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Occupational skin and airway allergies—exposure, risk assessment and prevention

7–11 November 2004, Lyngby (Denmark)

Occupational Skin and Airway Allergies—Exposure, Risk Assessment and Prevention is the fourth international course to be offered by the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) on the subject, and it will be held on 7–11 November 2004 in Lyngby, Denmark. It will focus on giving the participants an understanding of occupational skin and airway allergies, with particular emphasis on methods for exposure, risk assessment, and prevention. It will also offer an overview of the methods used to assess exposure to skin and airway allergens and risk evaluation based on exposure information and relevant literature data.

Occupational hygienists and other professionals involved in the exposure assessment, measurement, and risk assessment of exposure to allergens are invited to participate in the course. The main topics concern clinical and epidemiologic aspects of skin and airway allergy, epidemiologic studies and questionnaire methods, exposure assessment, risk assessment, prevention, intervention, and criteria for skin and airway allergens.

Course details can be obtained from:

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