

## **Proceedings of the US-Finnish joint symposium on occupational safety and health and the third annual NIOSH scientific symposium**

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## Preface

In January 1980 a delegation from the United States National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) visited the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health to initiate discussions for future scientific collaboration. As a result of this visit, plans were made for a delegation of Finnish scientists to visit the United States to exchange with NIOSH researchers the results of recently completed studies. The Finnish delegation came to the United States in October 1980 and participated in two joint scientific symposia with NIOSH scientists. Results of Finnish and American research were presented at a US — Finnish Joint Symposium on Occupational Safety and Health in Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the Third Annual NIOSH Scientific Symposium in Detroit, Michigan, which was cosponsored by the United Auto Workers.

This volume contains the reports of the papers presented by researchers of the American and Finnish institutes at the

two symposia. As such, they are the first step in increased collaboration between the American and Finnish institutes.

Following the Detroit meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Finnish Institute and NIOSH was signed which outlined the framework for future scientific collaboration between the two institutes. The collaboration will consist of an exchange of scientific information, publications, and research program information, mutual visits by institute personnel, and the conduct of symposia and conferences. Subjects of collaboration will include the toxic effects of industrial chemicals, epidemiology, safety research, hygienic technology, physical agents, and other areas.

It is the hope of both institutes that the symposia that culminated in the present publication mark the beginning of long and fruitful collaboration between the United States and Finland in the field of occupational safety and health.

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