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I am interested in attending the ICOH International Conference on Psychosocial Factors at Work, Okayama, 23-26 August 2005. Please send me the Second Announcement of the Conference.

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Travel information

Okayama
Located in the heart of western Japan, it is recently called "the Land of Sun" with the wonderfully mild climate and beautifully clear weather through the year. In such a blessed environment, the region has been nationally famous for production of peaches, Muscat grapes, and other fruits, and also recognized throughout Japan for its seafood specialties caught in Seto Inland Sea. The completion of Seto Ohashi Bridge in 1989 linking the main Honsyu Island and Shikoku Island made Okayama a hub of the transportation system in Japan, at the west of Osaka and east of Hiroshima.

Transportation to Okayama
30 minutes from Okayama Airport by bus (Also convenient from Hiroshima Airport) and 2 hours from Osaka Kansai International Airport by train.
1.5 hours from Seoul, Korea, by direct flight.
1 hour from Osaka and Hiroshima by train.
1.5 hours from Kyoto and Nara by train.
3.5 hours from Tokyo by train.

Weather in Japan
The weather in August is typically hot often with temperature over 30 degrees Celsius. Rainfall is not too often.

Accommodation
Information on hotels will be given in the Second Announcement.

Social Programs
For all participants and those accompanying them, exciting and stimulating social programs will be offered.
Second ICOH International Conference on Psychosocial Factors at Work

Date and venue
23-26 August 2005
Mamakari Forum Okayama Convention Center
Okayama City, Japan

Background and purpose
Occupational stress is a major problem in many countries, both developing and industrialized, including countries in Asia. The ICOH (International Commission on Occupational Health) Scientific Committee on Work Organization and Psychosocial Factors at Work (ICOH-WOPS) is organizing its second international conference in Japan, following the first conference in Copenhagen, 1998. The conference intends to provide a forum for exchanging experiences in job stress prevention and intervention in different cultures.

Scope of the Conference
The main theme is EAST MEETS WEST - Job Stress Prevention in a Global Perspective. The aspects covered will encompass strategies and methods of assessing, preventing and controlling job-related stress and its effects on health in different settings all over the world.

Who should attend
The Conference will bring together researchers, practitioners and occupational health experts interested and involved in the assessment and design of psychosocial factors at work, in job stress, and in the prevention of job stress and its health effects in different settings all over the world.

Language
English (Some sessions will be offered also in Japanese).

Topics
• New methodology in Occupational Health Psychology
• Recent trends in work organization and their impact on worker health
• Psychosocial factors at work and their impact on learning and work engagement
• Psychosocial factors, performance and safety at work
• Traditional and new working time arrangements
• Psychophysiology and brain mechanisms in job stress
• Cross-cultural (dis)similarities in work stress research
• Work-Home interface
• Intervention and prevention/work redesign
• Methodology of intervention and evaluation research
• Rehabilitation research
• How to bridge the gap between research and practice?

Pre-Conference Workshops
The Conference will include workshops, teaching state of the art methods and knowledge in psychosocial research at the workplace, and teaching methods and practical skills in prevention and intervention research. Each workshop (3-hour session) will be organized by international specialists and will be open to a limited number of attendees.

Scientific program
The scientific program is based on keynote addresses, symposia, round table discussions and oral and poster presentations. A special emphasis will be placed on action-oriented research and practice dealing with psychosocial factors in different work settings. Positive experiences as to how to overcome practical and methodological constraints in choosing and implementing interventions and intervention research in organizations are most welcome.

Call for abstracts
Participants are invited to develop detailed proposals for symposia and to present free communications on the topics of the conference. Instructions for preparing abstracts will be given in the Second Announcement.

Important deadlines
Abstract submission 1 February 2005
Notification of paper acceptance 1 April 2005

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