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**ARGENTINA
NATIONAL CENTRE CIS 2007**

As you know the seat of the National Centre CIS, in Argentina, is at the Superintendency of Labour Risks, (Superintendencia de Riesgos del Trabajo. SRT) of the Ministry of Labour, in the Documental Management and Library Area of the Training and Diffusion Department

CIS'S 2006/7 ACTIVITIES

Last year I told you about the fire in other floors of the building where the SRT was functioning that occurred in August 2005 and that has disrupted the normal activities of the Organism as well as of the Documental Management and Library Area (including the CIS).

Actually, the office of the Documental Management and Library Area as well as the SRT is operating from its new location (Bartolomé Mitre 751 – City of Buenos Aires).

We have a new facility that allows receiving users' visits and attending in person to their needs, which is a big step forward. Shortly ago, those communications could only be made by e-mail and by telephone.

The following is a summary of CIS's 2005 Activities:

DIVISION	ACTIVITIES
NATIONAL CENTRE CIS	Reception and distribution of database of CIS in the SRT There was a healthy growth of users thanks to the positive result of its activities as well as its new presence in the Web, in the Superintendence of Labour Risk's Internet site (http://www.srt.gov.ar). We are continuously trying to promote the CIS activities in Argentina and in the region.

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VIRTUAL LIBRARY	<p>The access to CIS via Web has contributed to the growth of users. The virtual site is dynamically maintained and constantly updated to keep up with the welcome demand.</p> <p>Most recently we have been adding to our virtual library two researchs done by professionals of the Superintendency of Labour Risks:</p> <p>The study of posttraumatic stress among train engineer (drivers) in the case of accidents running over people or vehicles</p> <p>A study of the working and environmental conditions in sawmills. Mesopotamia Region. Argentina</p>
PHYSICAL LIBRARY	<p>The operation and use of the Library has been enhanced by the implementation of new software.</p> <p>We received a large donation of his personal collection, from the Superintendence of Labour Risks General Manager, Dr. Carlos Rodriguez. It has been processed and increased the collection of our Library in 1.800 titles.</p>

DOCUMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LIBRARY AREA SERVICES

We continue with the usual activities:

- The Documental Management and Library Area is part of RENICS network, which encompass 85, specialized in health issues libraries, from Argentina. Their catalogs are, in turn, part of the relevant network UNISALUD.
- The Area develop and distribute publications electronically:
 - Bulletins of the new of the publications received.
 - Electronic magazines bulletins, including its table of contents and links to complete text.
- Also electronically, the Area distributes the Official Bulletin of The Argentine Republic –A government publication–, including a summary of its content.

- Research and publishing of bibliographic data in support of especial events organized by the Superintendence of Labor Risks (SRT). For example:
 - April 24–27, 2007: “Fourth Occupational Safety and Health Week” in Buenos Aires. Subject: Primary care health providers. Participants received the related compiled bibliographic references.
 - July 12, 2007: “Occupational Safety and Health in Mining Activity”. Participants also received the related compiled bibliographic references.

- Research of information in support of specific investigations by the SRT.

STATISTICS (from October 2006 to September 2007)

SERVICES	QUANTITY
Consultations (In person, and electronically) We increased the consultations	783
Publications added to physical library Here we include the titles of the large donation of the personal collection, of the Superintendence of Labuor Risks General Manager, Dr. Carlos Rodriguez and others titles that has been purchased or donated by other people.	2100
Publications added to Virtual library	350
Publications loaned This item has also been increased	427
Bulletins of new publications	Monthly
Electronic magazines bulletins	Monthly

But this year we want to focus in the publications that we have sent to the CIS Centre

- During 2006 we hold monthly clinical solving meetings to address occupational respiratory diseases.
We prepare a special publication of the theory and clinical cases discussed in each meeting and it has been sent to the CIS Centre in Geneva
- We have a special annual Research Program concerning occupational risks and during 2006 we published the results of some researchs done by our specialists from different national universities. We have sent this four publications to the CIS Centre in Geneva
- Investigation and development of a good practices code for the occupational safety and health services. Authors: Drs M. Brangold and H. Nieto
- Occupational accidents of migrantes workers without registration: the case of the construction industry, "waste pickers", child workers and agricultural workers in the city of Rosario and Buenos Aires. Author: Marta Panaia
- Working conditions and competitiveness. A study in Argentine, steel industry. Authors Dr. H Formento and others.
- Actions on small and medium enterprises (national companies of industry and services). Scoop of ergonomic recommendations: simple and of low cost measures. Authors: Mario Poy and others
- We are specially proud of two small publications that had been done by our workers
We work with the trade unions helping them to train other workers about the labour risks of each individual activity.
This year we sent to the CIS Centre in Geneva the manuals that result from the training activities of:
 - Occupational safety for TV cable installation workers
 - A guide of occupational safety for cleaning workers.
 - A publication of the ceramica workers, is going to be send as soon as possible.