



## Announcements

### **IVth International Symposium on Field Screening Methods for Hazardous Wastes and Toxic Chemicals, Las Vegas, NV, USA, 22-24 February 1995**

Measurement of an ever-increasing number of organic and inorganic contaminants in complex environmental matrices at ever-increasing levels of sensitivity requires the development and evaluation of innovative field screening, sampling and sample handling techniques. Tremendous advances have been made in field portable and transportable technologies that can generate real-time measurement data. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together scientists, engineers and practitioners to discuss progress in the development of field screening methods and share experience in environmental problem solving. The previous symposia brought technology users from industry, state and federal government agencies and international agencies together with instrument developers and vendors, academia and venture capitalists.

Papers are invited on the following topics: chemical sensors; field mobile GC-MS; portable GC; X-ray fluorescence spectrometry; integrated technologies (e.g. cone penetrometry); emerging technologies and new developments; case studies, practical applications and success stories; sampling and sample handling; radionuclides; ion mobility spectrometry; immunochemical methods; field test kits; quality assurance issues; quick turn-around laboratory methods; data handling and systems integration; non-invasive technologies; air monitoring technologies (e.g. FTIR, LIDAR).

Exhibit sessions are scheduled for the first two days of the symposium. Approximately 60 spaces are available.

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### **XIVth World Congress on Occupational Safety and Health, Madrid, Spain, 22-26 April 1996**

The XIVth World Congress on Occupational Safety and Health will be held in Madrid from 22 to 26 April 1996. The organizers are the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Security, through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (INSHT), the International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva, and the International Social Security Association (ISSA), Geneva.

These World Congresses, the first of which was held in Rome in 1955 and the last in New Delhi in 1993, have had such venues as Brussels, Paris, London, Zagreb, Vienna, Dublin, Bucharest, Amsterdam, Ottawa, Stockholm and Hamburg.

The XIVth World Congress, to be held in Madrid, aims to be an open forum for all persons involved in risk prevention at work, safety and health safety specialists, occupational health physicians, labour inspectors, persons directly concerned with safety and health at work, including entrepreneurs and managers in enterprises, trade union representatives, manufacturers and importers, as well as heads of public administration and social security administrators.

The main focus of this Congress will be on the consequences for occupational safety and health of processes of international and regional integration (e.g. EU, NAFTA) and of the globalization of economic relations, on an in-depth analysis of chemical risks and on new proposals for cooperation and participation within enterprises. Other specific issues will also be dealt with, such as training and information, control of working conditions or new responsibilities. Special emphasis will be placed on small and medium-sized enterprises and sectors facing specific problems with regard to safety and health at work, such as the construction sector and agriculture.

In addition, as part of this Congress, the International Section 'Electricity' of the ISSA will be organizing the 3rd International Film and Video Festival on Occupational Safety and Health.

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## **Biological Monitoring in Occupational and Environmental Health, Espoo, Finland, 11–13 September 1996**

*Deadline for abstracts:* 30 April 1996

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