





# “TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE WORKING LIFE” FORUM ON NEW AND EMERGING OSH RISKS

Brussels, 29-30 October 2009

*NEW OSH ERA “New and Emerging Risks in Occupational Safety and Health - Anticipating and dealing with change in the workplace through coordination of OSH risk research” is a project funded within the ERA-NET scheme under the Sixth EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development.*


*NEW OSH ERA aims to increase the overall scale, effectiveness and quality of research into new and emerging risks through coordination of OSH research in Europe. In addition to this core objective, NEW OSH ERA also aims*


 *To promote the exchange of information related to new and emerging risks making available scientific knowledge on new and emerging risks at work to policy makers and other stakeholders and to facilitate the information flow and collaboration between researchers, research institutions, OSH funding agencies and all interested parties.*


 *To increase awareness of the importance of research into new and emerging risks as a precondition for effective prevention measures and sound policy decisions*

*To achieve these goals, the NEW OSH ERA consortium initiates the Forum on new and emerging risks which is planned to be an annual event and one of the key activities of NEW OSH ERA.*

*The aim of the Forum is*

 *To provide a platform for exchange of information on new and emerging risks at work*

 *To make available scientific knowledge to policy makers and other stakeholders*

 *To function as a link between the research community, the Commission, national governments, policy/decision makers, funding bodies and social partners*

*The target audience includes policy and decision makers at national and European level, social partners, programme owners and representatives of OSH research funding organisations, research directors and other OSH stakeholders.*

*The first Forum will be organised on 29-30 October 2009 in Brussels with the title “Towards a sustainable working life”*

*More information on <http://www.newoshera.eu/en>*

## WHEN AND WHERE?

29-30 October 2009 in Brussels  
FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue  
Storck Conference Room (1190)  
rue Ernest Blerot 1 – 1070 Brussels  
(near Brussels Midi railway station)

## REGISTRATION BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER

- The participation at the forum and the lunch are free but the number of places is limited. It is therefore appropriate to register as soon as possible.
- Registration by mail: [sophie.pistello@employment.belgium.be](mailto:sophie.pistello@employment.belgium.be) or by fax: +32 2 233 42 52
- Please mention the following data for every participant: family name, first name, organisation, country, telephone, e-mail, the day(s) of the participation and the title of the workshop chosen. (registration form is available too on the website: [www.newoshera.eu](http://www.newoshera.eu))

## Programme - October 29, Day 1

- 09.30 Welcome
- 10.00 **Opening session**
- Opening speech/ Mrs. Joëlle Milquet, Minister of Employment and Equal Opportunities, Belgium
  - About NEW OSH ERA – Prof. Harri Vainio / Prof. Kai Savolainen, FIOH
  - Mr Antonis Angelidis, DG EMPL
  - Jukka Takala, EU-OSHA
- 11.00 **Plenary session**
- Keynote I**  
Safety and health at work and sustainable development / Prof. Nicholas Ashford, MIT
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 **Keynote II**  
Links between occupational safety and health (OSH) and other policy fields / Prof. Frank Pot
- 12.30 **Keynote III**  
Research – policy interaction: From evidence to impact / Prof. Jorma Rantanen
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Parallel workshops** (15.30-16.00 Coffee break)
- Workshop I - Psychosocial risks at work**  
*Chair: Dr. Maria Albin*
1. Exhaustion syndrome/depression and work/ Prof. Christer Sandahl, Karolinska Institute
  2. Findings and recommendations of the HIRES project / Prof. Dr. Thomas Kieselbach and Dr. Karina Nielsen
  3. Psychosocial load in Belgium: dynamics between legislation, research and practice / Valérie Poucet, jurist and Véronique Crutzen, psychologist, FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue
- Workshop II - Human systems integration and OSH**  
*Chair: Prof. Christer Hogstedt*
1. Ambient Intelligence - Work assistance as a field of action for ergonomics / Dr. Armin Windel, BAuA
  2. A Model-Based Human System Integration Approach to Identification of New and Emerging Risks in Industry of the 21st-Century / Prof. Waldemar Karwowski
  3. Prevention through human-centered design - information work and OHS / Dr. Martin Braun, Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering (IAO)
- Workshop III - Nanotechnology - opportunities and risks**  
*Chair: Prof. Kai Savolainen*
1. Nanotechnology development and trend in OSH research / Dr. Sergio Iavicoli, ISPESL
  2. Nanosafety and nanorisk perception / Prof. Peter M. Wiedemann, Research Center Jülich
  3. Current approaches and good practices by producers of nanomaterials / Dr. Michael Mertler, BASF
- 17.00 End

## Programme - October 30, Day 2

- 08.30 Welcome
- 09.00 **Reports from the workshops**
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Round table discussion**
- 12.30 **Conclusions**
- 13.30 End

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