

## HEADLINES

### TO KEEP IN MIND

#### **Creation of the French national agency for public health: Santé publique France**

The agency Santé publique France was created in April 2016. It merges InVS (French Institute for Public Health Surveillance), INPES (French Institute for Health Promotion and Health Education) and EPRUS (Establishment for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response), taking on all their missions, competencies and powers.

#### **OiRA non-food retail. A new tool for risk assessment**

This new tool to help assess risks is aimed at non-food retailers, such as book stores, opticians, pharmacies and tobacconists.

#### **Addict'Aide: an internet portal dedicated to fighting addiction**

The objective of this collaborative portal is to organise and share knowledge in terms of addictive practices so as to help prevent and reduce all forms of addiction.

### INRS INNOVATIONS

#### CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Passive sampling devices for 15-minute measurements
- Assessing occupational exposure to DiNP and its effects on plasma testosterone concentrations
- Analysing the profession of production system designer to better anticipate occupational health and safety problems
- Development of an interventionist model for occupational violence (MIVT)

## KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

### BROAD VIEW

#### **Vaccinations in occupational health**

In the workplace, vaccination is part of an overall approach to prevent biological risks. The strategy is developed by the employer in collaboration with the occupational physician and the CHSCT (health, safety and working conditions committees).

### FIELD VIEW

#### **Handling monoclonal antibodies (mAb) in healthcare settings. Practices and preventive measures**

The survey of workers handling mAb and hospital-based occupational physicians shows a large range of possible exposure scenarios, but mainly highlights poor knowledge of the risks entailed.

#### **Occupational exposure to bisphenol A when handling thermal paper**

This study showed an increase in the levels of bisphenol A (BPA) in urine from cashiers and workers in the printing industry who handled thermal paper.

### PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

#### **Biological monitoring of occupational exposure to chemicals. Good practice recommendations**

These recommendations aim to guide physicians on the implementation of monitoring, in particular with regard to selecting how it should be conducted, sample collection methods and data conservation strategies.

## **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

**GERES, group studying the risk of exposure to infectious agents for healthcare workers. 25<sup>th</sup> annual day**

This day, devoted to healthcare workers addressed among other topics, how the handling and monitoring of accidents leading to exposure to blood or biological fluids (BBE) have changed over time.

**AFISST (French association for occupational risk prevention professionals working in intercompany occupational health services) national day. Various forms of preventive intervention. Paris, 4 December 2015**

Speakers involved in the prevention of occupational risks shared their good practice recommendations with the aim of helping to adapt their role as OSH professionals.

## **CLOSE-UP**

**Fume hoods and safety cabinets: summary for use by occupational health departments**

To help occupational health departments in their mission to advise, this article reviews how various fume hoods and safety cabinets function, and the different roles they play.

**Strain and traceability of exposure: datasheets and certificates. Review of the documents created, retained or deleted**

The strain datasheet, implemented in 2010, was deleted in 2015. This article reviews the status of the datasheets and certificates used to allow traceability of exposure.

# **REFERENCE TOOLS**

## **OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGY**

**Occupational contact dermatitis in veterinarians and personnel caring for animals**

The main allergens are animal proteins, drugs, biocides and latex additives. Irritants include disinfectants, detergents and wet work.

## **YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS**

**Changing shift working times**

Is working only at night more harmful than alternating shifts?

**Endocrine disruptors**

What are the risks for the unborn child when the mother is exposed? Are there threshold values below which no effect is observed?

**Wi-Fi and work**

What are the risks for users?

# **WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

September to November 2016

## **TRAINING**

Training sessions

## **FOR YOUR PERUSAL**

Selection of books and articles

## **LEGAL**

Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1 February and 30 April 2016