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Message from Annet Lenderink

Dear Modernet friends,

Since our Chair, Lode Godderis, is enjoying a three weeks trip to Japan with his family, a short message from me to open this Newsletter.

In 2017 we had our meeting during the EPICOH conference in Edinburgh. In close collaboration with ICOH SCOM we spend a day with interesting presentations on topics that are interesting for both groups. The organization gave us the big plenary session room but we succeeded in attracting a good audience with a lot of familiar and a lot of new faces.

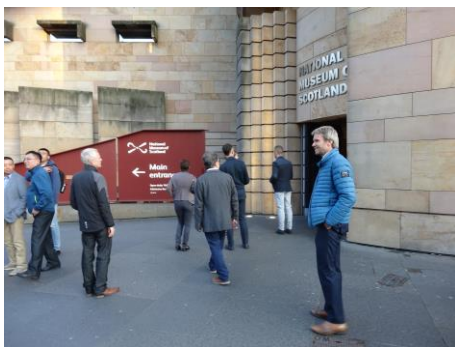
During the business meeting we learned more about the progress in the OccWatch project in a presentation by Serge Faye and Vincent Bonneterre. We will try to come up with a special issue of this Newsletter on this project before the end of the year.

On behalf of the Modernet Board, I hope you will enjoy this Newsletter.

Annet



Photo impression of Modernet meeting during EPICOH in Edinburgh



2017 Lane Lecture on Thursday 9th November 2017, at Chancellor's Hotel and Conference Centre.

This year the Lane Lecture will be a little different from previous years as we would like to celebrate the work of **Professor Raymond Agius** who has been Director of the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of Manchester since 2002, and retired on 18th September of this year, to become an Emeritus Professor. I have therefore asked him to provide the Lane Lecture himself. In addition, we will have a number of speakers prior to the main lecture who will highlight some of the Raymond's achievements and their experiences of working with Raymond.

The programme will start at 3 pm and the main lecture entitled "**From Patients to Prevention - a Journey through Occupational and Environmental Medicine**" will be at 17.30 pm, which will be followed by a drinks reception at 18.30pm.

We made a special pdf picture book to honour the work and effort of Raymond for Modernet.

You can find it through the Modernet website or by [clicking here](#)



Upcoming meetings

RISE 2017

Second International Meeting on Environmental Health Strasbourg

Venue: Council of Europe Strasbourg, France

November 29, 30 and December 1, 2017

[More information](#)

Would you like to avoid solar UV damages? Come to our joint-meeting!

The ICOH SCs Radiation and Work and Health Services Research and Evaluation in OH are organizing the joint meeting:

**“Health effects of solar UV radiation in workers: Effective prevention needed”
Helsinki, 12-13 December 2017.**

Please find more information [in the pdf on our website](#)

ILO Diagnostic and exposure criteria for occupational diseases: *the Final Meeting of the Working Group and the Public Conference Held at the University of Milan (Italy) on June 2017*

Stefan Mandic-Rajcevic and Claudio Colosio

Department of Health Sciences of the University of Milan, and International Centre for al Health of the S. Paolo Hospital of Milano.



The first ILO list of occupational diseases was established in 1925, and the disease mentioned above, together with lead and mercury poisoning, were the first occupational diseases put on

this list, and in 1934 the revised list of occupational diseases contained ten items. The 1964 International Labor Conference introduced a separate Schedule (List of Occupational Diseases), appended to the Convention, and which allowed for amending the schedule without having to adopt a new Convention. The ILO Employment Injury Benefits Convention recommends each Member State to adopt a list of occupational diseases that at least includes the diseases listed in Schedule I to the Convention, which needs to be periodically updated. The last update of the ILO list was approved in March 2010, following a preparatory technical meeting held in Geneva in December 2009.

Together with the approval of the list, an International working group, made of experts from all corners of the world accepted the task from ILO of preparing criteria to incorporate a specific disease in the list. The working group was appointed in 2011, and its starting task was to prepare for each of the entities in the ILO list, and for the several “open items,” one mini-monograph regarding the diagnostic and exposure criteria, totaling 112 documents. Each of the 112 monographs is divided into six sections, and the contents are articulated as follows:

- (i) General characteristics of the causal agent/disease;
- (ii) Occupational exposures;
- (iii) Short profile of the toxic agent/disease;
- (iv) Name(s) of the disease(s) and the related ICD-10 codes
 1. Acute, chronic and long-term effects.
 2. Criteria for diagnosis,
 3. Minimum levels of exposure,
 4. Latency and induction period
- (v) Key elements for prevention
- (vi) Further reading

The importance of the new ILO diagnostic criteria was highlighted during a public event held on the 27th June 2017 in the historical building of the University of Milan, which was at the time of its construction in the XV century one of the most rational hospitals in Western Europe. More than 70 participants from at least 20 different countries gathered to participate in the Event, to share their experience and opinions on occupational medicine in their countries.

Under-reporting stands as one of the biggest challenges of occupational medicine. One solution to this problem was identified in connecting ICD codes with the ILO list and criteria, and building a flagging system based on this connection, which would suggest to a physician that a disease might be occupational in its origin. Another important aspect on which all participants agreed was the necessity of collaboration between the general practitioners, different specialists, and occupational physicians.

As the most pursued of consequences, it is going to empower health and safety professionals and stakeholders, in particular in developing countries, to contribute to promoting harmonization of recognition, diagnosis, prevention, and compensation of occupational diseases.

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It has to be paid into the Modernet bank account

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