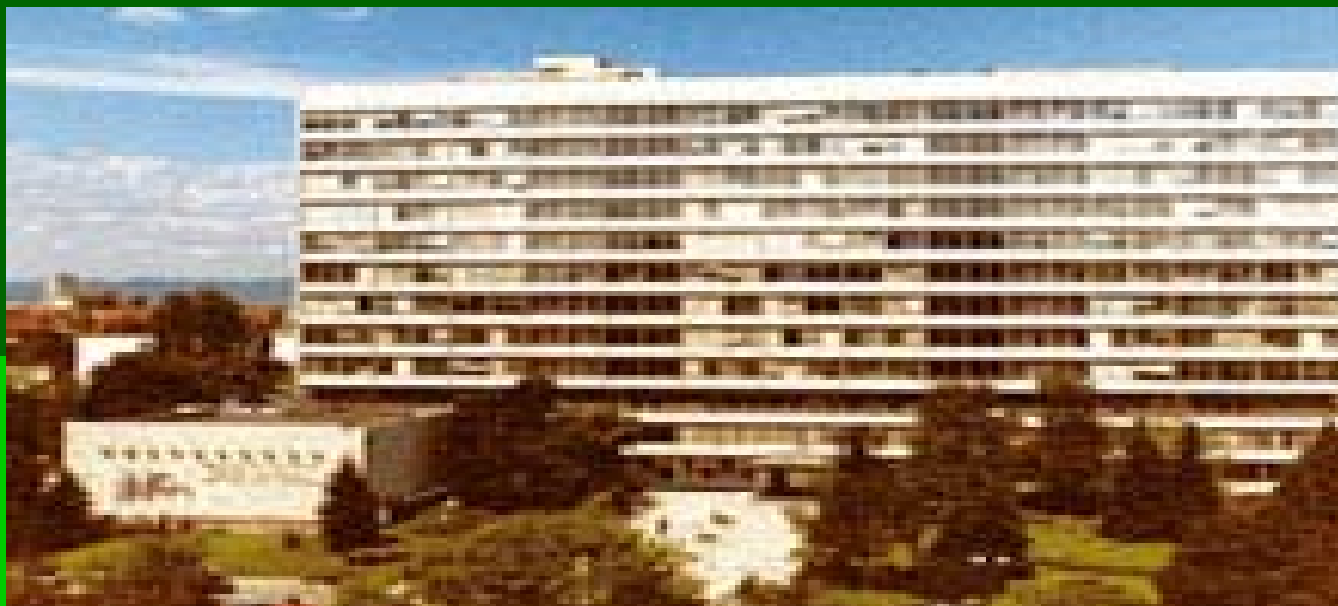


**Ministry of Health  
National Center of Public Health Protection  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
National CIS Center**

**REPORT ON THE CIS ACTIVITIES  
DURING THE PERIOD  
SEPTEMBER 2006/07**

# About us



# The National Center of Public Health Protection (NCPHP)

- The National Center of Public Health Protection (NCPHP) is a scientific organization of the Ministry of Health. It was established by Decree of the Council of Ministers of Republic of Bulgaria, merging the National Center of Hygiene, Medical Ecology and Nutrition with the National Center of Public Health, and acts since January 1, 2005. NCPHP provides number of activities referring to research, expertise and consulting, methodological support, training and information management in the field of Public, Occupational and Environmental Health, Children and Adolescents Health, Health Promotion and Food and Nutrition. NCPHP keeps the National Occupational Disease Register. It is a WHO collaborating Center in Occupational Health as well as a National CIS Center (since 1963) within the network of ILO/CIS National and Collaborating centers.

- The CIS information activities are performed by the CIS unit of the NCPHP.
- During 2006-07 they were focused on the **publicity and promotion of CIS products, activities and network.**

# Website:

**[www.ncphp.government.bg](http://www.ncphp.government.bg)**

- The CIS unit uses for this purpose the website of the NCPHP and its own CIS page on it. It developed the concept for the e-news and exploited this information form actively so that actually more than 30% of news deals with occupational health and safety (OSH).

# Publications

- Where to find authoritative and validated OSH information? (presenting the ILO/CIS products, activities and network, as well as other OSH information providers like the WHO, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work , European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Condition, NCPHP etc. )
- The nutrition in the workplace – underestimated health, economic and social problem
- Ethics of occupational health services – a prerequisite to the good practice
- The ILO Toolkit for labour inspectors – an useful and actual publication
- Legal requirements to perform a risk assessment at the workplaces
- The HACCP in the catering, bakeries, milk and dairy products production.
- European OSH standards and Bulgarian SMEs
- The corruption and its impact – some ILO recommendations and good practices to combat corruption

# Newsletter

- The Newsletter on Occupational Safety and Health, issued by the National CIS Center, has entered its 8th year, providing the latest OSH information (from the ILO/SAFework Program and CIS, WHO, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, TUTB, ICOH, IALI and CIS Network - the CIS Newsletter, edited by Mrs. Sheila Pantry, NIOSH, FIOH, FAS, INRS, HSE, CCOHS, KOSHA, Safework.ru, ISPESL, CIOP, SUVA and others). It is distributed to all OSH stakeholders and hosted on the website of the NCPHP.

# Important headlines over the period reported

- ILO Promotional Framework Convention for Occupational Safety and Health and its accompanying Recommendation
- National OSH Profiles
- WHO Global plan of action on workers' health
- EU Resolution on Good Work
- Community Strategy for Health and Safety at Work 2007-2012
- ILO Strategy for the modernization and reinvigoration of labour inspection
- The ILO Work in Fishing Convention No 188
- Asbestos ban campaign
- REACH
- ILO World day for Safety and Health at Work 2007
- European Week for Safety and Health at work 06
- The CIS Annual Meeting 2006

# Highlights

- In partnership with the General Labour Inspectorate, the CIS unit translated into Bulgarian, published and promoted the Toolkit for Labour Inspectors of the ILO/Subregional Office in Budapest.
- The CIS unit provided OSH information and editing services to a Manual on Shift Work (in press).
- The ILO/CIS bibliography on the safe start of young people was adapted, translated into Bulgarian and distributed at the National conference of the occasion of European week for safety and health at work- 2006

# Promotional activities

- The CIS unit initiated a press conference and prepared a press release on the occasion of the 28 April. It maintains good contacts with the Press Offices of the General Labour Inspectorate and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy.
- Some of the lectures from the training, provided at the last CIS annual meeting 2006, were translated and distributed to the respective users.

# Contributions

- The CIS unit contributed to the development of the National OH Profile, updated by the NCPHP as a WHO Collaborating center in Occupational Health as well as to other international OSH projects.

# Routine activities

- Contribution to the CISDOC database
- Dissemination of OSH information and preparation of bibliographies and information packages for stakeholders, OSH experts, OH services, students and others
- Answering questions
- Maintaining contacts with the CIS HQ and its network, the ILO Subregional Office in Budapest, and other information providers
- Issuing a quarterly OSH newsletter
- Promoting the CIS activities through the website, publications, participation in campaigns and events and others
- Providing publications to the library of the NCPHP
- Translations and involvement in other information services.

# **Special thanks for their collaboration and support to:**

- the CIS Headquarters and the CIS network
- the ILO Subregional Office in Budapest and
- the ILO National correspondent in Bulgaria  
Mrs. Pl. Markova