

2006 – 2010 Work Plan of the WHO Collaborating Centres in Occupational Health

Activity Area 6: Communication & Networking

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INTRODUCTION:

- **Six Activity Areas (AAs) were identified for the new Global Work Plan 2006 – 2010 of the WHO CC in OH at the strategy planning meeting held in JHB in Sept 2005**
- **AA6: Communication & Networking**

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GOALS:

- **Effective communication strategies & tools**
- **Promotion & marketing of the scientific information products of the AAs, e.g. best practices**
- **Support for mobilization of resources**

BACKGROUND:

- **For effective OH practice, there has to be information availability and sharing**
- **A main general function of the WHO CC network thus far has been the dissemination of information – this extended information function has now become an Activity Area – AA6**

DESCRIPTION:

- **Establishment of a communication network to serve all AAs**
- **Promotion & marketing of CC information products**
- **Encouragement of resource mobilization in developing nations**
- **Identification of strategies & tools to assist mobilization & best use of resources**

Targets & Indicators of Success:

Increased involvement of CCs

- Indicators: Interest and participation**

Increased collaboration of CCs

- Indicators: Interest and activities**

Scientific information product dissemination

- Indicators: Product development and usability**

The development and use of best practice information

- Indicators: Product development and identification & description of case studies demonstrating application of network products,**

Collaborative alliances with other organizations and programmes

- Indicators: Number, scope, outputs, impacts**

EXPECTED LONG-TERM OUTCOMES:

- **Capacity building in key communication areas**
- **Providing sound information for the key portals**
- **Promotion the public awareness of the CCs**
- **Development of focused scientific information products**

OTHER OUTCOMES:

AA6 will endeavour to include the interests and activities of other global or regional programmes in OH training and capacity building, for the best utilisation of resources:

- Fogarty / UM ITREOH**
- WAHSA Programme**

PROJECT NUMBER WHO	AA Code	Title	Lead Organisation and Country
1	AA6:1	Recruiting Young Scientists and Engineers to Occupational Hygiene	Great Lakes Center, Univ Illinois at Chicago, USA
2	AA6:2	Sharing workplace OSH practices through sector-based global collaborations (NORA)	NIOSH, USA
3	AA6:3	Development of a web-based information collection system for the active surveillance of work--related diseases and occupational exposures and for information dissemination to occupational safety and health practitioners	NIIH, Japan

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4	AA6:4	Access to Occupational Safety & Health Information in the SADC Region	NIOH, South Africa
5	AA6:5	Sharing on the Internet – case studies of successful safety solutions and health hazard control	Ministry of Manpower, Singapore
6	AA6: 6	Occupational Health, Latin American Forum	European Institute of Health & Social Welfare, Spain
7	AA6:7	The ECO RE: Economic Resources Tool Box	IACP, Italy

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8	AA6:8	Participation in Regional Events: Contribution to the communication network of WHO Collaborating Centres	Department of Employment & Workplace Relations, Australia
9	AA6:9	Asia-Pacific Regional Website: Maintenance of the Southeast Asia OHS regional website)	Department of Employment & Workplace Relations, Australia
10	AA6:10	Work Ability Index (WAI) Global Network)	Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
11	AA6:11	Cochrane Occupational Health Field	Finnish Institute of Occupational Health

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12	AA6:12	Development of an occupational health database system in Vietnam	National Institute of Occupational & Environmental Health, Vietnam
13	AA6:13	Development of a network of working environment monitoring systems in Vietnam	National Institute of Occupational & Environmental Health, Vietnam
14	AA6:14	Establishment of an international working group for the utilisation of telemedicine to reduce health risks of seafarers	Department Maritime Medicine of Central Institute of Occupational Medicine, Hamburg, Germany

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15		AA6:15	Dialogue on nanoparticles	Federal Institute of Occupational Health, Germany
16		AA6:16	How to assess the adequacy of safety measures for manufactured nanoparticles	Institute for Occupational Health Sciences, Lausanne, Switzerland
17		AA6:17	Best practices globally for working with nanomaterials	NIOSH, USA
18		AA6:18	Global silica information dissemination	NIOSH, USA
19		AA6:19	Technical Assistance & Training Program for developing Countries in Asia	KOSHA, Republic of Korea

PROJECT NUMBER	WHO	AA Code	Title	Lead Organisation and Country
20		AA6:20	OSH Answers Service	CCOHS, Canada
21		AA6:21	Bringing Health to Work Web Portal	CCOHS, Canada
22		AA6:22	International Web Portal	CCOHS, Canada
23		AA6:23	WHO Collaborating Centres Network	CCOHS, Canada
24		AA6:24	Publishing the journal: International Maritime Health	Institute of Maritime & Tropical Medicine in Gdynia, Poland