

## HEADLINES

### TO KEEP IN MIND

#### **Modernising occupational medicine**

New provisions reinforce the role of the occupational physician in in-company prevention, in handling workers' cases and maintaining their employability.

#### **Decree No. 2016-1908 of 27 December 2016 relating to the modernisation of occupational medicine**

The decree plans to make means available to individually follow-up a worker's health status. It updates the provisions of the Labour code relating to this type of monitoring and to the missions of the occupational health services.

#### **Secrets and lies related to prevention and occupational health and safety obligations**

Franco-Canadian meetings organised in Lille addressed the differences between these two countries in terms of employers' obligations with regard to discrimination, medical confidentiality, and workers' statements.

#### **MiXie, a web tool to assess chemical risk in cases of multiple exposure**

MiXie, a web tool containing information relating to 118 substances, helps to assess the additive potential (or not) of chemical compounds. It alerts occupational health and safety professionals to potentially hazardous situations.

#### **Update of the Biotox database**

This update added scientific data from monographs on several compounds, and integrated new substances and new doses for substances already listed.

## INRS INNOVATIONS

### CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Characterisation of indoor air quality in non-food retail spaces or storage areas
- Personal air sampler for measuring exposures to sulphuric acid
- Thermal spraying and welding: biological and atmospheric assessments of occupational exposure to chromium and nickel
- Assessment of how chemicals can be transferred from worksurfaces to workers: characterisation of occupational exposure linked to contact with worksurfaces

## KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

### BROAD VIEW

#### **Biological risks in facilities housing laboratory animals**

Alterations to animal housing facilities and genetic techniques, with the use of GMO, have modified how biological risks are characterised in facilities housing laboratory animals, and the preventive measures that should be implemented.

### FIELD VIEW

#### **Inter-company occupational health services and psychological intervention**

Starting with a presentation of a clinical case, this article suggests an approach physicians could take. A presentation of the results of a survey performed between 2010 and 2012 focuses on the different uses of psychological expertise in inter-company occupational health services.

#### **Analysis of occupational behaviour in dental practices in the Drôme Provençale region: exposure to ionising radiation, biological agents and chemicals.**

This non-invasive technique, which is still being studied, could be useful in assessing exposure to beryllium. This survey compared how occupational risks are taken into consideration in dental practices. Recommendations on preventive measures were made (PPE, sensitisation, etc.).

### PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

#### **How will occupational risks be managed in 2040? Results of a foresight exercise**

Through the challenges identified, this article reveals the possible changes that workers may have to deal with and raises the question of how occupational risks will be managed.

## **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

**53<sup>rd</sup> ANMTEPH (French national association for occupational health and ergonomics for hospital personnel) national days. Paris, 29-30 September 2016**

These days were an opportunity to discuss the prevention of a number of risks encountered in a hospital setting: physical, chemical and psychosocial risks (psychological trauma, quality of life at work, etc.).

**Quality of life at work. INMA (French national institute for agricultural health) symposium. Tours, 30 September 2016**

After defining QoL at work and the role of the occupational health services, examples of approaches adopted in agricultural and company settings were presented.

**18<sup>th</sup> Maritime medicine days 2016. Paris, 6-7 October 2016**

During these days devoted to medical services for sea workers, the themes of environmental and occupational health, medical interventions in isolated settings and medical education were addressed.

**Civilians and military personnel working in Defence: shared occupational health concerns.**

**30<sup>th</sup> SHMTAIA (French Society for occupational hygiene and medicine in the armed forces and the armament industry) conference. Toulon, 6-7 October 2016**

The interventions at this conference related to the chemical, biological, psychological and physical risks to which civilian and military personnel at the ministry for Defence are exposed.

**ENT and ophthalmological diseases and occupational health. SFMT (French society for occupational health) day. Paris, 14 October 2016**

During this day, occupational factors related to ENT cancers, acoustic shocks and tinnitus, and the relationship between myopia, dry eye syndrome and working with screens were all addressed.

## **CLOSE-UP**

**Medical monitoring for workers currently or previously exposed to asbestos: reviewing the recommendations**

In particular, the utility of thoracic imaging to diagnose disorders linked to asbestos and the periodicity of this screening were addressed.

# **REFERENCE TOOLS**

## **OCCUPATIONAL ALLERGY**

**Occupational contact dermatitis in the agricultural sector**

The main allergens in this sector are: plant and animal products, rubber additives, and biocides; in particular disinfectants and medication.

## **YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS**

**Training of occupational first-aid workers for glucagon injection**

Can an occupational health nurse administer glucagon injections?

**Dihydroxyacetone (DHA) in self-tanning products**

What are the risks for beauticians?

# **WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

May to October 2017

## **TRAINING**

Training sessions

## **FOR YOUR PERUSAL**

Selection of books and articles

## **LEGAL**

Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1 November 2016 and 31 January 2017