.htm](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/pr/2002/2.htm)

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\* "Tripartite Meeting on Civil Aviation: Social and Safety Consequences of the Crisis Subsequent to 11 September 2001." Document TMICA/2002, ILO, Geneva, 2002. ISBN 92-2-112823-7.  
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## **NEW Cefic GROUP FORMED TO PROMOTE OPEN DIALOGUE WITH TRADE UNIONS**

The formation of a new group called the European Chemical Employers Group, ECEG, to promote open dialogue between the chemical unions and the chemical industry was recently announced at the 2nd "European Social Partner Conference of the Chemical Industry" in Berlin.

The Group has been formed as a part of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, to enable National Federations of the chemical industry and Chemical Employer Associations to meet and talk in a structured way at the European level with social partners. This is a follow-up of talks that had already started between Cefic and EMCEF, European Mine, Chemicals and Energy Workers' Federation, on subjects and issues of mutual interest such as the EU chemicals policy review and Responsible Care. *Responsible Care* is the world-wide chemical industry's long-standing global initiative to promote continuous improvement in safety, health and environmental performance.

It has been formally agreed that the dialogues organised through the new Group will not lead to any contractual arrangements or collective bargaining.

Eggert Voscherau, Cefic Vice President, announced at this conference that the end November Cefic Board meeting approved the formation of the ECEG Group, which will become operational in January 2002. He also stated: "For many reasons, the future of the European chemical industry is at stake. It is time for us to move a step further to strengthen our co-operation with social partners".

The European conference in Berlin was attended by over 100 delegates and was organised at the invitation of the German Federation of Chemical Employers' Associations, BAVC, jointly with the Mine, Chemical and Energy Industrial Union, IG BCE, and in co-operation with the German Chemical Industry Association, VCI.

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Details at [www.hhsc.co.uk/nsc.htm#151480000](http://www.hhsc.co.uk/nsc.htm#151480000)

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### **5-6 March 2002 - HSA Annual Conference**

#### **Dublin, Ireland, Stress in the workplace**

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### **5-6 March 2002 - Workplace Health and Well-Being Conference**

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**3-4 April 2002 - Third Behavioural Safety User Conference and Workshop  
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**11-12 April 2002 - Embracing change: 16th Royal College of Nursing  
Occupational Health Nurses' Forum Scotland annual conference  
Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow, UK**

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**22-25 May 2002 - WWDU 2002: 6th International Scientific Conference on  
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