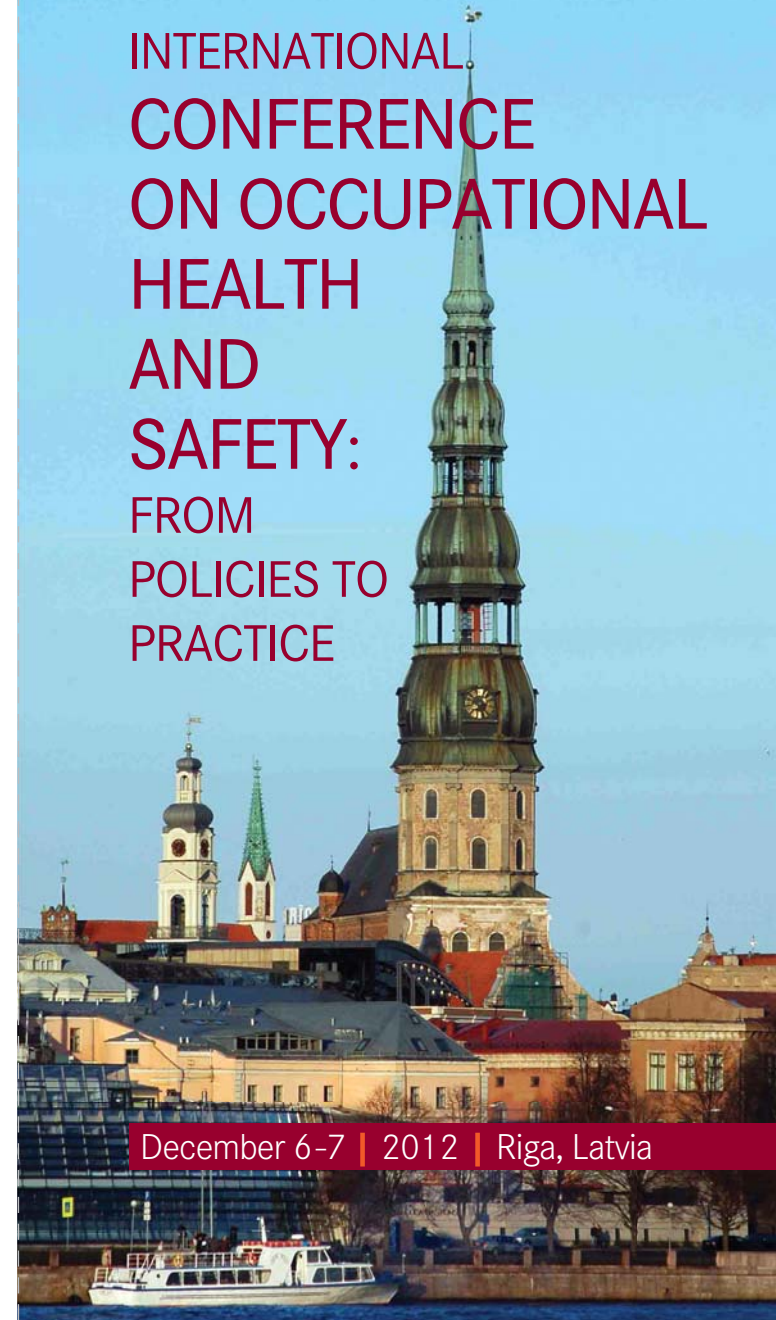




First announcement and invitation to

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: FROM POLICIES TO PRACTICE



December 6-7 | 2012 | Riga, Latvia

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THE PROJECT FINANCING COVERS:

- Conference venue and technical equipment
- Catering
- Printed materials

CONFERENCE FEE:

EURO 60.00 – up to 1.10.2012.

EURO 95.00 – up to 1.12.2012.

There will be special discounts for students from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Please refer to the conference web page for more information.

Registration fee covers:

- Social events and conference dinner
- Travel costs for guest lecturers

Conference proceedings will be published by April 2013 with selected articles based on conference presentations.

More information on conference and registration:
www.rsu.lv/OHSconferenceRiga

Please send your enquiries and register to receive the 2nd announcement by e-mail to:

OHSconferenceRiga@rsu.lv

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official conference language is English. Depending on request simultaneous translation will be provided.

CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

The Institute of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health at Riga Stradiņš University has been working in the area of occupational and environmental health for more than 40 years. Today it provides various scientifically sound training and information activities as well as research in the area of workers' health and safety.



Riga Stradiņš University is a leading university in Latvia providing training in health care that is also offering several major programmes in social sciences and business. RSU ranks among top 3 Latvian universities and has the largest number of international students in Latvia. It has been involved in many international projects on various aspects of human health and wellbeing.

The organisers are welcoming you to Riga, a city of more than 800 year long history. Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recognized for its Art Nouveau and the 19th century wooden architecture. In 2014 Riga will be the European Capital of Culture.



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INTRODUCTION

In 2001 a new Law on Occupational Health and Safety was adopted in Latvia, entering into force in 2002. Thus, in the recent 10 year period the Latvian occupational health and safety (OH&S) system has undergone many changes relating work environment and all stakeholders involved. Also neighbouring Lithuania and Estonia have had similar changes with new legal frameworks established around 10 years ago not to mention more global changes around the Baltic Sea and in other EU countries in terms of OH&S policies and economy.

During this time the new EU policies on OH&S as well as several other policies for health and safety of workers have become "old". In the light of recent efforts to provide new policy tools to improve health and safety of working population and to mainstream it into the approach of "healthy lifestyles in healthy working conditions" it is worth taking the time to pause for a while.

The aim of the conference is to look back whether the changing policies have brought changes in workers' health and safety or in other words - have they been put into practice - and not only in Latvia and other countries around the Baltic Sea but all around the world?

CONFERENCE VENUE: the conference will be held in Riga, Latvia (exact venue will be announced later – follow the information on conference web page).

CONFERENCE DATES: December 6-7, 2012

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference intends to combine plenary sessions with parallel sessions on several topics. Poster sessions will be organized as part of the conference programme.

Indicative programme outline

Day 1	Plenary 1	
	Occupational health and safety: 10 years of policy and practice	
	Parallel session 1 New and emerging risks	Parallel session 2 Ergonomics and organisation, productivity
Day 2	Parallel session 3 Occupational health in practice: from early diagnosis to prevention and return to work	Parallel session 4 Workplace stress: from acknowledgement to prevention
	Plenary 2	
	From new policies to better practice Expert panel, Conclusions and Declaration	

POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Occupational health and safety profiles of countries or industries
- OHS policy impact analysis
- Training of OHS professionals and employees
- Networking in OHS
- Changes in work environment (emerging workplace risks, new technologies and organisational patterns)

- Ergonomic solutions to improve workplaces and work organisation
- Economic effects and incentives at workplaces
- Psychosocial aspects of working life and ways to reduce stress
- Occupational health: from early diagnostics to prevention and return to work
- Epidemiological studies on work environment on human health

It is possible to submit Abstracts on other topics as well – as far as they could be related to themes of Plenary or Parallel sessions.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All abstracts must be submitted through on-line registration system. All abstracts will be reviewed by Scientific Program Committee and the results will be announced by emailing a notice of acceptance or rejection to the corresponding author. Instructions for preparation of abstracts are given in the conference web page.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- 2nd announcement: 15.09.2012.
- Registration and submission of abstracts: 1.10.2012.
- Information on acceptance of abstracts for oral presentations or poster sessions: 1.11.2012.
- Final programme: 15.11.2012.
- Submission of selected articles for full publication: 31.12.2012.