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Editorial - March 2002

Dear CIS Colleagues

Spring - my favourite season is coming in now in Europe and the countryside is looking much greener. Lots of news items for you and so many events are being planned as you can see in the Diary of Events at the end of this Newsletter which incidentally is the 150th edition..... another milestone!

IMPORTANT NEWS

The CIS annual meeting in Vienna, Austria on Sunday 26 May 2002. Please let Emmert Cleventstine at CIS HQ and myself know if you are attending the 2002 Annual Meeting. As do remember to send in your annual reports to Geneva, even if you are not able to get. This way we can all learn about your activities during the year.

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 that no preferential delegate fees to the Conference and Exhibition will be made available to CIS members.

Also I understand from Geneva at the time of writing (4 March 2002) that CIS delegates will not be invited to the opening Reception on the Sunday Evening. As a result Friends of CIS will organise a get-together meal, and will inform those who are attending - so don't forget to let me know if you are attending!

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 3 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.

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 the European Agency

Accidents at work and employability: factors influencing successful reintegration of injured workers - Forum 4

A 4-page summary of a project carried out in 2001 gives details of a range of topics:

- Work accidents: who is at risk covers sector, gender, age and company size

- Where will work be resumed: reintegration - into old job or new job? Employers' attitudes toward reintegration

- Key factors when returning to work: contact between worker and company; early start of the integration trajectory; external support; additional training/courses; workplace adaptations; size of company.

Forum 4 summary is available in English, French, Spanish and German
see web: <http://agency.osha.eu.int/opublications/forum>

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"Start young – stay safe" is the message from the European Agency

Safety and health education needs to begin at school...This is one of the really good pieces of news received this month.....

We need to teach children to live and work safely. This was the key conclusion of a European seminar on occupational safety and health and education, held in Bilbao on 4-5 March 2002.

The world can be a dangerous place – and it's never too soon to get that message across, even to very young children. It's also a process that should continue throughout their schooldays and beyond. Starting young means that children are more likely to be able to tackle safety and health risks in later life, according to experts at the seminar, which was jointly organised by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and the Spanish Presidency of the European Union.

The seminar on occupational safety and health and education 'Learning about OSH' brought together experts from across Europe to look at a wide range of national experiences and practices and stimulate debate on the mainstreaming of OSH into education policies and practices. Mainstreaming aims to make risk management principles and 'OSH thinking' an intrinsic part of the way decisions are made and actions taken by managers and workers.

Young people are not sufficiently prepared to meet health risks at work.

Recent European research indicates that young people aged between 18 and 24 are 1.4 times more likely than the average worker to suffer a work-related accident.

If that statistic is to be improved, learning about health and safety – 'risk education' – needs to begin right at the start of a child's education. Children should be made aware of what's dangerous in their environment – at home, at school, and at play – and what they can do to help both themselves and those around them to stay safe.

As children grow up, teachers and parents can reinforce and help them develop their knowledge of health and safety issues helping prepare them for the world of work.

Teachers will need resources and skills to pass on the knowledge to children, and so will parents if they are to provide support outside the classroom. Clear, common goals need to be established between ministries and other key organisations, including the social partners, to ensure that learning about safety and health forms part of all levels of education and training.

At European level, the new EU occupational health and safety strategy could provide a major framework for developing education and training on workplace health and safety as part of a prevention culture. Existing European funds could to a higher degree be used to support this goal.

The Spanish Minister of Employment and Social Affairs, Mr Juan Carlos Aparicio, during his closing speech, highlighted: "We cannot talk about health at work as a social reality if we only think about it when we need it or when an accident happens. We have to integrate the value of health at work in a steady and progressive way. Therefore it is essential that this is part of education, from primary school onwards".

Agency Director, Hans-Horst Konkolewsky commented: "Too many young people enter the world of work without sufficient knowledge of the health risks they are going to face. If children are made aware of health and safety issues at an early age, they're much more likely to successfully manage such risks in later life. The message from this seminar is clear - 'start young, stay safe' "

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COMUNICADODEPRENSA

"Empieza joven – permanece seguro"

La educación en seguridad y salud debe comenzar en la escuela Necesitamos enseñar a los niños a vivir y trabajar con seguridad. Esta es la conclusión clave del Seminario Europeo sobre seguridad y salud y educación, celebrado en Bilbao los días 4 y 5 de Marzo de 2002.

El mundo puede ser un lugar peligroso y nunca es demasiado pronto para hacer llegar este mensaje, incluso a los niños más pequeños. Es también un proceso que debería continuar a lo largo de toda su vida escolar y aún después. Empezar joven garantiza que los niños tengan más posibilidades de enfrentarse con éxito a los riesgos laborales en su vida futura, según la opinión de los expertos del seminario, organizado conjuntamente por la Agencia Europea para la Seguridad y la Salud en el Trabajo y la Presidencia Española de la Unión Europea.

Los jóvenes no están suficientemente preparados para afrontar los riesgos para su salud en el trabajo. Un reciente estudio europeo indica que los jóvenes de entre 18 y 24 años tienen 1.4 veces más posibilidades de sufrir un accidente laboral que la media de los trabajadores.

Si queremos mejorar las estadísticas, el aprendizaje sobre seguridad y salud - "la educación en el riesgo" – debe empezar justo al comienzo de la educación infantil. Debería sensibilizarse a los niños acerca de lo que es peligroso en su medio ambiente – en casa, en la escuela, en sus juegos – y de lo que ellos pueden hacer para ayudarse a sí mismos y a los demás a permanecer seguros.

A medida que el niño crece, los profesores y los padres pueden reforzarles y animarles a desarrollar sus conocimientos de seguridad y salud, ayudándoles a prepararse para el mundo del trabajo.

Los profesores necesitarán recursos y habilidades adecuados para comunicar estos conocimientos a los niños. Lo mismo les sucederá a los padres, si tienen que darles su apoyo fuera del aula. Deben establecerse objetivos claros y comunes entre los ministerios y otras organizaciones claves, incluyendo los agentes sociales, para asegurar que el aprendizaje sobre seguridad y salud forma parte de todos los niveles educativos y formativos.

A nivel europeo, la nueva estrategia de la Unión Europea sobre seguridad y salud laboral podría facilitar un marco de referencia importante para el desarrollo de la educación y formación de seguridad y salud en el lugar de trabajo como parte de la cultura preventiva. Como apoyo a este objetivo, se podrían utilizar también en mayor medida subvenciones europeas ya existentes.

El Ministro de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales español, D.Juan Carlos Aparicio, en su discurso de clausura, ha señalado que: "No podemos hablar de salud en el trabajo como realidad social si sólo apelamos a ella en los momentos de necesidad o cuando se produce un accidente. Se trata de incorporar el valor de la salud en el trabajo de manera constante y gradual, y para ello es fundamental, que se incorpore este valor desde la escuela, como un apartado de la educación desde sus primeros niveles".

Por su parte, el Director de la Agencia Europea, el Sr. Hans-Horst Konkolewsky, ha manifestado: "Son demasiados los jóvenes que entran en el mundo laboral sin conocimientos suficientes sobre los riesgos que deberá afrontar su salud. Si se concientia a los niños en los temas de seguridad y salud a una edad temprana, tendrán muchas más posibilidades de gestionar con éxito dichos riesgos en su vida futura. El mensaje que se desprende del seminario es muy claro – empieza joven, permanece seguro"

News from the UK

HSE launches revised guidance on Upper Limb Disorders on 28 February 2002, International RSI Day to help cut the £200 million bill paid by employers

The guidance *Upper Limb Disorders in the Workplace*, was launched on 28 February 2002, International RSI Day at *Armed Against WRULDs: A conference on Upper Limb Disorders in the Workplace* at the TUC Congress Centre, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS.

The guidance gives the best ways to prevent and manage RSI and similar conditions. Work-related upper limb disorders, which include conditions known as repetitive strain injury or RSI, can have a devastating effect on the lives of workers in a whole range of jobs, from assembly workers to journalists.

An estimated 4.2 million working days are lost in Britain each year due to about half a million upper limb or neck disorder sufferers, with each employee taking an average of 13 days off work, costing employers at least £200 million.

But these figures do not reflect the effect that these conditions, which can affect the muscles, tendons, ligaments, nerves or other soft tissues and joints, can sometimes have on individuals and their families. In the past, many who have contracted them have been forced to give up their jobs.

- The guidance sets out a management approach designed to allow employees to reduce both the risk and impact of ULDs in their workplace. The stages of this approach are to:
 - understand the issues, such as what these conditions are and how they arise, and commit to action;
 - create the right organisational environment to tackle them and involve their employees;
 - assess the risk of ULDs in their workplaces;
 - reduce the risk of ULDs, for example by: redesigning workstations and equipment, rotating or automating tasks, modify the environment and the work routine;
 - educate and inform their employees;
 - manage any incidents that have not been prevented; and
 - carry out regular checks to see if what they are doing is working.

The types of workers more likely to suffer from upper limb disorders include: keyboard users, pottery workers, meat processors and food pickers, assembly line workers, machinists and clothes makers, construction workers, cleaning and domestic staff.

Launching the guidance at a conference at TUC headquarters today, Dr Alan Whitehead, the Minister for Health and Safety, said:

"These conditions are not trivial, or the inevitable consequences of working life; they are as unacceptable today as the old industrial diseases were in the past. I welcome today's Guidance on ULDs as offering hope to the thousands of sufferers, their families and employers, and providing a fresh approach to managing this painful and debilitating disorder".

HSE's Elizabeth Gyngell, head of the programme, said:

"It is much better for business if employers to get treatment for their employees and help them return to work, than it is to replace them. We have to recognise that not all upper limb disorders will be prevented so it is essential that employers manage cases appropriately. This new guidance sets out how this can be done."

Even in the best workplaces, upper limb disorders can still occur. So when any employees are affected, it is important that they report the symptoms early, that there is a correct diagnosis, proper treatment and suitable rehabilitation.

Copies of *Upper Limb Disorders in the Workplace* , HSG60 (rev) ISBN 0-7176-1978-8, price £9.50 can be ordered online at <http://www.hsebooks.co.uk> or are available from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2WA, UK
Tel: +44 (0)1787-881165 or Fax: +44(0)1787-313995.

News from the ILO

ILO SETS UP WORLD COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF GLOBALISATION

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) today launched A World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation. The Commission will be led by two Heads of State, Finnish President Tarja Halonen and President Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania. "The Commission is an unprecedented effort to promote international dialogue on ideas to make globalisation more inclusive, at a time when the debate is dominated more by polemics and preconceptions than by facts," said Juan Somavia, Director-General of the ILO.

The Commission will also:

- + Establish the facts and outline the main contours and dynamics of the process;
- + Analyse the impact of globalisation on employment, decent work, poverty reduction, economic growth and development;
- + Examine the perceptions of workers, enterprises, investors and consumers as well as different expressions of civil society and public opinion from all parts of the world;
- + Forge a broad consensus on the issues, including the involvement of all interested international organizations, as well as governments and organisations representing workers and employers; and,
- + Launch a process for addressing the key issues posed by the global economy to make globalisation sustainable and promote the fair sharing of its benefits.

This is the first time that an independent Commission has been co-Chaired by two sitting Heads of State. Its members, drawn from all regions of the world, include former Italian Premier Giuliano Amato; Joseph Stiglitz, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize for Economics; Julio Maria Sanguinetti, former President of the Republic of Uruguay; Ruth C.L. Cardoso, First Lady of Brazil and President of that country's Community Solidarity Council; Ann McLaughlin Korologos, Vice Chairman of the Rand Corporation and former US Secretary of Labour; John

Sweeney, President of the AFL-CIO; Francois Perigot, President of the International Organisation of Employers and former Chairman and CEO of Unilever France; and Zwelinzima Vavi, General Secretary of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions. Leading personalities from Japan and the Russian Federation have also been invited, and their confirmation is awaited. Mr. Somavia will act as an ex officio member of the Commission, together with the President of Governing Body, Mr. Alain Ludovic Tou, the Chairperson of the Workers' Group, Lord Bill Brett, and the Chairperson of the Employers' Group, Mr. Daniel Funes de Rioja.

The Commission has scheduled its first meeting for 25 March 2002 in Geneva. It is expected to complete its deliberations and present an authoritative report to the ILO's Director-General in the course of 2003.

Full press release <<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/new/index.htm>>

All ILO press releases can be found at
<<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/pr/index.htm>>

News from Italy

The latest *Prevenzione Oggi* from ISPESL contains a number of articles including Application of remote sensing and GIS techniques for the management of areas exposed to risk of surface and underground water pollution. Contact: ISPESL, CIS Unit, via Alessandria 220/E, 00198 Rome, Italy Tel: +0644280307 Email: i.tagliferro.doc@ispesl.it web: www.ispesl.it

News from the UK

Reducing Risks, Protecting People R2P2

Reducing Risks, Protecting People known as the R2P2 is a landmark document from the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE). It contains a number of articles including for the management of areas exposed starts from the basis that risks cannot, and should not, be eliminated, but that wherever possible we should aim to secure the benefits of work activities whilst ensuring that the risks are properly controlled.

R2P2 explains how the HSE, in consultation with their stakeholders, determine when risks from work activities are unacceptable, tolerable or negligible. Inevitably this requires HSE to balance ethical, social, economic and scientific considerations and it can sometimes mean making difficult decisions. R2P2 sets

out the process that HSE follow, the protocols adopted, and the criteria applied. It also embodies HSE's commitment to openness and transparency.

For copies of Reducing Risks, Protecting People ISBN 07176 21510 price GBP5.00 can be ordered online at <http://www.hsebooks.co.uk> or are available from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2WA, UK
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It is also available in pdf at www.hse.gov.uk/dst/r2p2.pdf

Seeking guidance on Construction, Design and Management?

For those who do not have guidance readily available will find the revised UK Approved Code of Practice and guidance on the Construction (Design and Management) useful. There is a greater emphasis on the management of health and safety throughout the life of a project; clarification of the responsibilities of clients and designers and a general restructuring of the guidance to make it more user friendly.

Copies of *Managing Health and Safety in Construction* ISBN 07176 21391 available at HSE Books - address above.

News from Japan

JIHSA aims for a Zero-Accident 2002

The latest newsletter from the Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JIHSA) shows a range of activities undertaken in 2001 and shows a range of activities, including a number of training sessions and seminars. Among those held (which should inspire other countries to follow the idea are :

- Zero-accident Seminar for Top Management
- Chemical Plant Safety Assessment Training
- Explanation of Guidelines on comprehensive Machine Safety Standards

2001 also saw JIHSA open a Mental Health Promotion Centre under the management of its Health promotion Department. It has already begun providing support of the incorporation of mental health care measures in the workplace.

In Japan, significant socioeconomic changes such as ageing of the labour force and rapid development in technological innovation are having a major impact on issues of safety and health in the workplace. According to a survey, the ratio of workers who felt strong uncertainty, anxiety or stress regarding their job or life in the workplace was as high as 63%.

For copies of the JIHSA's Safety and Health in Japan Newsletter contact:

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News from Africa

AFRICAN NEWSLETTER brings a wide range of information.....

The recent African Newsletter on Occupational Health and Safety has many interesting articles on the theme of globalisation including:

- ILO-OSH 2001 guidelines on occupational Safety and Health Management systems
- Focus on chemical safety at workplaces by Moses Amweelo, Namibia
- Use of pesticides and personal protective equipment by applicators in a Kenyan district by J A Hansi, Kenya
- Effects of globalisation on working women, by Renee Lowenson, Zimbabwe

African Newsletter is published by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Topeliuksenkatu 41 aA, FIN-00250 Helsinki Finland
It is also available on the web: www.occuphealth.fi/eng/info/ani

The next issue of **African Newsletter on Occupational Health and Safety** will be April 2002, and the theme is **violence at work**.

Titles you may have missed.....

ACGIH Threshold Limit Values & Biological Exposure Limits, 2002

The 2002 edition of the TLVs & BEIs booklet will be available in March 2002.

www.hhsc.co.uk/isbnlist.htm#p1882417461

The Guide to the Occupational Exposure Limits 2002 is also expected in March

[Wwww.hhsc.co.uk/isbnlist.htm#p188241747X](http://www.hhsc.co.uk/isbnlist.htm#p188241747X)

The complete 7th Edition to the Documentation of the TLVs & BEIs was published as in 7-volume printed version and on CD-ROM

The Documentation for the TLVs for Chemical Substances, the BEIs, and the TLVs for Physical Agents are also available as 3 separate collections.

www.hhsc.co.uk/isbnlist.htm#p1882417437

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News from Australia

International Ladder Manufacturers Convention (ILMAC)

Using ladders can damage your health: Australian Study of 163 patients from ladder falls

It seems television home improvement programmes have a lot to answer for. New research has highlighted a previously under-recognised source of injury in Australia - ladder accidents, with middle-aged home handymen the most common victims.

A team of researchers examined the nature and severity of injuries sustained from ladder falls in patients presenting to the emergency department of Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre in Melbourne between 1994 and 1997.

The study, the first of its kind in Australia, was reported in the Medical Journal of Australia: www.mja.com.au

Of the 163 patients seen, 83% were male, the bulk of them between 45 and 64 years of age.

Home maintenance tasks and gardening (including picking fruit and pruning) made up the bulk of the accidents outside the workplace. But operating a video camera and feeding birds also proved hazardous.

The study showed that ladder accidents, while often the domain of slapstick comedy, are not always trivial: 42 % of victims were admitted to hospital and 13% had severe trauma, usually in the form of head, chest or spinal injuries.

Incorrect ladder placement, unsafe handling and "inappropriate conduct" (over-reaching, carrying excessive loads and deliberately moving ladder during ascent)

were identified as major risk factors in the mishaps which were generally a result of the ladder sliding from position or tilting sideways.

Occupational health and safety guidelines recommend pitching a ladder at an angle of 70-75 degrees relative to the ground. At more acute angles, it is more likely to slide at the base or bend and collapse under the weight of the operator. While at greater angles it is more likely to fall sideways or backwards.

The International Ladder Manufacturers Convention is a global focus for those involved in designing, engineering, producing and distributing portable ladders. Papers and reports for distribution to the ILMAC mailing list are invited on any topic fitting the International Ladder Manufacturers Convention, including:

- Education and training for more safety in handling portable ladders
- Initiatives and innovations in ladder manufacturing and ladder safety
- Initiatives and innovations in reducing technical barriers to trade of portable ladders
- Costs and benefits of new products and services
- Scientific research on ladder accidents
- Comparative statistics on ladder accidents

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How effective are your safety trainers?

I saw this list and pass it to you for your consideration.....*Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health and Environmental Training.*

Effective trainers have the ability to:

- establish a positive learning environment or classroom climate that encourages participation;
- make participants aware that they are free to make mistakes and experiment;
- describe their roles as guide, facilitator and trainer;
- express the priority of meeting students' learning needs;
- describe and document learning objectives;
- describe and document agenda for sequencing and delivering training;
- make good use of training aids and materials;
- use all materials designed for the course;
- keep the session alive by soliciting responses and assessing the amount of learning occurring;
- use backup plans if chosen training methods are not effective;
- manage the classroom and physical environment so learning is promoted.

OSHE Web sites to surf.....

Asbestos Risk Management Newsletter **UK**

www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/content

Asbestos information including details of the Asbestos Campaign and other current and planned developments.

Benchmarking **USA**

www.ehsbenchmarking.org

Environmental Health and Safety Benchmarking Association EHS
The Association of environmental, health and safety managers aims to identify best practices and compare operating performances.

Call Centres **AUSTRALIA**

www.asu.asn.au/callcentre

Australian Services Union ASU pages on call centres' working conditions which are increasingly causing alarm in many parts of the world. The ASU is involved in a campaign to improve working conditions for members. Key issues on which they are focusing include stress and workplace injuries, especially acoustic shock and stress.

Health and Safety **UK**

www.hse.gov.uk/lau/lacs

The Local Authorities Enforcement Liaison Committee of the UK Health and Safety

Executive issue a series of informative Local Authority Circulars covering a wide range of subjects ranging from asbestos to vibration. Regularly updated as the legislation alters.

Health and Safety **UK**

www.hse.gov.uk/workers/index.htm

Workers Web pages launched by the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is intended to give employees access to information about workplace health and safety. Covers roles and responsibilities of workers and employers regarding health and safety. The web site includes many HSE information leaflets that can be printed from the site.

Indoor Air Quality **DENMARK**

www.euro.who.int/informationSources/Publications/

World Health Organisation lists some air quality publications and gives extensive summaries on the contents. WHO has also published a monograph "Assessment of exposure to indoor air pollutants" edited by M. Jantunen, J.J.K.Jaakkola and M. Krzyzanowski, WHO Regional Publications, European Series, No.781997, xii + 139 pages [E] ISBN 92 890 1342 7 Sw.fr. 32.-Order No. 1310078.

WHO has recognized the potential significance of the quality of the indoor environment for a long time. The current understanding of the magnitude of the health effects of poor indoor air quality is still far from complete. Nevertheless, there is sufficient knowledge to have the subject listed as one of the leading environmental health problems in Europe in the Declaration on Action for Environment and Health in Europe, which was adopted by the Second European Conference on Environment and Health, in Helsinki in 1994.

Journals: Asbestos Risk Management Newsletter: Health and Safety Executive UK

www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/content

Asbestos information including details of the Asbestos Campaign and other current and planned developments by the UK Health and Safety Executive.

Journals: Local Authority Circulars: Health and Safety Executive UK

www.hse.gov.uk/lau/lacs

The Local Authorities Enforcement Liaison Committee of the UK Health and Safety

Executive issue a series of informative Local Authority Circulars covering a wide range of subjects ranging from asbestos to vibration. Regularly updated as the legislation alters.

Journals: Pesticides Newsletter: Health and Safety Executive UK

www.hse.gov.uk/hthdir/noframes/pest46.htm

Pesticides information contained in the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Health Directorate Pesticides Newsletter and pages.

Organophosphates UK

www.doh.gov.uk/cot/op.htm

Organophosphates Working Group of the UK Department of Health Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment have issued a report, available in

full text, which considers whether single, prolonged or repeated exposure to low doses of organophosphate compounds can cause long-term adverse health effects.

Swimming USA

www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming

Center for Disease Control Office Division of Parasitic Diseases web site provides information

to awareness about the spread of water illnesses, particularly for those swimming recreationally in pools, waterparks, hot tubs, lakes, rivers or the ocean. Links to other government web sites.

Tinnitus UK

www.tinnitus.org.uk

British Tinnitus Association BTA described tinnitus as a ringing, whistling, buzzing or humming sound. It is a sensation of hearing a noise in the absence of any external sound. The BTA site is constantly updated and a useful site for those wishing to learn more about tinnitus.

Workers Web site UK

www.hse.gov.uk/workers/index.htm

Workers Web pages launched by the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is intended to give employees access to information about workplace health and safety. Covers roles and responsibilities of workers and employers regarding health and safety. The web site includes many HSE information leaflets that can be printed from the site.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Ideas Bank.....If you cannot get to these seminars, training courses and conferences ask the organisers for details. You may wish to offer a similar course in your country.

8-11 April 2002 - Fire Science and Fire Investigation

University of Edinburgh, UK

Contact: Professor Dougal Drysdale, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Edinburgh, UK Tel: +44 (0) 131 650 6781 E-mail:d.drysdale@ed.ac.uk

9 April 2002 - Basic Ecotoxicology

IQA, 12 Grosvenor Crescent, London, UK

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24 April 2002 - Basic COSHH

Yew Lodge Hotel, Derbyshire, UK

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16 May 2002 - AOHP (UK) Annual Symposium: Occupational health - Plain Speaking

Regent's College Conference Centre, Regent's Park Inner Circle, London, UK

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13-17 May 2002 - Evaluation related to Occupational Safety and Health Interventions: third international course

Gentofte Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark

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