

## **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

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

- 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
- (Continued)
- Field collaboration and research*
- ix. Further strengthening collaboration between the field structures of the two organizations
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- (Continued)
- 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

- 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

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