

Announcements

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Second international course on absence from work and early retirement

20–23 September 2005, Copenhagen (Denmark)

The second international course on absence from work and early retirement is being organized by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA), and it will be held on 20–23 September 2005 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The main objectives of the course are to present and discuss the current state-of-the-art knowledge on how societal, work environmental, and individual factors influence sickness absence and early retirement and to present and discuss intervention strategies aimed at promoting health, reducing sickness absence and early retirement and facilitating return to work. The course is meant for researchers and practitioners who are interested in occupational health, workplace interventions, workplace health promotion, sickness absence, early retirement, and return to work.

Additional questions should be directed to the course secretary:

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First international course on the work environment in the health care sector

9–13 October 2005, Lyngby (Denmark)

The first international course on the work environment in the health care sector will be held on 9–13 October 2005 in Lyngby, Denmark. The aim of the course is to share knowledge on the state-of-the-art of the health and work profiles of health care professionals, methods and problems in the assessment of workload, and the current status and limitations of the mechanisms of work-related health problems.

Occupational health professionals (physicians, psychologists, physiotherapists, engineers) that are involved with work

and health issues, researchers and graduate students of occupational health are welcome to participate.

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Eighth international course introducing occupational epidemiology

13–19 October 2005, Copenhagen (Denmark)

The course "Introduction to Occupational Epidemiology" is being organized for the eighth time by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA), and it will be held on 13–19 October 2005 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The aim of the course is to create collaboration between the participants and a statistician in order to design and carry out small epidemiologic studies on occupational health risks. Conventional nonexperimental studies will be the main focus, but some interest will be given to intervention studies as well. The main types of epidemiologic study design and their respective strengths and limitations will be presented. Special emphasis will be given to the role of epidemiology in occupational health.

The course will be of use to persons with little or no experience in epidemiology. Researchers, industrial medical officers, occupational hygienists or sociologists and occupational health administrators with special interest in occupational health form the main target group.

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