

Announcements

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Linking toxicology to epidemiology: biomarkers and new technologies

8–10 July 2004, Porvoo (Finland)

The ICT X Satellite Meeting on Molecular Epidemiology: Linking Toxicology to Epidemiology: Biomarkers and New Technologies will take place July 8–10, 2004, at Haikko (Porvoo), Finland. It is to be held prior to the 10th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT X). The intent of the meeting is to present recent advances and the latest methodological approaches in molecular epidemiology.

For further details see: <http://www.ttl.fi/ictxmolepi>

Fifth international course on work and stress—somatic effects of physical and mental work

22–27 August 2004, Naantali (Finland)

The Fifth International Course on Work and Stress deals with somatic effects of physical and mental work, and it will take place in Naantali, Finland, on 22–27 August 2004. The course is being organized by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA). It reviews the theoretical and conceptual issues and methods pertaining to the assessment of workload, physiological responses, and pathogenic mechanisms.

The course is meant for occupational health professionals, professionals involved in work and health issues, researchers and graduate students of occupational health. The main topics include responses of muscular, cardiovascular and immune systems; workload quantification regarding physical and mental aspects; psychosomatic health outcomes; perception of pain; and epidemiologic research on, and risk indicators for work-related musculoskeletal disorders and pathomechanisms.

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Epidemiology for toxicologists

23–27 August 2004, Utrecht, The Netherlands

This course, Epidemiology for Toxicologists, is being organized by the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS). It focuses on the use of epidemiology in risk assessment, genetic epidemiology, environmental and occupational epidemiology, pharmaco-epidemiology and biomarkers in epidemiology. Additional topics also include data analysis in the field and the relative merits of toxicology and epidemiology in the risk assessment process.

The objectives are to create an understanding of the principles of epidemiologic research, the relative merits of toxicology

and epidemiology in the risk assessment process and the interface between toxicologic and epidemiologic studies. The course is meant for toxicologists and other laboratory scientists interested in risk assessment and in the uses of epidemiology in risk assessment.

Find out more at www.iras.uu.nl

First international course on methods to improve the work environment in small-scale enterprises

29 August – 2 September 2004, Krokkleiva, Norway

The course on Methods to Improve the Work Environment in Small-scale Enterprises is intended for practitioners in occupational health and safety, representatives from trade unions and employers' organizations dealing with work environment issues, researchers concerned with the work environment in small companies, and decision makers dealing with work environment issues of small-scale enterprises. The course will take place on 29 August – 2 September 2004 in Krokkleiva, Norway. It is being organized by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA).

The topics of the course involve the definition and description of small-scale enterprises from different perspectives, the occupational health and safety status of the enterprises, the way in which small enterprises manage their work environments, the means with which intermediaries can support and improve the work environments, tools and methods for working with small-scale enterprises and the evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of the methods described.

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Ventilation design

20–23 September 2004, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

The Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS) will hold this four-day course, Ventilation Design, on 20–23 September 2004 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. Occupational hygienists, safety engineers and all who require more knowledge on reducing exposure to air pollutants are invited to participate.

The objectives of the course are to allow participants to assess the performance of an industrial ventilation system and to produce a legal record of that performance, to design a simple local exhaust ventilation system and to predict its running costs and possible problems. The course also aims to help recognize the necessity to remove pollutants from the extracted air before discharging it and selecting the best ways to do so.

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