

**Minutes from Reproductive Hazards Committee business meeting
at the EPICOH conference in San José, Costa Rica Monday June 9th 17.00-18.30**

15 participants

1. Activities past year

The activities in the past year includes the set up of the webpage for the Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace Subcommittee:

http://www.aroem.dk/ICOH/sc_template/index.html

This page includes information on initiatives in the group including the present and future meetings. The list of members has been updated.

The chairman has participated in the ICOH midterm meeting in Hamburg 2008 and organised a reproductive health seminar addressing effects of pesticides at the EPICOH meeting in San Jose Costa Rica.

2. New voting procedures

The new ICOH procedures for election of SC officers was presented. Members of the committee are encouraged to run for election to chair, secretary and board for a three year period synchronised by the ICOH congresses. Once nominees have been listed a secret ballot among all members will be organized according to the ICOH rules with respect to procedures and time frames.

3. Forthcoming work.

At the ICOH congress in Cape Town 2009, there will be a pre congress course in Occupational Reproductive Research Methods organized jointly by the SC Reproductive Hazards and South Africa's National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH) and a lecture on Occupational reproductive health in developing countries.

Unfortunately it had not been possible to find rooms for a full workshop on this topic.

At the next EPICOH meeting in Taiwan in 2010, a full day workshop on reproductive hazards in the workplace will be organized. The topic will be reproductive hazards in the electronics industry.

The visibility of the Reproductive Hazards SC was discussed and it was decided to post an article on the main outcomes from the workshop in Costa Rica in the ICOH Newsletter. The article will appear in the next issue of the ICOH Newsletter http://www.ichweb.org/newsletter/ich_newsletter_2008_02.pdf. In addition the possibility of publishing a position paper on a topical issue as endocrine disruption in occupational settings was discussed. There was generally agreement that it would be a good idea to write such a paper.

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