Occupational and Environmental Exposure of the Skin to Chemicals (OEESC) Conference

16 to 18 September 2019; Pillo Hotel, Dublin, Ireland

This is the third OEESC conference to be organised by BOHS, and the first that we will hold ‘abroad’. The organising committee were very determined to ensure that the scientific programme would appeal to occupational hygienists keen to expand their knowledge of skin issues as well including the scientific advances in skin exposure, permeation assessments and modelling. Thanks to the response of hygienists to the call for abstract submissions, we have managed (we believe) to do just that.

We know from survey responses that hygienists are interested in skin exposures and their assessment and control but we recognise that a three-day research-based conference may not fit into everyone’s schedule. Therefore we have taken the decision to run the conference around themed days. Monday 16 September will be focussed on Skin Exposure with big occupational skin exposure issues to the fore, including the role of standardisation from Stephen Verpaele (convenor for ISO/TC 146/SC 2/WG 8 Assessment of contamination of skin and surfaces from airborne chemicals) plus updates on the dermal ART model and the SysDEA project (both large-scale investments in better skin exposure assessment). There will also be sessions on occupational case studies, hygiene knowledge in practice and a practical workshop looking at tools for exposure assessment and behaviour change – how can you demonstrate skin exposure, show the effects and influence worker behaviour? Additionally there will be two Keynote speakers looking at Total Worker Exposure (a concept that NIOSH have been investigating) and Circadian Rhythms from Dan Whitby (Lake Personal Care), which should offer some interesting insights relevant to chronic exposures as well as shift work. The Monday session will conclude with a drinks reception to open the poster session with exhibitors.

You can attend the Skin Exposure sessions for a day rate of £200. Why not make a long weekend of your learning and take advantage of the special discounted rate of 99 Euros per night discounted B&B rate for delegates of OEESC2019 at the conference hotel (which also has a full leisure centre and spa) Alternatively you may be persuaded to attend the full conference (BOHS members get a discount); we have days focussed on Skin Health (Tuesday 17 September) and Skin Science (Wednesday 18 September) – both also available as a day rate. Click Here for the preliminary programme.

for more details of the interesting science and practical knowledge on offer.

Please visit the website for further details including the confirmed Keynote speakers (https://www.oeeosc.com/) and be inspired to register!

Really hope to see you there.

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