

## *Third international and Baltic seminar on risk assessment as a basis for the selection of personal protective equipment*

**28 October — 2 November 2001, Riga (Latvia)**

This seminar will be held on 28 October—2 November 2001 at the Medical Academy of Latvia in Riga, Latvia, by NIVA (Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health). Its objective is to describe the correct procedure for the risk assessment and planning of the use of personal protective equipment. Factors affecting the actual performance of protectors will be clarified. The validity of the testing and assessment methods specified in standards will be critically examined. The applicants should be occupational health personnel in charge of the selection and use of personal protective equipment, researchers in the field of occupational health, standardizers, and experts representing the authorities.

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## *International symposium on issues in the cancer risk assessment of acrylonitrile: human and animal data*

**6 December 2001, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)**

On 6 December 2001 the Maastricht University will host a one-day symposium on the potential carcinogenic effects of occupational exposure to acrylonitrile. The symposium will focus on new data regarding epidemiologic evidence, new insights on the possible mechanisms of the effects seen in rats, and the regulatory aspects of these data.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together scientists involved in research on the potential carcinogenic risk of acrylonitrile and regulatory professionals involved in acrylonitrile risk assessment and to discuss new data on the carcinogenicity of acrylonitrile and the possible implications for risk assessment. A number of presentations will be given during the

morning and afternoon sessions. In the late afternoon a panel discussion will be held to discuss the issues mentioned and to give direction to further research needs.

Members of the organizing committee are Dr Gerard Swaen (Maastricht University and chairman), Professor Gary Marsh (University of Pittsburgh and co-chairman), Dr Herman Gibb (Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, USA), Dr Leonard Levy (Medical Research Council, Leicester, UK), Dr Jim Collins (Dow Chemical, Midland, Michigan, USA), and Dr Wil ten Berge (DSM chemicals Heerlen, The Netherlands).

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## *Dynamic management of health and safety in the construction industry — practicable solutions*

**XXVIth international symposium of the ISSA  
Section for the Prevention of Occupational Risks in  
the Construction Industry**

**12—14 December 2001, Paris (France)**

Employers, employees and their representatives, public and private clients, project supervisors, architects, prevention experts, safety technicians, doctors, academics and researchers are all invited to attend the 26th International Symposium of the ISSA Section for the Prevention of Occupational Risks in the Construction Industry, to be held in Paris, France, on 12—14 December 2001. There will be round tables, sessions on such topics as the challenges of dynamic health and safety management for people at work, management strategies and many other offerings.

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