

ICOH REPRODUCTIVE HAZARDS SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA, OCTOBER 10.2007.

Meeting minutes.

The meeting was held in relation to the 2007 EPICOH meeting in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Participants.

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1. Update on organisational issues and activities.

Jens Peter Bonde, Denmark and Olga Sichelova, Russia were appointed chair and secretary at the June 2006 Milan meeting. The election was later approved by the ICOH board. A work programme for the period 2006-2009 has been drafted, a website has been established (<http://www.aroem.dk/ICOH/sc%20template>), the mailing list has been updated and include some 70 scientists, an executive board to support the chair and secretary has been established and initiatives taken to organise a reproductive session linked to the EPICOH 2007 conference in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

2. Forthcoming work.

Organisation of annual symposia or focused workshops is given priority and may in due course develop into larger meetings or conferences in the field. Meetings the next three years were discussed:

1. A reproductive health symposium in relation to the EPICOH meeting taking place in Costa Rica in 2008. Reproductive hazards related to pesticides and agricultural work seem a timely and appropriate theme for an 3 hour workshop. Petter Kristensen is in the scientific Board for this conference. Contact and coordination with the agricultural SC should be sought. The symposium could take place on the afternoon before registration and opening reception on the first day of the conference, for instance 13.00-16.00. Another and perhaps better option is to have the symposium after the closing of the EPICOH meeting since the neurotox SC organises a conference succeeding the EPICOH meeting.
2. A reproductive health symposium in relation to the ICOH congress takes place in Cape Town in 2009. A suggestion for a timely topic is reproductive health relating to occupation in developing countries. Options for organisation include both a symposium before or during the congress. The latter may seem most feasible. Danuta Kielkowski is in the organizing committee and will assist to get the symposium organised. In addition to a scientific workshop it may be relevant and feasible to organize a one-day pre-congress training course on reproductive epidemiology in relation to work place hazards.
3. In 2010 the EPICOH meeting will take place in Taiwan and professor Jung-Der Wang invites on behalf of the organising Committee RH SC to organize a symposium – for instance on

reproductive risks related to work in electronic industries that are prevalent in South East Asia. The invitation fits well into the work programme aiming at annual meetings in collaboration with other ICOH subcommittees.

October 18th 2007, Jens Peter Bonde