

Environmental and occupational epidemiology: principles of exposure assessment

22–26 August 2005, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

This 5-day course, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology: Principles of Exposure Assessment, is being organized by The Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS) and will be held on 22–26 August 2005 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The course objectives are to increase knowledge of principles and methods of exposure assessment and to demonstrate how these methods can be applied to occupational and environmental epidemiology. The course is meant for epidemiologists, occupational and environmental hygienists, toxicologists, physicians, biostatisticians, health officials, exposure assessors, and others with previous training in basic epidemiology.

Additional information can be obtained from:

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Occupational health risk assessment and management

22–26 August 2005, Petrozavodsk (Russia)

The First Russian Course on Occupational Health Risk Assessment and Management will be held on 22–26 August 2005 in Petrozavodsk, Russia. The objective of the course is to give participants an overview of risk analysis and to strengthen their skills in daily practice. The main topics include definitions and measures of risk; environmental, occupational, and public health risk assessment; risk-informed decision making; risk perception; principles of risk management; uncertainty and variability in risk assessment and management; and values and ethical choices underlying toxicologic and risk assessment decisions. Experts and authorities in health risk assessment and management, managers, and experts in industry and labor market organizations and other nongovernmental organizations are welcome to participate.

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Occupational dermatology

28 August–2 September 2005, Tallinn (Estonia)

The seventh International Course on Occupational Dermatology will be held on 28 August – 2 September 2005 in Tallinn, Estonia. The main topics of the course include allergic contact dermatitis, irritant contact dermatitis, immunology of contact dermatitis, epidemiology of occupational dermatoses, contact urticaria, immediate allergy skin testing, patch testing problems and new allergens.

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Occupational exposure limits

5–9 September 2005, Uppsala (Sweden)

The Fourth International Course on Occupational Exposure Limits will be held in Sweden, in Uppsala on 5–9 September 2005, and its objectives will be to enable participants to differentiate between various approaches and criteria to set an occupational exposure limit, to identify problems in comparing occupational exposure limits from different countries, to analyze an occupational exposure limit based on background information. Scientists, administrators, health and safety personnel, managers in industry, and the labor market organizations are invited to participate. The main topics concern the basic concepts in toxicologic risk assessment; the use of animal, environmental, clinical, and epidemiologic scientific data, extrapolations and groups at increased risk; examples of risk assessment and setting occupational exposure limits for typical substances; principles underlying the limits; and occupational exposure limits as health-based recommendations versus administrative norms.

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