

## HEADLINES

### TO KEEP IN MIND

**The procedure for recognising occupational accidents and diseases has changed: a look into the reform**

Two circulars emerging from the decree of 23 April 2019 specify the terms and procedure for managing and handling occupational accident and disease reports.

**Helping small enterprises to assess psychosocial risks: the «Faire le point RPS (Taking stock of PSRs)» tool evolves**

This new version separates the results between factors of PSRs and information on prevention and proposes a detailed summary and help with drafting an action plan.

**Addictive practices and work: what prevention? ISTNF (occupational health institute of the north of France) day. Roubaix, 4 April 2019**

This day reviewed the use of psychoactive substances in the workplace, new products and strategies to reduce risks and damage.

**«First-aid at work» training: results of a satisfaction survey**

Apart from the ability to assist persons in difficulty at the workplace, this training also provides employees with a better knowledge of occupational risks and how to prevent them.

### INRS INNOVATIONS

#### CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Chemical risk assessment: improvement of Seirich's algorithms

## KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

### BROAD VIEW

**Working in a cold environment**

This dossier reiterates the physiological effects of the cold and the related health risks. Preventive measures and regulations are also covered.

### FIELD VIEW

**Acceptability and acceptance process for exoskeletons: an evaluation questionnaire**

Acceptability/acceptance is determined by 6 factors: favourable conditions, ease of use, performance expectations, social influence, professional and emotional aspects.

**Prevention of exposure to nitrous oxide in the form of an equimolar mixture of nitrous oxide and oxygen (EMONO): the Rennes experiment**

Double-mask scavenging systems that transfer the gas to an external environment are currently the best technical solution to reduce exposure to N<sub>2</sub>O related to the use of EMONO.

### PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

**Bovine tuberculosis and occupational health: state of progress**

Appropriate medical surveillance is recommended in the event of contact with a contaminated animal or carcass rather than a systematic follow-up.

**Cooperation between relevant players and occupational physicians regarding psychosocial risk prevention**

Cooperating to highlight the link between health and work makes each player credible in their role and facilitates prevention actions.

**Toxicovigilance: description and purpose?**

In connection with poison control centres, toxicovigilance aims to monitor human intoxication related to natural or synthetic products available on the market or present in the environment.

### **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

**Wellbeing at work in a changing world. 5<sup>th</sup> International conference by the PEROSH network. Issy-les-Moulineaux, 22-24 May 2019**

While workplaces harbour health risks, they can also be leveraged to promote meaning, social integration and physical and mental health.

**Biological risks. INRS scientific conference. Nancy, 5-7 June 2019**

This conference addressed the effects of biological agents on the health of exposed workers, the characteristics of exposure at workstations and the preventive measures.

**40<sup>th</sup> seminar by the Dermatology and Allergology Research and Study Group (GERDA). Paris, 26-27 September 2019**

This edition covered occupational risks, particularly relating to gloves, new allergens and plant-induced dermatitis, as well as the role of occupational physicians and their multi-disciplinary teams.

### **CLOSE-UP**

**Toxicity of nanostructured amorphous silica: state of knowledge and advantage of biomarkers of early effects in research**

Toxicity data on synthetic amorphous silica are not sufficient to determine chronic toxicity and to enable human extrapolation.

**Isolation and solitude at the workplace**

Isolation and solitude at work, whether chosen or endured, are not without consequence on employees. This article highlights the work situations requiring special attention.

## **REFERENCE TOOLS**

### **YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS**

Exposure to radon: how is the risk assessed?

Handling food items: should there be systematic screening for carriage of staphylococcus aureus?

Workers exposed to lasers: what ophthalmologic monitoring?

## **WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

January to June 2020

### **TRAINING**

Training sessions in 2020

### **FOR YOUR PERUSAL**

Selection of books and articles