



July/August/September 2020

# **HEADLINES**

### TO KEEP IN MIND

**Identifying substances used as alternatives to BPA in thermal paper: results of the INRS study** Knowledge of the alternatives to bisphenol A is a preliminary stage to investigate their toxicity, identify and reduce occupational exposure.

# INRS 2021 occupational health and safety training offer

Two training offers were created about reproductive risk and noise in open-plan offices. Physicians now have specific access to the basic chemical concepts training.

#### INRS INNOVATIONS

#### **CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH**

- Occupational exposure to diisocyanates: biomonitoring study in the context of the European HBM4EUB project

# KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

#### **BROAD VIEW**

Electroluminescent light-emitting diodes: risks for workers exposed to blue light

Normal operating conditions do not present a risk for the exposed workers; however, there may be a retinal hazard for LED producers.

### **FIELD VIEW**

## Noise in open-plan offices: understanding in order to take action

The GABO (gêne acoustique dans les bureaux ouverts) questionnaire is a tool for assessing the sound environment of open-plan offices through employees' perception and wellbeing.

#### Pesticide absorption by farmers

In order to assess farmers' contamination by pesticides, a survey was set up, using hair as an analysis tool.

## Covid-19 crisis: adaptation of an occupational health service to the needs of its members

The AMETRA06 inter-company occupational health service conducted a phone survey to enquire about the needs of its members, which led to the introduction of webinars and the production of simplified information documents.

## PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS

## Prevention of risks related to business trips abroad

Various risks exist relating to the destinations, means of transport used, types of accommodation, trip duration, etc., and must be anticipated before departure in association with the occupational physician.

### **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

# Cancer and work. Symposium by the national institute of agricultural medicine (INMA). Tours, 7 February 2020

This symposium addressed pluridisciplinary care of patients, the support provided to them for returning to work and maintaining employment, as well as their post-retirement surveillance.

#### **CLOSE-UP**

# Surgical masks, filtering half-masks: physiological effects and their consequences

The type of masks, wear time and intensity of physical load, as well as thermal environmental conditions, are elements that determine the nature and magnitude of these effects.

# REFERENCE TOOLS

# YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Photocopier and laser printer toner: the health risks?

What are the health risks to workers exposed to toner in photocopy machines and laser printers?

# Pointing devices: how to choose and how to use

Many pointing devices exist, some of which are described as ergonomic. Which one to choose and how to use it?

# WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 

October 2020 to April 2021