

International courses in occupational health and safety, to be held in Scandinavia in 1989

As in the past, the Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (Nordiska Institutionen för Vidareutbildning inom Arbetsmiljöområdet) (NIVA), founded by the Nordic Council of Ministers in March 1982 and located at the Institute of Occupational Health in Helsinki, Finland, will arrange courses in occupational health and safety in 1989. Some general information relevant for all the courses follows, along with more specific information on some of the events. The rest of the Institute's training program will be announced at a later date. For a copy of the complete program, contact either of the course secretaries.

Language: English.

Preference: persons from the Scandinavian countries given preference but persons from other countries also accepted.

Second announcement and application form: obtainable from the respective contact person. See the individual course announcements for more information.

Additional information: available from the respective course leader or course secretary upon request.

Course fee: FIM 1100.00 (does not include meals or accommodations).

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Occupational neurotoxicology

9—14 April 1989, Kuusamo (Finland)

Second announcement and application form: available from October 1988 on.

Application deadline: 3 February 1989.

Course location: Hotel Rantasipi Rukahovi, Kuusamo, Finland.

Target group: physicians, toxicologists, and psychologists active in the field of occupational neurotoxicology.

Main topics: the nervous system as a target for toxic agents; the epidemiology of occupational neurotoxic syndromes; encephalopathies and neuropathies (diagnostic aspects); individual susceptibility in neurotoxicology; substance-specific neurotoxic syndromes (solvents, metals, pesticides, etc); diagnostic criteria for occupational neurotoxic syndromes; and alcohol, work, and the nervous system.

Objectives: to unify the diagnostic criteria for occupational neurotoxic syndromes, to highlight the state of the art of future prospects in neurotoxicologic research, and to increase the possibility for international projects.

Course leader: Dr Juhani Juntunen, Institute of Occupational Health, Topeliuksenkatu 41 a A, SF-00250 Helsinki, Finland [telephone (+ 358 0) 474 7274].

Course secretary: Outi Teperi.

Office automation: Organisational and individual approaches

17—21 April 1989, Kuopio (Finland)

Second announcement and application form: available from November 1988 on.

Application deadline: 28 February 1989.

Course location: Hotel Rivoli Kuopio, Kuopio, Finland.

Target group: persons working in planning, labor protection, and occupational health and training who are involved in the planning and implementation of new information technology for offices.

Main topics: information technology and society, theoretical framework for the implementation of information technology as a change process, current research, and the challenge of research, training, and planning in the 1990s.

Objectives: to provide the participants with up-to-date knowledge about studies dealing with both psychological and organizational data on office automation and to prepare them for planning and implementing information technology in their offices.

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Course secretary: Pirjo Turtiainen.

Biometry in occupational health
5—9 June 1989, Helsinki (Finland)

Second announcement and application form: available from November 1988 on.

Application deadline: 28 March 1989.

Course location: Institute of Occupational Health, Helsinki, Finland.

Target group: physicians, industrial hygienists, statisticians, and other personnel who need to use statistical methods on a computer during the analysis of occupational health and safety problems. Previous experience with statistical analysis and statistical packages is helpful, but not necessary, to follow the course.

Main topics: standardization, contingency tables, analysis of covariance, multiple regression, generalized linear models, logistic regression and log-linear models, cohort and case-referent analysis, and an introduction to Bayesian statistics.

Objectives: to familiarize the participants with several key statistical methods used in the analysis of occupational health data and to teach them to use statistical packages and to set up research problems for computer analysis.

Lecturers: Professor David Oakes, University of Rochester, United States, and Professor Benedict G Armstrong, McGill University, Canada.

Contact person: Tuula Nurminen, MSc, Institute of Occupational Health, Topeliuksenkatu 41 a A, SF-00250 Helsinki, Finland [telephone (+ 358 0) 474 7413].

Course secretary: Pirjo Turtiainen.

Occupational health care in agriculture
12—16 June 1989, Kuopio (Finland)

Second announcement and application form: available from October 1988 on.

Application deadline: 30 March 1989.

Target group: researchers, designers, occupational health care personnel, and authorities in the field of labor protection.

Main topics: epidemiology of the more important occupational diseases and accidents in agriculture, ergonomics of agricultural machinery, work postures, occupational hygiene (chemical, biological, and physical hazards), occupational health care, psychosocial factors in agriculture, farm visits, and discussion.

Course committee: Kaj Husman, chairman; Veijo Notkola, Seppo Väyrynen, Kirsti Tupi, Kyösti Louhelainen, Jalmari Heikkonen, Finland; and Sverker Höglund, JE Hansson, Sweden.

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Course secretary: Outi Teperi.

Risk assessment of chemicals in occupational environment
10—17 September 1989, Espoo (Finland)

Second announcement and application form: available from October 1988 on.

Application deadline: 31 January 1989.

Course location: Hanasaari Cultural Centre, Espoo, Finland.

Participants: should have basic knowledge in toxicology.

Main topics: general principles of risk analysis; toxicity-hazard and risk; reproductive ill-health — special problems in risk assessment; genotoxicity and other short-term tests; carcinogenicity — qualitative and quantitative risk assessment; extrapolation to individual risk; risk perception; and acceptable risk.

Objectives: to familiarize the participants with current risk assessment procedures and to promote an understanding of the different components of the risk assessment process, of their scientific basis, and of the uncertainties and unresolved issues associated with each step.

Course leader: Professor Harri Vainio, Institute of Occupational Health, Topeliuksenkatu 41 a A, SF-00250 Helsinki, Finland.

Course secretary: Pirjo Turtiainen.

23rd international congress on occupational health
22—28 September 1990, Montreal (Canada)

The 23rd International Congress on Occupational Health will be held on 22—28 September 1990 in Montreal, Canada. It is being sponsored by the Geneva-based International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH). The preliminary program includes 302 paper presentations, 300 poster presentations, eight guest speakers, six mini-symposiums, and five sessions of classes in areas related to occupational health. In addition part of the planned program is a continuous presentation of films on occupational health and safety related to the theme "Sharing Solutions" and a workshop centered on the same theme.

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