

**48<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GERMAN  
SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
MEDICINE IN COMBINATION WITH THE ICOH MID-TERM  
MEETING, HAMBURG, GERMANY, 12-15 MARCH 2008**

There is an urgent need for regular scientific meetings in Europe in the field of occupational medicine – in addition to the already existing activities of UEMS in training. Reasons were: Exchange of scientific knowledge, need to initiate and intensify joint research, to identify European occupational medicine problems, developing respective programmes, especially with regard to prevention and harmonization. A further reason was that supernational occupational medicine societies are rarely known (or present) so far.

Major topics for regular scientific meetings were new research data on causes, dose-response relationships, and mechanisms of all kinds of occupational disorders, health care and prevention of occupational diseases, the secure workplace, quality management, development of standards for risk assessment, elderly workers, MSD.

As President of the conference of the 48th National Annual Meeting of the German Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, I and my colleagues will modify this congress as mentioned in the preliminary programme (available on request).

Main events will be mid-term meeting of ICOH, main lectures on the 13 March 2008 (all presented in English or simultaneously translated in English), followed by a meeting of European occupational physicians and those engaged in this topic. The latter meeting should focus on future activities, especially with regard to organizational aspects.

It is expected that the majority of participants will be interested in the foundation of a European society of occupational medicine. So we would need some people willing to be active in this field.

With best regards,

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THERE WILL BE ALSO THE

**Satellite Symposium on current European topics of occupational medicine  
and  
ICOH Satellite Workshop**

Further topics:

Ethical questions of occupational medicine

Work-related skin diseases

**Maritime medicine – a complex challenge of occupational medicine**

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