

Announcements

Improve your Management of Hazard & Operability Studies — A Three Day Course for Team Leaders, London, U.K., March 14-16, 1983, and Brussels, Belgium, March 22-24, 1983

Hazard & Operability Studies were initially developed in ICI Mond Division in response to the need for a better system of safety checking of a plant for highly toxic materials. The approach was further developed into a cost effective method of anticipating hazards and operational difficulties for all types of process plants.

This course is designed for a broad spectrum of participants, e.g. chemical, mechanical, instrument and safety engineers; production management and risk management; and all those concerned with safety codes and regulations. The overall objective is to help delegates become proficient leaders of teams set up to carry out Hazard & Operability Studies. Further, delegates will improve their leadership skills in order to ensure the identification of all relevant hazards whenever possible.

The course will be organised by Oyez Scientific & Technical Services Ltd., in association with Chemetics International Ltd., Canada, and the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Leuven, Brussels.

For more information, please contact: Miss Helen Raquet, Assistant Conference Organiser, Oyez Scientific and Technical Services Ltd., Bath. House, 56 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1, U.K.; telephone 01-236 4080; telex 888870.

Fourth EuReData Conference — Reliability Data Collection and Use in Risk and Availability Assessment, Venice, Italy, March 23-25, 1983.

EuReData is a non-profit association between reliability data bank organizations; it was formally constituted in October 1979 and at present collects 22 European institutions.

The aim of this 4th Conference is to stimulate discussion about:

- collection and organization of reliability data;
- interface between data and their application in Probabilistic Risk Assessment, Availability Modelling, Management and Economics, etc.;
- exchange of data between the many industrial scientific and technological fields.

The following topics will be covered: (1) Probabilistic Risk Assessment; (2) Reliability Data Banks; (3) Data Bank Techniques; (4) Statistical Methods; (5) System Reliability Modelling; (6) Computer Codes; (7) Case Histories.

English will be the official language throughout the conference.

For more information, please contact the Conference Secretariat:
Dr. Viviana Colombari, ENI, Via Triulziana 40, I-20097 San Donato Milanese — Milano, Italy. Phone (02) 5206863; telex 310246 ENI-I.

Xth World Congress on the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases, Ottawa, Canada, May 8–13, 1983

This congress will be hosted by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), in cooperation with the International Labour Office (ILO) and the International Social Security Association (ISSA). The theme is "New Horizons in Occupational Health and Safety."

Subjects to be discussed will include: user-oriented information services, research and development for the 1980's, and the policies needed to meet contemporary challenges.

Five specialized meetings will be held under the auspices of ISSA: agriculture, construction, mining, information, and research. In addition, meetings on education, practical experience, and certification of practitioners in the field will be held, as well as a workshop on issues relevant to developing countries.

For detailed program and registration information contact:
Donald M. McGregor, Chairman — Publicity Committee Xth World Congress,
500–300 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6A6, Canada; tel. (613) 995-0938; telex 053-3342.

Under auspices of the ISSA International Section for Research on prevention of occupational risks, a special meeting on "Analysing hazards at the workplace. Methods and applications", will be organized within the framework of the Xth World Congress on the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases. The purpose of this meeting, which will be held on 12 May 1983, will be to examine the methods whereby the problem of accident prevention at the workplace can be rationally approached.

For all information about the programme of this special meeting, or registration details, please apply to the meeting's Secretariat: B. Moncelon, Centre de recherche de l'INRS, Avenue de Bourgogne, B.P. 27, 54501 Vandoeuvre Cedex, France.

Medichem '83 — Eleventh International Congress on Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September 26–29, 1983

Medichem is an international scientific group of medical doctors working on medical problems in the chemical industry, the Board of which is a scientific committee of the Permanent Commission and International Association on Occupational Health. The objective of Medichem is to promote, within the framework of the Permanent Commission, cooperative efforts for the solution of occupational health problems arising in the chemical industry.

The Eleventh International Medichem Congress is intended to provide a forum for the international exchange of expert information concerning occupational health in the chemical industry. A wide variety of papers concerning the prevention and treatment of occupational disease and injury associated

with exposure to chemicals will be presented and discussed. At this Congress, particular emphasis will be placed on problems in the petroleum, gas, and petrochemical industries, emergencies in the chemical industry and applications of computer technology in occupational health.

Topics to be covered will comprise: (1) Occupational Health and Toxicological Problems in the Petroleum, Gas, and Petrochemical Industries; (2) Emergencies in the Chemical Industry: Assessment and Intervention; (3) Applications of Computer Technology in Occupational Health; (4) Current Occupational Health Problems in the Chemical Industry.

Official languages of the Congress will be English and French. Simultaneous translation will be available. For more information please contact: Medichem '83 Congress Secretariat, Box No. 188086, 401 — 9th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3K5; telephone (403) 427-8067; telex 037-41367.

Professional Association of Disaster Researchers

A Research Committee on Disasters and Mass Emergencies has been established. Membership of this professional association is open to anyone interested in the social and behavioral aspects of individual, group, community, organizational, societal, and international preparations for, responses to, and recoveries from collective stress situations called mass emergencies. These situations are often created by natural disaster agents, technological accidents, intergroup conflicts, shortages of vital resources, and acute and chronic environmental threats.

Information about the Committee and application forms (both for individuals and organizations) can be obtained by writing to the Secretary: Jan Trost, Uppsala University, PO Box 513, S-751 20, Uppsala, Sweden.