

First announcement

The Twelfth Congress of the ICOH Scientific Committee "Health Service Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health"

The Scientific Committee Health Service Research and Evaluation has as its primary mission to function as an international collaborative network for researchers and practitioners in the field of occupational health services. The committee:

- identifies priority areas for international comparative research and cooperation
- stimulates the organising of meetings, seminars, workshops and establishes working groups on specific objects and occupational health issues
- promotes implementation of occupational health services research knowledge and the development and application of evidence-based medicine methods in the field of occupational health
- seeks collaboration with WHO, ILO, other ICOH scientific committees, and other research organisations active in the same area and disseminates information on its activities by the maintenance of an own web-site: www.occuphealth.fi/tti/osasto/tthos/icoh/index

Towards a Multidimensional Approach in Occupational Health Service: Scientific Evidence, Social Consensus, Human Values

Modena, Italy 13-16 October 2004

Why should you attend?

- to explore issues affecting role and responsibilities of stakeholders involved in workers' health protection
- to discover different ways of providing services to different stakeholders according to their needs
- to determine successful strategies and best practices methods from real life case studies
- to learn and improve professional skills under the guidance of professional training specialists
- to share experiences, establish partnerships

Modena is a 170000 inhabitants town lying in the Padana Valley in the Northeast Region Emilia-Romagna (Italy). Next to the International Airport of Bologna (30 km), Milan and Florence are connected to Modena by train and bus.

Modena is an industrial (mechanical, textile, ceramics) zone blessed with Italy's highest pro-capita income. Modena is home to automobile and racing giants Ferrari, Maserati, and De Tomaso, and is known for producing intriguing food like parmesan, Lambrusco wine and balsamic vinegar. Locals also proudly claim opera star Luciano Pavarotti as one of their greatest exports.

In 2000 the University of Modena hosted the Celebrating Event of the Third Centennial of the publication of the *De Morbis Artificum Diatriba* by Bernardino Ramazzini, Professor of that University and worldwide acknowledged "Father of Occupational Medicine"

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