

Updating workshop on occupational diseases

RIGA, LATVIA, January 18-20, 2012

Work related ill health and occupational diseases are major concern among European employees as according with latest statistics 8.6% of EU workforce thinks that their health have been influenced by their work conditions.

As response to this „EU Information Notices on Occupational diseases, a Guide to diagnosis” (revised version, 2009) has been prepared to improve knowledge of occupational health professionals and encourage exchange of information. This workshop aims at bringing closer the professionals of occupational health of Baltic states to improve their knowledge and share experience.



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Institute of Occupational safety and environmental health of Riga Stradins university is organising 3 day workshop for occupational health professionals on early diagnosis of occupational diseases and other work related ill health.

Who should attend?

Workshop is aimed at experts of occupational health and occupational physicians working in the field. Workshop is primarily aimed to participants from Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and North-West Russia but participants from other Nordic countries are welcomed too.

Workshop leaders:

- **Prof. Maija Eglīte** (author of several textbooks on occupational medicine, member of EU expert group revising Information Notices) and
- **Prof. Eda Merisalu** (Tartu University).
- Other invited speakers are also planned (to be confirmed).

Workshop venue:

Workshop will be organised in Riga Stradins university (including patient demonstrations).

Workshop language:

Official language will be English.

Workshop material:

Participants will receive full material as well as „EU Information Notices on Occupational diseases, a Guide to diagnosis” (revised version, 2009). Latvian participants will also receive CD-ROM of the textbook „Occupational Medicine” (2nd edition 2011 (in Latvian)).

Workshop fee:

Workshop organisation is supported by Northern Dimension partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being and EU Delegation/Russia and ERDF Project "Promotion of international cooperation activities of Riga Stradins University in Science and Technologies", agreement No. 2010/0200/2DP/2.1.1.2.0/10/APIA/ V IAA/006". Nominal fee of 50,00 EURO will be asked to cover social programme offered by organisers.



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Information and application:

Please send e-mail to Ilze.Feldberga@rsu.lv indicating your interest for application (indicate your name, organisation, contact details) and practical information.

Application deadline: **12.01.2012.**

Official confirmation will be sent to you.

Program outline of Workshop**Day 1, January 18, 2012**

10.00.-11.15.	Opening Welcome and some words about Riga Stradins University and Institute of Occupational safety and environmental health. Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The Center of Occupational and Radiological Medicine of Stradins Clinical University hospital. Introduction of participants. Introduction to the workshop programme.	Ivars Vanadziņš, PhD Prof. Maija Eglīte
11.15.-11.30.	Coffe break.	
11.30.-12.00.	System of Occupational Health in Latvia. Risk assesment of Occupational Risk factors and link to health examinations in Latvia	Ivars Vanadziņš, PhD
12.00.-12.45.	The Occupational Morbidity in Latvia.	Jeļena Reste, MD
12.45.-13.30.	The Diagnostics of occupational diseases in Latvia.	Jeļena Reste, MD
13.30.-14.15.	Lunch	
14.15.-15.00.	The Diagnostics of occupational diseases in Estonia.	Prof. Eda Merisalu
15.00.-15.30.	The Diagnostics of occupational diseases in Lithuania.	<i>To be confirmed</i>
15.30.-16.00.	Traning of Occupational Physicians in Latvia. Latvian Association of Occupational Physicians.	Prof. Maija Eglīte
16.00.-16.15.	Coffe break.	
16.15.-17.45.	Occupation respiratory diseases. Pneumoconioses (Silicosis, Asbestosis etc.). Chronic bronchitis. Patient demonstration.	Tatjana Farbtuh, PhD

Day 2, January 19, 2012

09.00.-10.30.	The experience of diagnostics of musculoskeletal diseases in Estonia.	Prof. Eda Merisalu
10.30-10.45.	Coffe break.	
10.45.-12.15.	The experience of diagnostics of musculoskeletal diseases in Latvia. Patient demonstration.	Jeļena Reste, MD
12.15.-13.00.	Lunch	
13.00.-14.30.	Occupational diseases caused by chemical agents. Organic solvents. Information about the book: Information notices on Occupational Diseases. Patient demonstration.	Prof. Maija Eglīte

14.30.-15.15.	Vibration disease. Patient demonstration.	Zaiga Kalniņa, MD
15.15-15.30.	Coffe break.	
15.30.-17.15.	Peripheral nervous system diseases due to physical work load and toxic agents. Toxic central nervous system diseases. Toxic encephalopathy. Patients demonstration.	Zaiga Kalniņa, MD
19.00.	Workshop dinner (location will be announced separtely)	

Day 3, January 20, 2012

09.00.-10.30.	Diseases caused by ionising radiation. The health condition of Latvian Chernobyl accident clean-up workers. Patients demonstration.	Jolanta Cīrule, MD
10.30.-11.00.	Coffe break.	
11.00.-11.45	Practical experience of obligatory health examinations of workers in Latvia – examinations, tests, contraindications, practical problems etc.	Jolanta Cīrule, MD
11.45-13.15	Occupational diseases caused by metals. Patient demonstration.	Prof. Maija Eglīte
13.15.-14.00.	Lunch	
14.00.-14.45.	Occupational allergic diseases.	Māris Bukovskis, PhD
14.45.-15.30.	Patient demonstration.	Ieva Kalve, MD
15.30.-16.30.	Evaluation and closure of the Workshop Discussion. Questions.	Prof. Maija Eglīte

Slight changes are possible in programme. Latest version and changes will be sent to registered participants shortly before workshop.