

Armenia:

Regarding the OSH World day and OSH promotion in Green Economy, Republican Union of Employers of Armenia (RUEA) organized a competition/contest for the selection of the companies with good practices, since they also consider OSH as a good tool for Decent Work promotion. Now RUEA are in the stage of finalization and wish to award the winner enterprises with certificates in May

RUEA has started a new contest for this year, which will be finalized in Autumn (September-October period), referring to green economy and green job- places.

Azerbaijan:

Baku. On 27 April, 2012 the **conference “Promotion of Green Jobs”** (hyperlink - http://www.mlspp.gov.az/index.php?lang=2&id=17&sub_id=40&xid=175) was organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan. 250 participants attended the conference. There were the representatives from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of Azerbaijan, Confederation of Trade Unions, National Confederation of Employers’ Organization, EU Delegation, the embassies of a number of states, the EU Twinning project officials, international experts, enterprises, institutions and organizations on labour protection and media representatives.

A number of international organizations, including EU Twinning Project, WB Project, UN, ILO; Embassies of EU countries, social partners, multinationals, big local companies joined the OSH Conference. The participants discussed OSH in construction, social dialogue, experience of local and multinational companies in management and promotion of green jobs. The EU Twinning Project particularly appreciated a role of the ILO in the OSH activities and highest level of cooperation between the EU and the ILO in the relevant field particularly in establishing Tripartite OSH Council.

Belarus:

20 April 2012, Minsk - Round table "Promotion of safety in current conditions" (near 40 participants)
Information on the event - please, see http://www.belta.by/ru/person/interview/Aleksandr-Rumak_i_0000512966.html

28 April 2012 - Speech by Deputy Minister of labour and social protection of Belarus devoted to the World OSH Day in the news block of the national television channels (primetime – 3 min)

25-30 April 2012 - Preview trailer “28 April - the World OSH Day” which was broadcasting on the national television channels (PSA)

April 2012 - Preview trailer “28 April - the World OSH Day” which aired on monitors of 80 routes public transport in Minsk (transit advertising)

April 2012 - Advertising banner on the main streets of Minsk “28 April - the World OSH Day” (street advertising)

Safety and health materials in general and in particular on the World OSH Day topic have been updated at industrial enterprises and other business entities in the country.

Kazakhstan:

Astana, Kazakhstan on 26-27 April, 2012 **the 2nd annual KIOSH conference** (hyperlink - <http://www.kiosh.kz/>) devoted to the OSH WD was held. There were 200 participants from 10

countries participated in the Conference and 22 companies from 5 countries.

Among the speakers at the two-day conference were leading international figures in occupational health and safety, including Shurenchimeg Zokhiolt, Deputy Director of the ILO 'Decent Work' technical support team and of the Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Malcolm McIntyre, Chair of the National Advisory Committee of the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health; Andrey Selibanov, Deputy Director General of the Federal Service for Labour and Employment and Vice-President of the International Association of Labour Inspection; and Melita Vuinovich, World Health Organisation representative in Kazakhstan.

The conference was divided into thematic sessions entitled "National HSE Strategies", "A Preventative Approach to Industrial Health and Safety Issues" and "Responses to New HSE Challenges - Personal Protection Equipment, Training, and Education". Major mining companies such as Tengizchevroil, ENRC, and Kazakhmys also presented their innovative developments in occupational health and safety.

"Acting as general partner of KIOSH fits in with our overall occupational health and safety policy," said Sergey Dyachenko, General Operating Officer of Kazakhmys. "We are delighted that issues relating to the area are discussed at such a high level and on such a large scale. At the conference, we were happy to share our strategic vision and general experience in health and safety in the workplace."

It is important to point out that 90% of accidents at work are due to careless actions, personal negligence, breaches of work discipline, or not following health and safety regulations. Taking the human factor into account is therefore critical when it comes to improving occupational health and safety.

A shining example of a project in the area is Kazakhmys' 'Omira' initiative, which aims to ensure a reduction in accidents and the development of a health and safety culture in the workplace. "Above all, we need to bring the amount of workplace accidents in the company to as near to zero as possible, along with making occupational health and safety a priority and the main aim of every employee. The only way this will be achieved is if everybody is committed," said Igor Rakhimov, Director of the Department of Group Health, Safety, and Environment of Kazakhmys. The company's positive experiences in this area formed the basis of a round table at KIOSH 2012 entitled "The Work of Paramedics at Production Facilities".

An awards ceremony for the Senim and Corgan competitions was also held as part of KIOSH 2012. The nationwide Senim competition, organised by the Ministry for Labour and Social Protection, consisted of three categories: Security Company of the Year, Best Occupational Safety Service and Best Occupational Safety Engineer, with prizes being awarded for first, second and third place. Corgan's judging panel was comprised of official figures from Kazakhstan's relevant ministries and government bodies, independent experts and industry association representatives.

The main goals of the KIOSH 2012 conference:

- Reduce the rate of injuries and accidents in enterprises;
- reducing the risk of accidents on dangerous industrial objects;
- minimize the possible damage to the natural environment and society;
- increase of labor productivity;
- Creating a centralized and effective platform to discuss and resolve issues in the field of occupational health and safety at the highest governmental and business-level format, as G2B (Government to Business) and B2B (Business to Business);
- organization of effective meetings of domestic and international manufacturers of products and services with potential customers in the face of large industrial enterprises and organizations;
- support status of Astana as a key place for the highest level meetings in Central Asia and CIS;
- experience and exchange of international knowledge in the field of occupational health and safety;
- opportunity of business – structures to contribute in the development of corporate social responsibility.

Russia:

27 April, Moscow. The conference on modernizing OSH Management system was organized by the Ministry of Health and Social Development.

“Since 2005 we’ve made a great step forward to switch to a new model of occupational safety and health,” Deputy Health and Social Development Minister Alexander Safonov told a research conference on modernization of Russia’s occupational safety and health legislation that was devoted to the World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

He noted that the main goal of modernization of the country’s occupational safety management system is to transfer from the compensation-based and cost-based OSH management system to the modern system of occupational risk management that allows to translate into reality preventive approaches to keep workers safe and healthy at their workplace and to reduce all costs related to unfavourable working conditions.

Safonov underlined that the ministry completed calculations of economic losses related to occupational accidents and diseases and to the use of the list of professions that give workers the right to early retirement.

Thus, the calculations made on the basis of the data provided by the Russian federal statistics service (Rosstat) demonstrate that losses of the working time fund in such industries as the development of natural resources, chemical production, metallurgy and construction range between 3 percent to 12.6 percent. As a result, economic losses total around 1.48 trillion roubles.

The total losses from unfavourable working conditions and occupational safety and health make up 1.94 trillion roubles or 4.3 percent of the GDP, the deputy minister said.

Safonov noted that thematic committees that will be responsible for drafting OSH standards on workplace assessment, OSH trainings and production of personal protective equipment and clothing will be created under the Coordinating Council for Occupational Safety and Health.

Moreover, he stressed the need for developing professional standards for occupational safety and health specialists.

Taking part in the conference were also representatives of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia, the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the Federal Labour and Employment Service, the Social Insurance Fund, regional bodies of executive power and leading research organizations.

Participants discussed modernization of the occupational safety and health system, the improvement of the state supervision and control system in modern conditions as well as the development of insurance mechanisms as economic incentives for employers to improve working conditions.

April 2012, Arkhangelsk: The Agency on labour and employment in Arkhangelsk region conducted series of seminars on wide range of issues related to OSH with the specialists in the municipal formations, training centers, with the managers and specialists of the small business. Main specialists made a speech on Television and other mass media. The new issue of the bulletin was devoted to the World Day on OSH



Saint-Petersburg, on 27 April 2012 the video-conference (hyperlink -

http://www.dnop.kiev.ua/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7107&Itemid=1)

was organized in line with the collaboration between the ILO OSH projects 'Developing and implementing Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) system in the North-West region of the Russian Federation to provide Decent and Safe work - 3rd phase' and 'Improving safety and health at work through the decent work agenda'

in Ukraine, Moldova and Russia. This event was carried out in the rank of other promotional activities that were put in practice in Ukraine and Russia. The video-conference took 2 full hours.

The organizational structure of the event was the following:

- The State Service on Mining Supervision and Industrial Safety of Ukraine hosted the Ukrainian participants in the premises of the State Service in Kiev;
- Russian audience located at the conference hall 'Peterocongress' was divided into the 2 parts: the 1-st one (23 people) directly participated in the video-conference; the 2-nd one (around 120 people) was able to follow the discussion by means of multimedia equipment.

The video-conference made it possible to further raise awareness in the OSH field of Russian and Ukrainian tripartite partners and enterprises, as well as get them acquainted with the modern trends in harmonization of national OSH legislation with the ILO and EU OSH standards. The special emphasis was made on the following issues:

- the ratification of the ILO conventions and the implementation of their provisions in both countries;
- OSH in a 'green' economy;
- promotion of a preventative OSH culture at enterprises;
- the All-Ukrainian campaign and painting contest "Children's view on OSH";
- the EU and Russian experience gained in the sphere of the implementation of the 'zero accident' concept at enterprises.

Being the partners of the project in North-West Russia, the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health as well as Finnish Institute of Occupational Health contributed to the opening session, agenda of the video-conference and discussions in St.-Petersburg.

Saint-Petersburg, 27-28 April 2012. The ILO constituents: The Committees for Labour of Saint-Petersburg and the Leningrad Oblast', The Federation of TUs of St.-Petersburg and the Leningrad Oblast' organized the event devoted to the World OSH Day.

The ILO representative delivered the presentation 'Collaboration between the ILO and Russia in the OSH field' Also, the ILO representative participated in the roundtable discussions on the

development of OSH management systems at enterprise level.

A teleconference organized on the air between the cities of St.-Petersburg and Kyiv (Ukraine) on 27 April made it possible to share experience among Russian and Ukrainian OSH experts. The teleconference was organized in line with the collaboration between ILO projects: 'Improving safety and health at work through the decent work agenda' and 'Improved OSH System in Northwest Russia'.

Moldova:

On 27th of April 2012, National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova (CNSM) held a special sitting on the occasion of the 28th April International Commemoration Day for Dead & Injured Workers. Representatives of Moldovan Government, International Labour Organization, Labour Inspection and Employers Confederation also took part in this event. This year's activities focused on promotion of occupational health and safety in a green economy.

Participants mentioned that ensuring occupational health and safety (OHS) remains a problem for our country.

According to CNSM President Oleg Budza, some 500-600 accidents take place every year in Moldova, 20 percent end with injuries and 10 percent with workers' death. Though the number of cases of work-related diseases decreased from 32 to 19 since 2008, the situation is still difficult. We can see that after the statistics, showing that last year more than 550 million lei were paid from the state insurance budget for temporary incapacity for work.

Trade union leader noted the need to develop the legislative framework in the OHS field and to adjust it to European standards. He also highlighted that in April 2012 was taken the decision to create Union Labour Inspection.