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Workplan of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Occupational Health for the Period 2009-2012

This workplan represents the contribution of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Occupational Health to the implementation of the WHO Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health, 2008-2017: http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA60/A60_R26-en.pdf. The Network includes government, research, professional and academic institutions from 37 countries, and three international professional associations http://www.who.int/occupational_health/network/cc_address_list_2822008.pdf. The 2009-2012 workplan is organized into 5 objectives, reflecting those of the Global Plan of Action, and 15 priorities. Projects associated with each priority can be found at http://www.who.int/occupational_health/cc_compendium.pdf. For more information contact ochmail@who.int.

GPA Objective 1: to devise and implement policy instruments on workers' health *Manager: Claudina Nogueira, NIOH, South Africa*

Priority 1.1: Develop/update national profiles on workers' health and provide evidence base for development, implementation and evaluation of national action plans on workers' health

Outputs: Comparative analysis of national strategies and action plans, national profiles, and reports on lessons learned

Support:

CC: Jovanka Bislimovska, Institute of OH, FYR of Macedonia
WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority1.2: Develop and disseminate evidence-based prevention tools and raise awareness for the prevention of silica- and other dust-related diseases.

Outputs: Evaluation of national programmes, packages of essential interventions and good practices, for dust control, exposure and diagnostic criteria for pneumoconiosis

Support:

CC: Catherine Beaucham, Maria Lioce-Mata, and Faye Rice, NIOSH US
Partner: Igor Fedotov, ILO
WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority1.3: Develop and disseminate evidence-based tools and raise awareness for the elimination of asbestos-related diseases.

Outputs: Estimates of the burden of asbestos-related diseases, review of good practices for substitution of asbestos and prevention of exposure to asbestos, health surveillance of exposed workers

Support:

CC: Ken Takahashi Institute of Industrial Ecological Sciences, Japan
Partner: Igor Fedotov, ILO
WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority 1.4: Conduct studies and develop evidence-based tools and information materials for the comprehensive protection and promotion of health for health care workers, emphasizing HBV immunization.

Outputs: Tools, guidance, assistance to countries for training, implementing and evaluating programs

Support: CC: Ahmed Gomaa and Maria Lioce-Mata, NIOSH, US
Partners: ILO Julia Lear; PSI Jorge Mancillas
WHO/HQ: Susan Wilburn; PAHO: Marie-Claude Lavoie

GPA Objective 2: to protect and promote health at the workplace *Managers: Stavroula Leka and Aditya Jain, Univ. of Nottingham, UK*

Priority 2.1: Develop practical toolkits for the assessment and management of OH risks (focus: chemical, physical, biological, psychosocial risks)

Outputs: Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation, definition of common criteria of toolkits

Support:

CC: David Zalk and Henri Heussen, IOHA, Wendy Macdonald, La Trobe University, Australia, Stavroula Leka and Aditja Jain, University of Nottingham, UK
WHO/HQ: Evelyn Kortum, Susan Wilburn

Priority 2.2: Healthy Workplace programmes and guidance to inform country frameworks

Outputs: Review of effectiveness of existing programmes for healthy workplaces, tools for creating healthy workplaces including a health-promoting culture and OH&S principles

Support:

CC: Abeytunga, CCOHS, Canada
Fernando Coelho, SESI, Brazil
Partner: Valentina Forastieri, ILO
WHO/HQ: Evelyn Kortum
WHO/PAHO: Marie-Claude Lavoie

Priority 2.3: Develop toolkits for the assessment and management of global health threats including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, influenza, emphasizing vulnerable groups, in particular migrant workers

Outputs: Tools, inventory, framework, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation, and definition of toolkits

Support:

CC: Jadranka Mustajbegovic, Medical School University of Zagreb, Croatia
WHO/HQ: Susan Wilburn

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GPA Objective 3 : to improve the performance of and access to occupational health services Managers: Kaj Husman, FIOH; Leslie Nickels, NIOSH

Priority 3.1: Develop working methods, provide technical assistance to countries for organization, delivery and evaluation of basic OH services in the context of primary health care, with particular focus on underserved populations and settings with constrained resources

Output: Good practices and demonstration projects for organization and delivery of OH services, evaluation of service delivery, international knowledge networks of service providers, website clearinghouse of information materials for OH practice

Support:
 CC: Frank VanDijk, Coronel Institute, The Netherlands;
 Partner: Igor Fedotov, ILO
 WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority 3.2: Adapt and disseminate curricula, training materials and training for international capacity building in OH

Output: Model materials and courses for BOHS, inventory, technical support for delivery of international courses and on-line training, national training programs in low- and medium-income countries, introduction of OH into professional education

Support:
 CC: Norbert Wagner, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, Linda Grainger, ICOH
 WHO: Ivan Ivanov
 EURO: Rokho Kim

GPA Objective 4 : to provide and communicate evidence for action and practice Managers: Jo Harris-Roberts and Ed Robinson, HSL, UK

Priority 4.1: Encourage practical research on emerging issues, including nano-materials and climate change

Output: Research reports and communication strategies with low- and medium income countries on interventions to ensure workers' health

Support:
 CC: Nano-materials Rosemary Gibson HSL, UK and Vladimir Murashov, NIOSH USA
 Climate change Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
 WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority 4.2: Further develop the global research agenda for workers' health

Output: Research report matrix to identify relevant gaps in research

Support:
 CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
 WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

Priority 4.3: Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) to include occupational causes in the eleventh edition.

Output: Occupational health and disease components added to ICD-11

Support:
 CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
 WHO: Ivan Ivanov
 EURO: Rokho Kim

GPA Objective 5: to incorporate workers' health into non-health policies and projects Manager: Wendy Macdonald, La Trobe University, Australia

Priority 5.1: Collate and conduct cost-benefit studies to clarify the economic benefits of workers' health

Output: Published articles and information posted to WHO website

Support:
 CC: Jos Verbeek, FIOH, Finland, Diana Gagliardi, ISPESL, Italy

Priority 5.2: Develop specific and relevant recommendations to manage risks associated with the impacts of globalization on workers' health

Output: Guidance for development banks, non-health sector entities to improve workers' health

Support:
 CC; David Rees, NIOH, South Africa

Priority 5.3: Implement toolkits for the assessment and management of OSH hazards in high risk industry sectors and for vulnerable worker groups

Output: Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation

Support: Ruth Etzel, WHO
 CC Hazardous sectors: Catherine Beaucham, NIOSH, USA
 Agriculture: Claudio Colosio, University of Milan, Italy
 Transport: Lygia Budnik, CIOM, Hamburg
 Vulnerable workers: Owen Evans and Jodi Oakman, La Trobe Univ. Australia
 Partner: Young workers: Susan Gunn, IPEC ILO, Annie Rice SafeWork, ILO