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Seafarer's occupational risks and health examinations

17–19 May 2006, Naantali (Finland)

The first international course on the occupational risks of seafarers is being organized by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA), and it will be held on 17–19 May 2006, in Naantali, Finland.

The course's title is "Seafarer's Occupational Risks and Health Examinations" and the aim is to provide an overview of occupational risks on board ship, their assessment, and how they can be taken into account when seafarers are given on-entry and medical examinations.

The course is meant for physicians and nurses and occupational hygienists working in maritime occupational health, ship company managers, and maritime authorities involved in health and safety.

Please direct additional questions to the course secretary of the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training:

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The evidence-based approach for occupational health practitioners

21–24 May 2006, Kuopio (Finland)

The Evidence-based Approach for Occupational Health Practitioners: How to Use Research Information to Improve the Quality of Occupational Health Practice is the first international course on this subject, and it will be held on 21–24 May 2006 in Kuopio, Finland.

The course has an evidence-based approach to occupational health problems, and it aims to provide insight into what constitutes evidence in occupational health and how it can be assessed.

In addition, the participants will learn to ask relevant questions on professional practice and to re-form these questions

so that they can be used to seek answers in scientific or evidence-based information sources. The course members will also learn to perform searches in databases, the Medline database using the PubMed search engine, in particular, and to evaluate the results critically and apply them in their own practice.

The course is primarily aimed at practitioners from occupational health services with a basic medical background and some knowledge of epidemiology.

Any additional inquiries should be directed to the course secretary of the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training:

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Work/life balance—challenges and opportunities

5–9 June 2006, Åland Islands (Finland)

The First International Course on Work/Life Balance—Challenges and Opportunities is being organized on 5–9 June 2006, Åland Islands, Finland. The main topics of the course include providing information on good family friendly practices at workplaces, flexible time management and work–family compatibility, workplace culture and the parental roles of men, and, finally, on social trust, emotional work and the globalization of care.

The course is for researchers, university students, social partners, politicians and policy makers, officers of nongovernmental organizations, and practical field workers.

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