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International conference on information technology in information, training and education in the field of occupational health and safety

Aims of the conference

The conference will be held on 13-15 November in Brussels. Aimed at information suppliers, information users and experts in training and education in the field of occupational health and safety, it will explore how the rapidly changing and developing world of information technology can contribute to improved education and training in occupational health and safety.

There is still a wide gap between expert knowledge on health and safety and actual practice 'on the shop-floor'. Innovative and imaginative uses of information technology could help bridge that gap. The conference will therefore explore the possibilities of CD-I, virtual reality, the Internet, distance learning and the like in a wide range of sectors, not just health and safety.

Active contribution

The conference is designed to be an active event with each delegate making a direct contribution. The results of a research report into the use and future prospects of information technology for information suppliers, information users and training experts in occupational health and safety will be presented in a series of five parallel workshops.

In some cases the results will be illustrated by means of practical applications. The delegates will discuss the results of the research reports and the propositions put forward on the basis of the research reports. Issues to be explored include the changing role of the various partners involved in the transfer of information, the direction these changes will take, and what possible plus factor information technology can offer in the fields of information transfer and training. The essence of the discussions in the workshops will be reported and discussed in plenary session

Update of technology

The third international conference provides an update of developments in information technology since the last conference in 1992. During the conference the delegates will have the chance to look at a number of applications in more detail in so-called "info-sessions". There will also be the opportunity to seek partners to initiate a project.

Practical information

The event is being organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Occupational Accidents (ANPAT/NVVA) in association with and with the support of the European Commission, the International Labour Office, the International Social Security Association and the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions.

The draft conference programme is available from the conference secretariat: Mrs. Pascale Peeters, NVVA, Gachardstraat 88 bus 4, 1050 Brussels. Tel: 02/648.03.37. Fax: 02/648.68.67, E-mail: Information. Technologies@Anpat-Nvva.be

The programme is also posted on the web site <http://www.anpat-nvva.be/conference> and is regularly updated.

The 12th International Colloquium of the “International Section of the International Social Security Association for the prevention of occupational accidents and illness due to electricity”

Electricity-safety and progress

This will be the motto of the 12th International Colloquium of the “International Section of the International Social Security Association for the prevention of occupational accidents and illness due to electricity”

Main topics:

Current electrotechnical topics

- Electrophysiology
- Methods of working on cables and overhead cable systems
- Protection and aids for methods of working, personal protective equipment, installation of electrical equipment in special areas, protection against electric shocks

European activities

- EU regulations and national law
- Regulations proposed by ISSA
- European standards on: the operation of electrical equipment, high-voltage systems, requirements imposed on equipment, protection against accidental contact
- Test and certification procedures
- Safety regulations for test equipment

Selected topics from other areas

- New media for basic and advanced training
- Methods of working for gas and water utilities
- Working on overhead cables
- Occupational safety rules for non-ionizing radiation

Venue: Dublin Castle Conference Centre, Dublin, Ireland

Date: 18-20 June 1997

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