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Biological monitoring as a tool for the evaluation of chemical risks and exposure at work

15–19 May 2005, Espoo (Finland)

The First International Course on Biological Monitoring as a Tool for the Evaluation of Chemical Risks and Exposure at Work will study the latest trends in the selection of biomarkers in the assessment of chemical exposure, examine factors that influence biological monitoring results and offer skills to interpret the results. The course will take place on 15–19 May 2005 in Espoo, Finland.

The course is meant for occupational health professionals and researchers that are active in the field of occupational medicine and exposure assessment. At the end of the course the participants will be able to understand methodological problems, identify and minimize sources of error in sampling, interpret biological monitoring results and plan and run biomonitoring programs.

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Methods to improve the work environment in small-scale enterprises

22–26 May 2005, Krokkleiva (Norway)

The First International Course on Methods to Improve the Work Environment in Small-scale Enterprises will be held on 22–26 May 2005 in Krokkleiva, Norway.

The course is intended for occupational health and safety practitioners, representatives of trade unions and employers' organizations dealing with work environment issues, and researchers and decision makers interested in the work environment in small companies. After the course the participants will understand basic structural differences between small-scale enterprises and large companies and the variations within small enterprises, be familiar with the different methods with which to reach small companies and the advantages and disadvantages of the methods, know how to support the improvement of occupational health and safety in small-scale enterprises, and be able to use the aforementioned methods in their own work.

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Principles of intervention–prognostic research

22–27 May 2005, Espoo (Finland)

The Third International Course on Principles of Intervention–Prognostic Research will be held on 22–27 May 2005 in Espoo, Finland. This course is meant for occupational professionals, health economists, and other policy-oriented persons interested in the cost-effectiveness of health care intervention.

The objective of the course will be to discuss the the fundamentals of prognostic research for study design critically, review studies and teaching, and to create a fundamental reorientation in the participants.

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Ethical, scientific, and social aspects of predictive testing in occupational health practices

23–27 May 2005, Nagu (Finland)

The Second International Course on Ethical, Scientific, and Social Aspects of Predictive Testing in Occupational Health Practices is meant for occupational health physicians and nurses, work environment researchers, members of ethics committees, medical advisors in insurance, administrators and politicians concerned with occupational health ethics. The course will take place in Nagu, near Turku, Finland, on 23–27 May 2005.

The course will offer ethics tools to solve problems in preventive testing in the work environment, to plan and conduct research projects in occupational health, and to develop codes of conduct and legislation in the field. The main theme will be the ethical analysis of preventive testing at work.

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BOHS occupational hygiene 2005 conference

19–21 April 2005, Manchester (United Kingdom)

The British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) will organize the Occupational Hygiene 2005 Conference on 19–21 April 2005 in Manchester, the United Kingdom. The conference will bring together researchers, practitioners and regulators from all over the world. The full program and registration form for the event is available on the BOHS website (www.bohs.org).

The conference will coincide with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Centre of Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of Manchester. As part of the celebrations the oldest academic health department in the United Kingdom has set up a special exhibition "Hazard! Health in the Workplace over 200 years" at the People's History Museum.

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Work-related violence in different organizational settings

13–17 June 2005, Palanga (Lithuania)

The First International Course on Work-related Violence in Different Organisational Settings will focus on all forms of violence, whether induced by outsider, service recipients or clients, or members of an organization towards each other. The course will take place in Palange, Lithuania, on 13–17 June 2005. Field researchers and practitioners, occupational safety and health personnel, labor inspectors, planners and developers, occupational psychologists, organizational consultants, and clinical therapists are invited to participate.

The objective of the course will be to examine recent research results on the causes and consequences of various forms of violence, and to discuss means and practical tools and models for preventing and controlling violence. Violence in organizational settings that are particularly exposed (health, social service and educational sectors) will be given particular attention, and preventive measures will be contemplated.

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18th international symposium on epidemiology in occupational health

11–14 September 2005, Bergen (Norway)

The 18th International Symposium on Epidemiology in Occupational Health will take place on 11–14 September 2005 in Bergen, Norway. The aim of the symposium will be to bring together researchers and others working in the field of epidemiology in occupational health.

The main topics will be occupational epidemiology in developing countries, research ethics, and methodological approaches. Other areas of special interest in the scientific program will include analytical study design, biomarkers, cancer, data analysis techniques, disease and injury surveillance, exposure assessment, gene or environment interactions, intervention studies, mortality studies, musculoskeletal disorders, reproductive outcome, respiratory disorders, skin diseases, women's health, and organizational and psychosocial factors. There will also be preconference workshops that will cover reproductive epidemiology and epidemiologic methods in more detail.

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