

CIS Newsletter celebrates 14 years & still going strong! Bringing news to over 130 countries in the CIS Network and beyond!

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Editorial

Dear CIS Colleagues

It was good to see some CIS colleagues and meet some new members in Vienna at the CIS annual meeting 2002 which was held on 26 May 2002. For those who could not attend please find an overview of the day in this Newsletter.

At the 11th hour some CIS members were able to attend, but a few days notice does not give people time to make arrangements to be able to talk and have meetings outside the CIS meeting. So some people were disappointed. Not many of the CIS members attended the ILO Congress either, but a few did manage to make a visit to the small exhibition. About 24 people did attend the Get Together Meal on the Saturday night which proved to be a very useful forum for debate and exchange of ideas.

One of the joys of attending the meeting is to be able to have face-to-face talks with each other, I appreciate the many pieces of information given to me for your Newsletter and these will be included in both this edition and the July edition of the Newsletter. Thanks to all of you who send me your information - please keep it flowing.

A point was raised at the CIS meeting about "is the CIS Newsletter an official newsletter? who owns the CIS Newsletter" - the answer is simply "all of us".....and "no it is NOT an official ILO newsletter" - we all contribute our news items which I then collect and edited together and then it is kindly distributed by print format by Prevent in Belgium. With the ever declining resources at CIS HQ it would not be possible for them to afford either the staff time or the financial resources to maintain it. Please remember that this is a voluntary effort sustained month and month for over 14 YEARS!

An ever increasing number of CIS newsletters are delivered by email - well over 100 individuals/organisations received the emailed version. Many of the e-mailed

recipients are those working in the wider OSHE field but who are NOT CIS Members. The CIS Newsletter is also on a number of web sites, eg. Australian National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, CIOP in Poland etc. You are welcome to put it on your web site. Shortly the CIS Newsletter will be available via your editor's websites..... will let you know.

Final request - if any of you have not yet sent in your annual reports to Geneva please do so quickly so that it can be included in the minutes of the CIS meeting.

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 ILO CIS

Annual Meeting of the CIS National and Collaborating Centres Austria Centre Vienna , 26 May 2002, 9:00-16:00

The Agenda was follows:

1. Registration and coffee
2. Opening addresses
3. Election of a chairperson
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the report of the last meeting
6. CIS since the last meeting: results of the past biennium and prospects for the 2002-03 period
7. The Centres network I
8. The CIS Centres portal - presentation and overview
9. The CIS Centres portal - brief tutorial
10. The Centres network II
11. Close

The meeting was opened by a short address by Mr Diop who gave us the statistics on the numbers of deaths and fatalities occurring in worldwide workplaces. It was daunting to think that as we listened many workers were being injured or killed in their workplaces worldwide. Mr Diop said that OSH was gradually assuming a political level and that as information specialists there was much to be done:

- > inform workers
- > inform employers
- > inform governments when they need to take decisions about creating legislation

This is despite 43 years of existence of CIS.

Mr Diop also said that

- > CIS is in the front line of dissemination
- > all networks are vital
- > need to anticipate requests
- > count on the CIS team and products such as CISDOC, the Encyclopaedia of Occupational Health and Safety, and the Chemical information as well as the CIS web site

Gabor Jablonkay, Hungarian CIS National Centre was formerly elected Chairman for the meeting. This was Gabor's last CIS meeting - he retires later this year. Gabor has long been an enthusiastic CIS member - we shall miss his presence at future meeting, but wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement with more time for family life and particularly with his grandchildren.

Following this Emmert Cleventine, Officer in Charge of CIS gave an overview of CIS 2001-2002:

Bad News

- > resources are **down again**
- > income is **down**
- > no revenues from the Encyclopaedia

Good News

> mandate has been renewed for CIS to carry on. There were positive remarks made on the usefulness of CIS.

> subscriptions to the Bulletin holding up and still the largest earner for CIS
There were c900 subscriptions for the English version and 230 for the French version. The Spanish CIS Centre also translate the CIS Bulletin into Spanish.

- > French version of the Encyclopaedia near completion
- > CIS web traffic in line with most OSH web sites keeps growing each month

> Centres network used by others worldwide

Staff Changes

Now 6 professional staff and 4 support staff.

CIS Members were right when they had said previously that information on chemicals, legislation and regulations, hazardous occupations and full text rather than bibliographic are most important.

CIS Web site

Continues to be enhanced - e.g., with full text ILO standards, legislation and codes of practice.

There is an increase use of web site, but there is a **Request from CIS HQ** that CIS Centres web site (**the CIS Club**) www.ciscentres.org..... is still

a skeleton awaits your help!

CIS National and Collaborating Centres need to help to put some meat on the skeleton www.ciscentres.org web site.....If you do not have any facilities to actually send electronically your information to CIS HQ then send paper based information instead.

Otherwise if you can input some information to the web site. The value of the portal depends on the

information provided by participants, the CIS Centres, and it can only be done with your help!

Let the world know who you are and what your centre actually does.....!

The Canadian CIS Centre - CCOHS offered to help anyone who does not have access to the Internet to put data into the system. CCOHS staff members Dr Abeyunga and Chris Moore gave talks and demonstrations of the CIS Centres web site and network to show people how easy it is to send your CIS Centre data, in whichever language to CCOHS for inclusion.

Features include:

- > discussion club
- > archive access to previous themes/discussions
- > multilingual structures - English French, Spanish
- > search engine facilities

Send your information to the CCOHS for inclusion.

Your Centre's information and documents

CIS Members are requested to keep HQ informed about their web site, emails, telephone and fax number changes. Also to send new documents to CIS HQ for inclusion in CISDOC.

Discussions

There was some discussion on what is most useful for CIS Centres remembering that there is an **ever increasing gap** between those Centres that are highly developed and can access easily information from worldwide sources using the technologies, to those many CIS Centres (over half of the 130 or so CIS centres) which still cannot access computerised data. The following points were made by delegates:

- > identification of authoritative and informative basic, useful, full text documents which can be readily translated into other languages and be of immediate use.
- > in areas such as child labour advice, for women workers, agriculture
- > also some basic publicity materials, which again could be useful for translation and use by CIS Centres worldwide.
- > note that pictures are often far more informative than words, especially for those workers who are not able to read
- > it was noted that whilst the Encyclopaedia was a valuable source it is now becoming dated in some of the content in light of new knowledge and research.
- > **the digitally challenged problem.** The widening gap between the computerised abilities of CIS Centres is still a major problem. Until there is equality of access by all Centres, and indeed everyone, to OSHE information, it will NOT be possible to reduce accidents, fatalities and long term health problems. Ignorance of good guidance, advice and practices is still a major barrier to improving standards in all workplaces. It is essential that OSHE is high on all POLITICAL Agendas. CIS Centres must learn to be more pro-active in their efforts.

Other topics discussed during this short meeting:

Challenges for CIS and the network

- > resources - ever decreasing against the increase in the number of centres
- > lack of computers and Internet access by a large number of CIS Centres
- > keeping everyone up-to-date

- > keeping the momentum going

How to meet the challenges

- > ongoing commitment by all Centres to develop the CIS network
- > ensure that all CIS Centres have equal access to computer equipment, the Internet and other computerised sources
- > training Centres in efficient use of the computerised and Internet resources
- > agree the priorities for ALL CIS Centres and the CIS network
- > Publicity material needed for CIS National Centres
- > "content is king" for all CIS Centres web sites

CIS Newsletter

- > this is "independent" i.e. it is not an official ILO CIS publication
- > it is free of charge and has no financial input by CIS HQ (given the ever decreasing financial resources of CIS, who cannot afford either the staff time or finance)
- > it is free to all CIS Centres and those seeking to receive it, either printed or via email
- > it is kindly made available on the Australian and Polish National Centres web sites
- > it has been produced free of charge for over 14 years and issued 12 times per year, edited and produced by Sheila Pantry, and for some years printed and posted by Prevent, the Belgium National CIS Centre
- > produced with data sent in by OSHE information specialists (not just CIS Centres)
- > quality, authoritative and validated content is the main criteria

ILO Congress

A few CIS delegates stayed on for the congress - ***maybe one of these delegates could send a report on the sessions they attended?***

Likewise a few delegates went to the small exhibition (49 exhibitors) on the Monday following the CIS meeting. Exhibitors included: AUVA, Bundesanstalt fur Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, Canadian Centre, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, Health and Safety Executive UK, ILO, US National Safety Council, and US NIOSH. The National Safety Council will be hosting the next ILO Congress in 3 years time in Orlando, USA.

News from Egypt

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Cairo, Egypt major OSH activities are:

- > scientific and applied research
- > training
- > advisory field services
- > maintaining and expanding the NIOSH information centre

Research carried out in 2001 include the following topics:

- > environmental evaluation of chemical and physical hazards in metal grinding
- > environmental study of exposure to sulphur dioxide
- > musculoskeletal disorders affecting office employees with a special emphasis on users of VDUs
- > hazards in the sugar industry
- > hazards in the palm oil industry

Training covered many topics including:

- > laws
- > occupational hygiene and occupational diseases
- > risk assessment
- > safety engineering
- > industrial waste treatment
- > fire prevention

Advisory services

- > All the major industrial pollution problems are covered in this department with request from factories and establishments to solve hazards which affect the workers health and well being

NIOSH Information Centre

- > It aims to serve researcher in NIOSH, in universities, research centre, safety officers, safety inspectors and trade unions, covering occupational safety, health and fire prevention field.
- > provides publications including a quarterly bulletin covering the latest text books and periodicals
- > maintains the following databases: NIOSH research; Library contents, Field Services and Training course lecturers

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News from Russia

The Centre for Occupational and Industrial Safety and Social Partnership is a State enterprise acting in the field of the advanced professional training for more than 8 years. The area of its activity is the North-West of Russia including Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad region.

Activities

OSH training, OSH-expert examination, OSH-data collecting and distributing among the administrative bodies, labour inspections, employers and employees, companies and institutions. The Centre has licenses for all kinds of activities.

Everyday work

Training - planning and carrying-out courses for training in OSH, labour legislation and social partnership of - groups of persons on a company level - management, specialists, workers' representatives in the OSH committees, OSH experts, workers; - groups of experts, specialists, inspectors on the level of the local OSH departments.

The Centre has a number of specialised classrooms equipped with the systems simulating the dangerous situations on the working places.

There are 17 branch-offices in the North-West to provide training on site.

There are more than a100 approved courses and modules for training of the different groups on the company level. In cooperation with the Labour Ministry of Russian Federation and the Federal Mining

and Technical Inspection the Centre organises training seminars on the actual OSH problems for top-management and administration of the labour agencies and inspections of RF subjects. About 600 seminars are annually conducted by the Centre. More than 10 thousand specialists and more than 1,5 thousand workers are annually trained at the various courses.

Publications, consulting and information - collection, processing and distribution of the OSH information and consulting of the governmental agencies, employers and employees.

Information activity:

Last year the Centre participated in the several ILO projects:

1. Development of a computer version of the Russian translation of the 4th edition of the **Encyclopaedia for World Labour Organisation for Occupational Safety**. The project was achieved under co-ordination of the Moscow ILO Bureau within March 1999 - February 2000. More than 40 interpreters and about 30 scientific editors from Russia and CIS-countries assisted at translation of this Encyclopaedia.

A data-interchange during the project was provided through the Internet. Translation was carried out by two stages. On the first stage the Centre received information from interpreters and placed it on the home site of Internet to discuss it with specialists. At the same time the translated parts of Encyclopaedia were sent to the scientific editors. The scientific editing was carried out by specialists for occupational safety and health and consisted of correction and adopting of translated texts to the common Russian terminology. After the scientific editing the chapters of Encyclopaedia were sent to the Centre for the further edition and transformation to the database layout. At the same time the processing of the graphic files (translation into Russian) was carried out.

After that the translated articles with the graphic data were placed to a special full-text database for further publishing them on CD ROM and in Internet. For this purpose a specialized database and program technique has been worked out to provide compressing of the text information and to carry out various kinds of search. A special tooling and database for processing of the sized texts are used to the CD and WEB versions. So the CD-version of Russian translation of the Encyclopaedia consists of the complete texts of all the articles including the graphic data to be ready for the printing. The search engine makes it possible to provide a prompt search of any complexity around the whole text of the Encyclopaedia by all the key attributes of the articles and texts (chapter, subchapter, section, name, author, content).

The Internet version copies in the whole a CD-version including the search option. An access to the Russian Internet-version of Encyclopaedia is available to the address: www.cotspb.ru/iloencrus. CD-version of Russian translation of the 4th edition of the Encyclopaedia

2. Translation into Russian and Internet publication of the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC)

The translation of the ICSC was carried out by the Scientific and Research Institute of human ecology and environmental hygiene named after A.N.Sysin of Russian Academy for Medical Sciences, Moscow.

To publish the hazard datasheets a special data base was worked out by our Centre that makes it possible to carry out search by any substance parameters (codes, names etc.). This data base is published in Internet. 1200 International Chemical Safety Cards in Russian are available to the address: <http://cis.cotspb.ru/icsc/>

3. Translation into Russian and Internet-publication of International Hazard Datasheets of Occupations.

In the scope of CIS activity the Centre took part in the conference of the coordinating council for preparation, creation and distribution of the International Hazard Datasheets of Occupations.

50 International Hazard Datasheets of Occupations are available to the address [http://cis.cotspb.ru/Inf pages of prof/Professional.htm](http://cis.cotspb.ru/Inf_pages_of_prof/Professional.htm)

4. In the scope of the project ILO/DANIDA the Centre participated in two projects of supporting Russia and Russian speaking community at developing and expanding the occupational safety and health (OSH) Network to the information centres for training their personnel.

In the scope of these projects it has been created by the Centre a Russian OSH home-page to publish ILO information in Russian and support a Network of Information Centres.

There are published on the Russian OSH home-page ILO information and documents drawn up and translated in the scope of these projects.

Page address is as follow : <http://cis.cotspb.ru>

In May 2000 the Centre specialists took part at organization and carrying-out a seminar for CIS-countries, where the specialists of the Information Centres from the Ukraine, Kasahstan, Belarus, Aserbaydjan , Georgia and Russia participated too. At this seminar they were the presented developments of the Centre concerning use of the Information Technologies for OSH purposes, recommendations for creation of the National Information Centres and informational MOT resources. During this seminar the practical training was carried out to use Internet and ILO Encyclopaedia-CD facilities.

On the grounds of seminar results the proposals were worked out concerning activities for developing and expanding the OSH-Network to information centres of Russian Federation and Russian speaking community.

Internet information-facilities:

- WWW server (under technical assistance of the OSH Institute of the Technical University, Tampere (Finland)).

The server disseminates information received from: governmental labour-agencies, inspections, ILO and other international organizations, this information concerning international and local working experience, seminars, training events, meeting and exhibitions, content of law and regulation data base. The server provides information about the local OSH-centres, social partnership, activity of the Centre for Occupational and Industrial safety and Social Partnership of Saint-Petersburg as well as analytical OSH documents and completed-text date base of Russian OSH-legislation (more than 2000 documents).

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News from Belgium

ISSA Information Section sets up working groups and starts a newsletter

The ISSA Information Section promotes a healthy and safe working environment through the development of information and communication strategies and models. It seeks to develop a co-ordinated international policy on information by providing a platform for exchanging experience.

To this end, the Section has set up two working groups on "communication" and "information technologies" to study and explore information and communication systems, improve existing models, and monitor new developments.

In line with its goals to share this knowledge with its members, provide advice and assist professionals in the day to day use of information and communication technologies, the Information Section has produced a Newsletter. The ISSA Information Section Newsletter is an important tool for keeping members and other interested groups updated on the activities of the Section and its two working groups. The newsletter will appear four times a year and you will find the first issue enclosed with this edition of the CIS newsletter.

PreventWeb: the cutting-edge information filter for internet

based OSH resources

While more and more information is becoming available on the Internet, finding exactly what you want is getting increasingly more difficult. And even when you do find what you are looking for, you need to be sure that it is correct and up to date.

Traditional internet search engines and indexes have been an invaluable aid for sifting through the ever growing mass of information but fall short in terms of efficiency. Researchers, OSH professionals and anyone looking for high quality OSH information needs a selected and catalogued overview of high quality internet resources.

PreventWeb offers precisely this kind of service. PreventWeb is a high quality portal for internet based OSH resources. Each resource is selected, categorised, rated and catalogued by a team of subject and information specialists.

A standard set of information is collected for each information source, including for example a summary and keywords. Details on the site provider, target group, information type and language are also available.

PreventWeb is an example of a good practice tool, particularly for small and medium sized enterprises. The thematic portal has been developed by PREVENT, the Belgian occupational safety and health institute and is free to access on the internet: www.preventweb.net

The site is open to partnerships. Partners can facilitate access to specific subject areas, target groups, language choice, type of information source. Participating sites are maintained and further developed in partnership between PREVENT and the partner organisations.

Prizes awarded at International Film and Multimedia Festival 2002

From 26 May to 31 May, the XVIth World Conference on Safety and Health took place in Vienna. The conference was organised jointly by ISSA (the International Social Security Association), the ILO (International Labour Office), and AUVA (the Austrian occupational accident insurance association). Conscious of the growing importance of multimedia in modern society, the organisers of the conference, as with previous editions, also held a festival of film and multimedia.

Organisation in Belgian hands

PREVENT, the Belgian Occupational Safety and Health Institute, which is presiding the Information Section of the ISSA Special Commission on Prevention, organised the multimedia festival. 89 multimedia products from 18 different countries were preselected by an international panel of experts. Among these applications were five Belgian products: PreventNet www.prevent.be, PreventWeb (www.preventweb.net) and a CD-ROM on signs and labelling. The other Belgian entries came from Prevention & Interim (a CD-ROM for young temporary workers) and Belgacom (a CD-ROM for managers).

The winners

Prizes were given in three categories: Computer-based training, Web-based training and Portal site.

In the Computer-based training category, first place was awarded jointly to entries from Austria and Colombia. The Austrian project "Sicherheit und Gesundheit bei der Arbeit" from WKÖ offered a CD-ROM tool for SMEs wishing to implement a policy on health and safety at work. The Colombian entry "Those who know save themselves" from the company SURATEP, was a CD-ROM that aims to teach suitable behaviour during emergencies (for example, a fire).

The website of Workcover New South Wales (Australia) "Safety Zone" took first prize in the category

Web-based training. This site www.workcover.cadre.com.au is an educational project that seeks to give young and future workers basic occupational safety and health knowledge.

The prize in the category portal site went to "Prävention on-line", a site created by the German company BC GmbH Verlags- und Mediengesellschaft; This web site www.praevention-online.de structures all prevention information available on the internet and keeps the user informed of all developments in that field.

All the CD-ROMs featured in the competition can be tested in PREVENT's Information and Documentation Centre with appointment (please call 02/643 44 91)

News from the UK

Creating A Successful e-Information Service, by Sheila Pantry and Peter Griffiths

To be successful, information managers constantly need to reassess the effectiveness of their information services and to ascertain whether they are really delivering the services needed by their users. In doing so it is now essential to take on board the opportunities afforded by new technology. An information service is no longer necessarily defined by the restrictions of a particular physical location or specific opening hours.

This book is essential reading for anyone wishing to establish an electronic information service, whatever the type or size of organization they work in, and is equally essential for those wishing to convert an existing traditional service into an e-information service. It is packed full of ideas and examples of how an e-information service can be created, maintained and marketed in a cost effective way. Key issues covered include:

- Introducing the concept of the e-information service
- What kind of an information service do you want to provide?
- Where are the customers?
- What kind of information do your customers need – and in what formats?
- Who needs to be involved in your plans?
- Budgeting for your e-information service
- Keeping in touch with your customers
- Keeping one step ahead of your competitors.

An illustrated glossary of sample electronic services and a list of further information sources completes the book. This invaluable guide is a must for all LIS practitioners who need to implement and deliver a successful e-information service.

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Behavioural Safety Now Conference

Call for Papers: www.behavioralsafetynow.com/text/call.htm

The Cambridge Center for Behavioural Studies and Quality Safety Edge invite you to present at the Behavioural Safety Now Conference. Call for Papers for the 2002 Conference has been issued for the conference dates of: Tuesday - Thursday, September 24 - 26, 2002 Amelia Island Plantation - Amelia Island, Florida, USA.

The Deadline is May 15, 2002. Interested participants should download the Call for Papers package from the link above and email your submission to John Batchelor, Program Chair at program@behavioralsafetynow.com.

News from USA

Health effects of occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica: new NIOSH Hazard Review

Silicosis is the disease most associated with crystalline silica exposure; it is incurable but preventable. This debilitating and often fatal lung disease persists worldwide despite long-standing knowledge of its cause and methods for controlling it.

The US National Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) newly published Hazard Review **Health effects of occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica** describes published studies and literature on the health effects of exposure to crystalline silica among workers in the United States and many other countries. The review indicates a significant risk of chronic silicosis for workers exposed over a working lifetime at the current US permissible or recommended values.

In addition to the risk of silicosis, epidemiologic studies indicate that workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica have an increased risk of developing lung cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis, and airways diseases. The latest scientific information also indicates possible associations of occupational exposure to silica dust with various other adverse health effects.

Crystalline silica can be found in a wide range of industrial activities from mining through to masonry, stonework, tile setting, plastering, roofing and sheet metal work. general industrial machinery and equipment, medical and dental laboratories, combination of gas and electric and other utilities, automotive repair shops, pottery and related products.

Until improved sampling and analytical methods are developed for respirable crystalline silica NIOSH will continue to recommend an exposure limit of $0.05\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ as a time-weighted average (TWA) for up to a 10- hour workday during a 40 hour workweek. NIOSH also recommends substitution less hazardous materials for crystalline silica when feasible using appropriate respiratory protection when source controls cannot keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits (REL), and making medical examinations available to exposed workers.

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Day (<http://www.wntd.org/>)

June

4 June - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

5 June - World Environment Day (<http://www.unep.org/wed/>)

17 June - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
(<http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/menu.php>)

20 June - World Refugee Day (<http://www.unhcr-50.org/wrday/iwrday.html>)

26 June - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
(<http://www.undcp.org/>)

26 June - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
(<http://www.irct.org/26june.htm>)

July

11 July - World Population Day (<http://www.unfpa.org/modules/wp01/index.htm>)

News from the European Foundation

The Quality of work and employment in Europe: Issues and challenges

The aim behind the Foundation papers is to highlight knowledge and analysis from Foundation research over many years in the areas of employment, equal opportunities, social inclusion, time use and diversity. The objective of the papers is to make past, present and future work of the Foundation relevant and accessible in a concise format. The subject of each paper will be linked to current social policy issues and provides therefore a timely contribution to the debate at European level.

Employment, and in particular quality of work and employment, is the focus of this paper. It covers four aspects identified by the European Foundation as key dimensions of quality of work and employment:

- > career and employment security
- > health and well-being
- > skills development
- > the reconciliation of working and non-working life

The Quality of work and employment in Europe: Issues and challenges ISBN 92 897 01560 is available from:

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Second Meeting of the World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalisation

The World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation will hold its second meeting at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva on 20-21 May. Brazil's First Lady, Ruth C.L. Cardoso, and the 2001 Nobel Economics Prize winner, Joseph Stiglitz, will be present for one day of the Commission's meeting - on 21 May.

The ILO launched the World Commission in February with the aim of building a consensus on a model of globalisation that reduces poverty and insecurity, and increases opportunities for all. The panel was convened under a decision by the ILO's Governing Body in November 2001. The Commission will prepare an authoritative report which will include an in-depth analysis of the social dimension of globalization and the implications of this analysis on decent work, poverty reduction and development. A major objective of the Commission is to respond to the need for an integrated policy framework which advances both economic and social goals in the global economy. The Commission is co-chaired by President Tarja Halonen of Finland and President Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania.

www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/pr/2002/22.htm

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News from Portugal

LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

OSH organization services: Adaptation programm

A Law (Decreto-lei n.º 29/2002) has been passed concerning the creation of a programm that helps to adapt OSH organization services, through financial support given by IDICT to enterprises that gather certain conditions, and after a process of selection are considered to sign an agreement with IDICT.

New publications from IDICT:

- > **Working and Living in Portugal: a welcoming guide for immigrants**
available in English, French and Portuguese
- > **Instalações Eléctricas**
available in English, French and Portuguese
- > **Máquinas e faramentas consedjus geral**
available in English, French and Portuguese
- > **Trabalhos de Escavacao.**

- available in English, French and Portuguese
- > **Trabadjus n'altura**
- available in English, French and Portuguese

(More titles in the July CIS Newsletter)

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News from Europe

European Agency gets ready for the European Health and Safety Week

Preparations for the European Health and Safety Week to be held in all Member States during October 2002 were given a kick-off this week at the Safety and Health Expo held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham UK. Member States are free to choose any week during October. The 2002 theme is Successful prevention of psychosocial risks at work, especially stress.

Psychosocial risks covers work-related stress, but also contributors to work stress such as poor work organisation and design, workplace violence or threats of violence, bullying, mobbing and harassment etc.

The European Agency invites nominations for the third European Good Practice Awards in occupational health and safety. The 2002 Award scheme will recognise companies or organisations which have made outstanding and innovative contributions to the prevention of psychosocial risks, especially work-related stress, within enterprises.

Examples could cover:

- > stress at work and work design and organisation - for example managing change, > the work life balance, work load and working hours, shift work and night work, part time work, improving job satisfaction
- > stress management in sectors or specific jobs, e.g. health services, teleworking, call centres, driving, assembly work
- > prevention of workplace violence
- > prevention of bullying, also known as mobbing
- > stress management in SMEs
- > successful stress campaigns

More information about the European Week 2002 contact the Focal Points in each Member States details on the Agency web site <http://osha.eu.int/ew2002> Contact: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, Gran Via 33, E-48009 Bilbao, Spain, Tel: +34 944 794 360 Fax: +34 94 479 4383 Email: information@osha.eu.int web: www.osha.eu.int

OSH-Ireland: new edition

The latest edition of OSH-Ireland has just been published. OSH-IRELAND has become the essential OSH source for organisations and practitioners seeking up-to-date information on all aspects of health and safety in Ireland. OSH-IRELAND is published with the co-operation of the Health and Safety Authority, Dublin, Ireland and contains the following complementary databases providing full text information:

- > occupational safety and health and related Acts of the Oireachtas and Statutory Instruments.

- > Health and Safety Authority's (HSA) current publications, reports, guidance, advice and annual reports
- > Standard Forms, Certificates of Exemption and Exception etc

Other relevant Government Departments publications

- > Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) health and safety guides and "Your Questions Answered"
- > National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) health and safety standards
- > National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) publications and NISO e-Newsletter

In addition there are other databases containing bibliographic references:

- > appropriate European Health, Safety and Environment Directives.
- > appropriate National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) OSH standards (extra to those included as full text documents).
- > appropriate health and safety British Standards

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News from Hungary

The Hungarian National Program of Occupational Safety and Health

The Public Foundation for Research on Occupational Safety has published the English language version of this interesting 16 page report entitled the Hungarian Program of Occupational Safety and Health. English version translated by Dr Andras Bekes, Director General Hungarian Labour Inspectorate, Editor Dr Jeno Molnar, Director of the Public Foundation for Research on Occupational Safety, and Report Drafter Gabor Jablonkay, Head of the Information Department, Public Foundation for Research on Occupational Safety.

The Program represents a milestone in the history of Hungarian occupational safety and health. After several years of discussion and preparation the programme was proposed to Parliament with the full support of the social partners and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

The National Program has three main parts:

- > a descriptive part analysing the situation in Hungary;
- > a strategic part determining basic principles, goals and long term tasks of occupational safety and

health policy and
> a set of short or medium term tasks to be done

The Program fulfils the criteria for the national policy of occupational safety and health required by Article 4 of the ILO Convention No. 155 with one exception: there is no word for "policy" in Hungarian! Hungarian Program of Occupational Safety and Health. ISBN 963 00 9674 9. 2002
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News from South Africa

Railway Safety Bill puts the onus on the bosses

The latest edition of Workers Life May 2002 contains a number of topics including the lead story which says that Directors of rail companies in South Africa will face big financial penalties, and even jail terms, for injuries and loss of life caused by train accidents under the new National Railway Safety Regulator Bill.

Among a range of lively stories are asbestos; career centres for skills development and LPG gas appliances.

Contact: Workers Life, NOSA, 508 Proes Street, Arcadia 0083, Box 26434 Arcadia, Pretoria 0007 South Africa, E-mail: worklife@nosa.co.za

Titles you may have missed.....

CIS Publications Catalogue 2002 identifies a range of OSH publications

The International Occupational Safety and Health Centre (CIS), Geneva has published the 2002 Catalogue which draws attention to a wide range of publications both electronic and print based published by the CIS Centre

The publications cover a wide range of subjects in the workplace, chemical information, occupational hygiene, ready to use information on a variety of topics such as AIDS and ergonomics. The catalogue contains details of the various training manuals, directories and the ILO Encyclopaedia of Occupational Health and Safety.

To obtain a copy contact:

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Diary of Events

More details can be found in the Diary on
www.OSHWORLD.com

News from Russia

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH '2002: the International Specialised Exhibition

November 12-15, 2002, in the premises of the All Russia Exhibition Centre, Hall No 20 Moscow, Russia

Organisers of the Exhibition: Ministry of Labour and Social Development of the Russian Federation and "Spetsodezhdaoptorg" Public Company. The full address of the location of the Exhibition The All Russia Exhibition Centre, Hall No 20, "VDNKh" Metro station, Moscow, Russia.

For any further information regarding the participation in the Exhibition contact the "Spetsodezhdaoptorg" Public Company. Tel : +7 095 252 65 03 / 12 25 Fax: +7 095 252 21 89 E-mail: soopt@cnt.ru

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