



NEWSLETTER for SC MinOSH Members

August 2017

Dear all!

Kindly receive some short notices from MinOSH. Please take notice of points 3 and 4: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

1. We are delighted to announce that the first part of the **Mining Paper** is now published! We thank all of the co-authors and reviewers for their contributions, and especially Claudina Nogueira, who promoted the publication to the Journal Occupational Health Southern Africa (OHSA). She writes:
“I am now pleased to share with you the electronic version of the article, published in Occupational Health Southern Africa (please see attached the .pdf version), as well as the Editorial in the same issue, where the Mining Paper is mentioned. The link to the journal issue (May-June 2017), is <http://www.occhealth.co.za/?/latestIssue>. The second part of the Mining Paper will be published in the July-August 2017 issue of OHSA.
Happy reading!”
2. The **MinOSH NIVA conference and workshop** in Odense, Denmark, will take place from 22nd to 25th of August this year and we look forward to meet some of you there! The conference book is now ready and available at the conference webpage (<https://niva.org/conference/mining/>). The scientific program contains excellent contributions from keynote speakers and from submitted abstracts so we expect a very exciting four day meeting on mining OHS. Approximately 120 delegates will participate; about half of them come from low- and middle income countries which is a very big pleasure for us. Also, nine partial scholarships have been granted to participants from low- and middle income countries. Another special satisfaction is that we have a broad representation of professionals, among others doctors, researchers, officers from different authorities worldwide, engineers and miners, which will give the conference a special touch and vibrancy.

We are especially thankful to our collaborators from other ICOH SCs, ISSA Mining, the NGO Workplace Health without Borders, Danish Society of Occupational Medicine, Danish National Research Centre for the Working Environment, University of Southern Denmark and Odense University Hospital Clinic of Occupational Medicine.

More information can be accessed on <https://niva.org/conference/mining/>.

Note: We will be video recording the keynote presentations at the conference, so that those who are not attending the conference will get access to them. More information about this will come in the next MinOSH newsletter.



3. ICOH Congress 2018 in Dublin (25 April – 4 May 2018):

Our SC MinOSH will be chairing an abstract session on “Occupational Safety and Health in small- and large-scale mining” where 25 excellent abstracts have been submitted and from which, a few will be selected for oral presentation. We thank those of you who have submitted abstracts. The abstracts are being reviewed at the moment. We are sure they will give us a good representation of mining OHS at the conference.

Also, our SC MinOSH has got the opportunity to organize a Special Session on “Mining Occupational Safety and Health” and here **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We wonder who of you will be there, and who will be interested in giving a presentation in this session? There are no funds available, so we particularly reach out to those of you who will for sure be at the ICOH Congress 2018. We need your feedback within the coming days, latest by 17th of August, as we have only a short time to organize the Special Session. We need 4-6 persons to present, as we have 1 ½ hour for the session.

Remember that our business meeting will also be held at the ICOH Congress 2018. Further details will come in future MinOSH newsletters when we know more.

For more information on ICOH2018, please access: <http://icoh2018.org/wp/>

4. Election of new SC MinOSH Chair and Secretary for the next Triennium 2018-2021

The end of the current Triennium is approaching and we feel very happy with the progress that our SC MinOSH has done since its establishment in June 2015. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in different ways!

The end of the Triennium will be in connection with the ICOH Congress 2018 in Dublin and it means that we need to invite candidates for being a Chair and Secretary of our Scientific Committee MinOSH.

The first important deadline is September 15th. By then, we need to have candidates for being a Chair and Secretary. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested!

Here a summary of the procedure (and attached further details):

The Call for Candidates for Chair and Expression of Interest for being Secretary is opened. By September 15th, 2017, each candidate shall provide to the Secretary of the SC (i.e. Florencia Harari: minosh.icoh@gmail.com) support by at least three members in good standing of the Scientific Committee, a written agreement from the candidate that he or she is willing to serve if elected, and a curriculum vita of no more than 150 words. Also the Transparency Form (please see attached) must be sent privately to ICOH@inail.it (only to this email) for the staff of the Secretary General.



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Candidates for both positions must be ICOH members 'be in good standing'; this means with current dues paid and committed to paying dues promptly for the next Triennium. The proposed Chairperson chooses the Secretary of the SC, who is willing to hold the position and is an ICOH member in good standing confirmed by the Secretary General.

By October 1st, 2017, if there is more than one Candidate for SC Chair, the current SC Chair/Secretary propose to the Vice President the secret ballot election procedure (virtual or in Business Meeting). If by ballot, then by October 29th, 2017, the current SC Secretary send the ballot with accompanying Candidate names and materials ONLY to SC Members in Good Standing. Ballots must be returned to the SC Secretary by December 1, 2017.

5. MinOSH webpage

Visit our MinOSH webpage at <http://www.icoh-minosh.com/>, where you will find information about the steering committee, subcommittees, workplan, upcoming events, etc.

We hope to receive communications from all of you, in terms of your professional activities (reports, articles, scientific publications, manuals, etc), particularly those that are directly or indirectly linked to mining. We would like to share this information in newsletters to our members, and as updates on our webpage. Additionally, activities which are linked to the SC MinOSH workplan can be written up as articles for submission to the ICOH Newsletter.

See you, best regards

Florencia and Erik