WELCOME TO STRESA

STRESA is a charming and aristocratic tourist site. Its wonderful view over the lake makes Stresa's position a very special one: from here you can enjoy a marvellous panoramic and picturesque view of the lake and the mountains, and take delightful promenades and walks among splendid villas, surrounded with gardens filled with magnificent flowers.

A typical tourist attraction is the Arcipelago of the Borromeo Isles, linked to Stresa by ferryboats, and make up of: "Isola Bella" with its luxurious and magnificent gardens; "Isola dei Pescatori" naturally beautiful and picturesque and "Isola Madre", with its tranquil and enchanting atmosphere. It is also possible to visit the museum of umbrellas and parasols, Villa Pallavicino with its zoological garden, Villa Taranto, the Alpinia Botanical Garden, Lago d'Orta, Mottarone and the ski resort of Macugnaga, the ancient monastery of Santa Caterina del Sasso, le Cento Valli, not to mention Milan, capital of fashion and window shopping.

Lake Maggiore’s climate is particularly mild thanks to the Alps which protect this region from the cold winds from the North. It is for this reason that there is an exception variety of vegetation: from the subtropical varieties typical to those found in Mediterranean countries to those subalpine. In the period of June the average temperature is around 24°C.
INVITATION TO THE MEETING

The Global Network of CCs in Occupational Health consists of about seventy Institutes and organizations spread across the five continents. These centres support WHO in implementing the WHO Global Strategy on Occupational Health for All through the WHO Occupational Health Programme.

The first meeting of the Network was held in Moscow in September 1992, with meetings held approximately every two years thereafter: in Beijing in 1994, Bogotá in 1997, Helsinki in 1999, Chiangmai, Thailand, in 2001, and Iguassu Falls, Brazil, in February 2003. In 2001 a Workplan 2001-2005 was prepared, and the Collaborating Centres have been implementing over 300 projects in the 15 priority areas.

The 7th Network meeting will be in Stresa (Italy) in June, 2006 in conjunction with the 27th International Conference of ICOH in Milan. The language of the meeting is English.

In preparation for the meeting, a draft 2006-2010 Workplan has been developed and the Collaborating Centers have contributed projects in six Activity Areas:

AA1: Global situation analysis
AA2: Evidence for action, and national policies and action plans
AA3: Practical approaches to identify and reduce occupational risks
AA4: Education, training and technical materials
AA5: Development and expansion of Occupational Health Services
AA6: Communication and networking

The main purposes of the Meeting will be to share the achievements of the 2001-2005 Workplan and to work together on the projects in the 2006-2010 Workplan.

PROGRAMME

June 7th: arrival and registration;
June 8th: WHO CC Meeting;
June 9th: WHO CC Meeting;
June 10th: full day excursion;
June 11th: morning transfer of participants to Milan to attend ICOH 2006.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

June 8th: A buffet dinner and an evening music event will be offered at the Conference Venue.
June 9th: All the delegates and their accompanying persons are invited by the Conference organisers to a social dinner.
June 10th: On Saturday a full day complimentary sight-seeing tour on Lake Maggiore will be offered to the participants and accompanying persons.

EXHIBITION OF FINAL PRODUCTS FROM 2001-2005 WORKPLAN

Many products have emerged from the 2001-2005 Workplan (CDs, brochures, etc). CCs are invited to bring 10 or more copies of final products for display and distribution. It is required that the CC send a one-page description of each of the final products for inclusion in a booklet to both bozsokik@who.int and whomeeting@icps.it by May 15th.

REGISTRATION

The registration is free of charge. All participants will have to register before April 30th, 2006 by filling out a registration form available on the Global Meeting section on the ICPS website to be sent back to ICPS.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue:
Palazzo Congressi Stresa - Piazzale Europa, 3
1-28839 STRESA (VB) - ITALY
Website: www.stresacongressi.it

How to get there:
- By car: A26 (Gravellona Toce) motorway – exit Baveno Stresa;
- By rail: trains to Stresa depart from Milan Central Station or from the Station of Gallarate (about 10 km from Malpensa airport);
- By airplane: from Linate we suggest to get to Milan and then catch the train from Central Station; from Malpensa you can get to Gallarate with a short ride and then catch the train to Stresa (30 min.).

Further information available on the website of the meeting.

Transfers from the airport:
Transfers will be provided from Milan Malpensa Airport on June 7th and to Milan on June 11th.

Meals:
Lunches, coffee breaks and dinners will be offered during the meeting on June 8th and 9th. Lunch is included on June 10th for those who will participate to the excursion.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation must be booked by sending a form to the Stresa Congress Centre by April 30th. The form can be downloaded from the Global Meeting section of the ICPS website and from the Congress Centre website at www.stresacongressi.it.