

Intervention research

12–16 September 2004, Lyngby (Denmark)

The first international course on intervention research will be organized by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) on 12–16 September 2004, in Lyngby, Denmark. The course will discuss intervention research and compare and evaluate different intervention approaches and methods, critically review studies to point out shortcomings and top performances, summarize supporting and obstructing factors in intervention studies, and point out research areas that need further improvement.

Researchers and practitioners with experience or interests in scientific intervention studies are invited to attend. Its main topics include concepts and models of intervention at workplaces, examples of evidence-based intervention, process and outcome evaluation using qualitative and quantitative methods, and examples of intervention projects.

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Occupational indoor air problems caused by moldy buildings

21–25 September 2004, Heinävesi (Finland)

The first international course on occupational indoor air problems caused by moldy buildings will be held in Heinävesi, Finland, on 21–25 September 2004 by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) to provide the participants with knowledge on reasons for microbial growth in buildings, methods for studying mold growth, symptoms and diseases related to moldy buildings in epidemiologic studies, and major clinical methods used to study exposed persons. The participants will develop skills for detecting signs of moisture and mold in buildings, an understanding of the difficulties related to risk assessment and communication risks, and the ability to work in a multiprofessional team evaluating moldy buildings and their health effects.

Occupational health and safety personnel, authorities, and researchers working in this field are invited to participate, along with teams representing multiple professions from the same organizations.

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Use of the transgenic rodent mutation assay in testing for genotoxicity

4–8 October 2004, Copenhagen (Denmark)

Use of the Transgenic Rodent Mutation Assay in Testing for Genotoxicity is the first international course to be held on this topic by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA). It will take place on 4–8 October 2004, in Copenhagen, Denmark. The objective of the course will be to help participants develop the skills needed to read and evaluate literature on the transgenic mutation assay and to set up the transgenic rodent mutation assay.

The target group for the course includes occupational health professionals who evaluate literature on genotoxicity and researchers who wish to set up the assay. The topics are the transgenic rodent mutation assay, exposure of transgenic animals, the isolation and purification of high-molecular-weight deoxyribonucleic acid, packaging of phages, types of selection assays, and quality control.

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A two-year MSc course in toxicology and environmental health

*Beginning February 2005, Utrecht
(The Netherlands)*

The Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS) will hold this 2-year course in toxicology and environmental health. It will start in February 2005, in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The objective of the course is to develop student's skills to obtain knowledge and their practical skills in the recognition, analysis, and evaluation of the exposure of humans and animals to potentially hazardous environmental factors of chemical, biological or physical nature, and the effects caused by such exposure on health.

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