Thirteenth Session of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health

Geneva, 9-12 December 2003

Location: ILO, Room VII (R.2 level)

Program of Work

Tuesday, 9 December

09.00 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 11.00 Opening Session (Room VII)

  Opening address by Mr. Kari Tapiola, Executive Director, the Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector of ILO

  Opening address by Dr. Kerstin Leitner, Assistant Director-General for Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments of WHO

Election of Chairperson

Introductory statement by Dr. Jukka Takala, Representative of the Director-General of the ILO

Introductory statement by Dr. Maged Younes, WHO

Administrative matters by Dr. Shengli Niu of ILO & Dr. Greg Goldstein of WHO

11.00 – 12.00 Reports of ILO/WHO OSH activities

  Review of the ILO activities in occupational safety and health by Dr. Shengli Niu

  Review of the WHO activities in occupational safety and health by Dr. Gerry Eijkemans

*There will be a break of 20 minutes during the session.
14.00 – 17.00* Integrated approach to occupational safety and health – Item 1 of the agenda
   • Orientation Presentation by Dr. Jukka Takala
   • WHO’s response by Dr. Greg Goldstein

General discussion

Occupational safety and health management systems – Item 2 of the Agenda
   • Orientation Presentation by Mr. Seiji Machida
   • WHO’s response by Dr. Ivan Ivanov

General discussion

18.00   Reception at the Restaurant “Le Salon” on R. 2 North

**Wednesday, 10 December**

09.30 – 12.30* General discussion on priority fields in occupational health – Item 3 of the agenda:

   (1) Priority areas for joint activities by ILO & WHO in the promotion of integrated approach to OSH:

   *Global strategy*

   i. Development of a new instrument establishing a promotional framework in the area of OSH

   ii. Collaboration in the launching of national programmes on occupational safety and health

   iii. Collaboration in the fostering and promotion of a safety and health culture including participation of the WHO in the establishment of an annual international event or campaign (world day or a safety and health week) aimed at raising awareness of the importance of OSH

   iv. Launching of a global knowledge and awareness campaign focused on promoting sound management of safety and health at work

   *Development and implementation of instruments*

   v. Collaboration in the development of instruments in the areas of guarding of machinery, ergonomics and biological hazards

   vi. Collaboration in joint activities against work-related psychosocial hazards

*There will be a break of 20 minutes during the session.*
vii. Strengthening the ongoing collaboration in the area of chemical safety, such as IPCS, IOMC and SAICM

viii. Updating of the ILO List of occupational diseases and elimination of silicosis

14.00 – 17.00* General discussion on priority fields in occupational health – Item 3 of the agenda:

(1) Priority areas for joint activities by ILO & WHO in the promotion of integrated approach to OSH

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Field collaboration and research

ix. Further strengthening collaboration between the field structures of the two organizations

Field collaboration and research

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x. Developing approaches and strategies aimed at linking more effectively primary and occupational health care systems, particularly in developing countries

xi. Further facilitating research, and access to reliable and practical OSH information through improved knowledge development, management and dissemination systems and networks

Thursday, 11 December

09.30 – 12.30* General discussion on priority fields in occupational health – Item 3 of the agenda:

(2) Priority areas for joint activities by ILO & WHO in the promotion of sound OSH management systems:

i. Effective application and integration of ILO-OSH 2001 into the national policy on OSH

ii. Technical support for the national implementation (training and information services)

iii. Role of national CIS Centres and WHO Collaboration Centres

iv. Establishing link to the ILO web site on management systems from relevant OSH related web pages of field offices of the ILO and WHO

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v. Providing information regularly to the ILO and WHO specialists working in the field offices

vi. Including OSH-MS related articles in the periodicals and newsletters

vii. Organizing joint ILO/WHO workshops on OSH-MS at the sub-regional and national levels

viii. Developing tailored guidelines and manuals for specific target groups such as health service institutions

ix. Facilitating the dialogue between the ministries of labour and health focusing around OSH-MS

x. Encouraging national authorities and institutions to translate ILO-OSH 2001 into local languages

xi. Encouraging both ministries of labour and health to work on pilot implementation at the enterprises

xii. Integrating OSH-MS in the various OSH training programmes

xiii. Mobilizing the national networks of non-governmental OSH associations and academic institutions in promoting OSH-MS

xiv. Strengthening the capacities of the competent authority in member states

xv. Flexible approach aiming at practical and continual progress

xvi. Regular dialogue with the constituents and partners

(3) Priority areas for joint activities by ILO & WHO - Other important topical issues:

i. National OSH programmes and country profiles

ii. Control Banding

iii. Basic OSH services

iv. The WHO/ILO Joint Effort (AJE) on Occupational Health and Safety in Africa

v. Prevention and control of pneumoconiosis

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14.00 – 17.00* General discussion on priority fields in occupational health – Item 3 of the agenda:

Other important topical issues

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**Friday, 12 December**

09.30 – 12.00* Adoption of the report of the meeting

Closing session

14.00 – 17.00 If necessary

*There will be a break of 20 minutes during the session.*