



International Occupational Health

– Current situation and future trends

An International Conference 16–17 November 2021
Hotel Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa, Finland

Themes

- I. New international policies and strategies**
- II. New trends in occupational health, occupational medicine and occupational health services**
- III. New strategies, models, and solutions**
- IV. Way forward.**

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Welcome

While the COVID-19 pandemic shadows everything in the world, we need to think how to recover and get back to “normality”, including return to work. The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the many consequences of globalization, which challenges the existing mechanisms of health, safety and security throughout the world. Even without the pandemic globalization has a growing impact on conditions of work and occupational health as well; it sets new challenges and provides new opportunities and needs for protection of workers’ health in the rapidly changing work life.

Scope and Purpose

Occupational health needs of workers develop quantitatively and qualitatively in both the industrialized world and in the emerging and developing economies. New occupational health problems, such as the COVID-19, are identified and several re-emerging diseases have been recorded. The scope of occupational health is expanded from traditional occupational medicine and occupational diseases to focus on prevention of several other conditions, such as psychosocial problems and promotion of work ability i.e. to comprehensive occupational health.

New strategies, methods and approaches in occupational health practices are warranted in the post-COVID era. International organizations, national governments, professional communities and individual experts need to keep abreast with the developments of the current situation and with the future globalization trends. The younger

occupational health experts are going to work in growingly international settings and their work will more than before be modified and affected by international factors and trends.

Objectives of the Conference

- 1) to give a state-of-the-art situation analysis of the current recovery process from the pandemic through occupational health research, training and practices,
- 2) to identify the future trends in the development of international occupational health, occupational medicine (new occupational diseases) in occupational health and modern occupational health services,
- 3) to provide a forum for interaction for the Finnish network of occupational health training and international experts.

Who should attend?

Residents in occupational health services, their tutors, senior and junior experts in occupational health and related professions, occupational hygiene, psychology and ergonomics, involved with occupational health training.

Organizer:

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– Occupational Health

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Occupational Health, ICOH
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Date and Venue:

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Adaptation to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Depending on possible travelling and meeting restrictions, preparations are made for organizing the Conference either as normal gathering or partly or fully virtually, if needed.



International speakers

- Professor Raymond Agius, University of Manchester, UK
- Professor Claudio Colosio, University of Milan, Italy
- Professor Sergio Iavicoli, INAIL and ICOH, Rome, Italy
- Dr Ivan Ivanov, World Health Organization, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland
- Dr Rokho Kim, World Health Organization, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland
- Professor Dooyoung Park, KOSHA, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Dr Shengli Niu, International Labour Organization, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland
- Professor Zhang Min, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, CAMS, PR China

- Professor Alenka Škerjanc, University of Ljubljana, UEMS, Slovenia
- Professor Begoña Martínez Jarreta, University of Zaragoza, EASOM, Spain.

Finnish speakers

- Professor Minna Huutilainen, University of Helsinki
- Professor Clas-Håkan Nygård, University of Tampere
- Professor Jorma Rantanen, University of Helsinki
- Professor Kari Reijula, University of Helsinki
- Ass. Professor Jukka Takala, University of Tampere, ICOH

How to register?

Please register on a separate registration form at: valtakunnallinenseminaari.tthvyo.fi

The residents, tutors and other participants are encouraged to present in the special poster session their results on research and practices for development of occupational health training and other relevant innovations. Instructions for poster format and abstracts will be provided at: valtakunnallinenseminaari.tthvyo.fi. The speakers and international participants will be guided for registration and other arrangements through personal contacts by organizers.

