



EUROPEAN WORK HAZARDS NETWORK

Organizes the



**13th EWHN Conference for labour & occupational health
and safety representatives and professionals**

***“Fighting for safe and healthy work
and a safe and healthy world”***

**Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th 2013,
Bologna, Italy**

Final announcement

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European Work Hazards Network Conference 2013: *Fighting for safe and healthy work and a safe and healthy world.*

We live in a world gripped by dramatic economic crises, the likes of which many will never have experienced before. With increasing globalisation, cross-border work, migration, and at a time where dramatic changes sweep across Europe, America, Asia, and the Arab Countries, labour rights across the globe are now more than ever under threat.

Newly emergent economies are taking on the bigger players and there remains an urgent need to seek a true balance to inequalities of the 'third world'.

The plight of the Eurozone hangs by a thread, and many Governments are at loggerheads to know what is the best solution. An implosion of the Euro may lead to massive fiscal collapse wreaking havoc across the world on working lives for millions of people for many decades to come.

Meanwhile key EU economies face massive debt repayment, with borrowing levels beyond their ability to pay. Massive public sector cuts lead to major protests and political unrest.

Thousands of ordinary people are being made to pay for the excesses of others and there is growing significant political unrest. Meanwhile those who caused this chaos continue to reward themselves for their earlier and continuing excesses.

The entire basis of the world economy is possibly heading for melt-down.

Amidst this chaos, economies are struggling to grow, businesses are cutting back and it is the workers who are meeting the costs through extra work demand, increased hours, reduced pay and fringe benefits and an expectation that working lives will be extended.

Vulnerable workers are being more and more exploited.

The Safety Agenda is under greater threat as a result of moves towards reduced bureaucracy, more self-regulation or total relaxation of regulatory process altogether.

A climate of deregulation now pervades with workers' rights being carved away by many right wing political ideologies.

There is now an increasing need for continuous exchange of experiences, a sharing of knowledge, development of new ideas, global grass-roots networking and international action.

Bringing together workplace activists from the EU and other European Countries alongside occupational health and safety specialists and academics, this 13th biennial conference aims to:

- ✓ *Work for equality of health and safety prevention and protection across Europe;*
- ✓ *Give workers and professionals new instruments and tools to make real risk assessments in all workplaces*
- ✓ *Give workers and professionals new solutions (technical and organisational) to assure healthy workplaces*
- ✓ *Build support for the role of trade unions and their representatives on health and safety issues.*
- ✓ *Extend the EWHN to new EU member Countries and all European Countries;*
- ✓ *Provide a platform for the development of national Work Hazards Networks across Europe;*
- ✓ *Continue to develop close links with H&S activists in other regions of the world.*

The *European Work Hazards Network* is a unique international forum now with recognised NGO status uniting workers and activists with different skills and backgrounds. It is a permanent

network of labour, health and safety representatives and professionals across Europe with many participating national organisations and networks.

This Conference takes place again within an expanded EU Community, in the midst of a massive global economic crisis, in which workers' rights across the globe are continuously under attack, together with underlying questions about some of the fundamental principles of capitalism.

Liberalisation, globalisation and work pressures are sweeping across Europe, bringing privatisation, outsourcing, rationalisation of work and migrant workforces. Cuts lead to unemployment. Workers are under time pressure in both public and private sectors. Employers demand increased flexibility – from the full and part-time employed as well as from casual workers.

In this time, what are the real levels of workers health and safety protection across the whole of Europe? How can we strengthen the ways in which we defend and enhance workers rights under health and safety?

A strengthening of the collective fight for a better cross-border occupational environment is crucial for the European and indeed the global workforce.

Through this conference, workers, labour representatives, health and safety representatives, together with occupational safety professionals, have the opportunity to meet and exchange knowledge and experiences. Together we seek to develop new strategies for a better occupational environment in Europe and beyond.

The conference will as usual be based on workplace visits, workshop sessions and short information meetings. Simultaneous professional interpretation (English & Italian) will be provided in plenary sessions; national networks will work to provide whispering translation in workshops and into other languages where possible.

Workplace Visits

The conference begins with a range of visits to local companies. After each visit it may be possible to continue discussion at the company and with local Safety Representatives.

Info Meetings

The conference will contain a range of different brief Info-Meetings about specific subjects, self organised by participants.

Workshops

A major part of the conference will be the workshops. Each will meet for 6 hours over three sessions. They will be jointly facilitated by EWHN members and colleagues from different European countries.

Participation

Delegates will have the opportunity to be fully active in discussion and debate, and will be involved in formulating recommendations to go to the whole conference. Each workshop will have responsible persons who will prepare, follow up and feed back on discussions.

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 3rd October	15.00 to 19.00	Registration
Friday 4th October	9.00 – 16.00	Registration
	9.00 – 12.30	Workplaces visits
	12.30 - 14.00	Lunch (<i>not included in the fee</i>)
	14.00 – 15.00	National Meeting
	15.00 – 16.00	Info-meetings
	17.00 – 19.00	<i>Opening Plenary Session</i> <i>Chairperson: Graziano Frigeri (EWHN)</i> <i>Welcome: Rino Pavanello (Ambiente e Lavoro)</i> <i>Opening Speeches: Local TUs, Activists, Associations and Authorities; International (EU and Extra EU Countries) Organisations</i> <i>Main Speech: Thora Brendstrup (EWHN)</i>
	20.00 - 21.30	Dinner
Saturday 5th October	09.00 – 11.00	Workshops
	11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
	11.15 – 13.00	Workshops
	13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
	14.30 – 16.30	Workshops
	16.30 – 16.45	Coffee break
	17.30 – 18.30	Info Meetings (2nd group)
	18.30 – 20.30	Free Time
	20.30 – 22.00	Social "Gala" dinner
	22.00 –	Social Event
Sunday 6th October	07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast
	10.30 – 12.00	Closing Plenary Session <i>Chairperson: Graziano Frigeri (EWHN)</i> <i>Closure speech: Ian Draper (EWHN)</i>
	12.00 –	Official Closure of the 13th EWH-conference and first announcement of the 14th Conference

Workshops (3 sessions)

The central theme of the 13th European Work Hazards Conference is *Fighting for safe and healthy work in a safe and healthy world.*

In 10 workshops, co-facilitated by members of the European Work Hazards Network from different Countries, participants will discuss experiences, progression, best available techniques and involvement of workers themselves to improve working environments. Risk assessment, the impact on small and medium sized enterprises, Safety Reps' role, gender aspects, shared responsibilities, vulnerable workers and social dialogue, their effects on improvement will be analysed with their respective differences and similarities discussed in all workshops.

Tools for successful improvement of health and safety standards at the workplace will be recognised.

<p>WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Occupational Cancer Prevention</p> <p>Facilitators: Henning Wriedt (DE), Stefano Silvestri (IT), Wolfgang Hien (DE)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 6</p> <p>Transfer of Risks and global solidarity</p> <p>Facilitators: Kathy Jenkins (SCO) and international guests</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Assessing stress risk on the workplace: methods, results and perspective</p> <p>Facilitators: Emanuela Papa (IT), Ian Draper, (UK), John Graversgård (DK)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 7</p> <p>Safety Representatives: role, tasks and limits in the EU legislation</p> <p>Facilitators: Franco Pugliese (IT), Andrea Spisni (IT), Klaas Zwaard (NL)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 3</p> <p>Health and Safety for School Personnel:</p> <p>Facilitators: Emilia Arisi (ITALY), Nick Green (UK)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 8</p> <p>Working hours / Work Life balance</p> <p>Facilitators: Thora Brendstrup (DK), Halvor Erikstein (NO)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 4</p> <p>What has HR and personnel management got to do with H&S Work: Buying, maintaining and disposing of workers?</p> <p>Facilitators: Gerhard Elsigan (AT), Janne Hansen (DK)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 9</p> <p>Sickness absence management / rehabilitation</p> <p>Facilitators: Scott Donohoe (SCO), Klaus Hornemann Møller (DK)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 5</p> <p>Migrant workers and vulnerable workers</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Olaf Schroeder-Løhndorf (DK), Henrik Forchhammer (DK)</p>	

Info Meetings

In the Conference programme, time slots (up to 1 hour) for information meetings are provided on Friday and Saturday. These information meetings will be self organised by delegates. Delegates will be free to decide which information meetings to attend during the conference. We have time and space for up to 20 information meetings.

Delegates who want to organise an info meeting please contact the Conference Organisation Board: info@ewhn.eu

The information meetings already planned are:

Asbestos; airport diesel exhaust; presentations by developing world guest delegates; chemical risks from fumigated imported containers; occupational cancer - new non-invasive diagnosis methods; training of trainers; how to fight legal battles relating to H&S.

Workplace visits:

All workplace visit details will be posted by national networks when available. It may be possible to choose a visit through your national network, otherwise, please sign up at Registration table

	COMPANY	SECTOR	LOCATION
WPV1	Lamborghini	Car Production	Bologna
WPV2	Maserati	Car Production	Bologna
WPV3	Hera	Waste treatment	Bologna
WPV4	Granarolo	Milk production	Bologna
WPV5	BASF	Chemicals	Bologna
WPV6	BM	Toys	Bologna
WPV7	Appenninian Cross MW	Construction site	Bologna region
WPV8	Bologna Hospital	Health care	Bologna
WPV9	RAI	Television	Bologna
WPV10	Telecom Italia	Telephone	Bologna
WPV11	Marchesini Group	Metal	Bologna

Translation:

Professional translations will be provided into English and Italian only. This will be via headphones in Plenary Sessions. As far as possible, for Workshops, Info-meetings and hopefully for workplace visits we will try to offer "whispering translations".

TRAINING CREDITS FOR ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS

For **Italian participants** the Conference gives Training Credits as follows:

Health and Care Sector (public and private): up to **19 ECM Credits**. Accreditation procedure is ongoing.

RSPP and ASPP: 18 Credits.

RLS/RLST(Safety Reps): **18 hours.**

Venue:



Green Park Hotel

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How to get to Green Park Hotel, see: www.greenparkbologna.com

From Bologna airport : Take the BLQ shuttle (ticket 5 €), get down at OSPEDALE MAGGIORE stop, take bus 93 direction GRANAROLO or BARICELLA (ticket 1 € at the tobacconist close to the bus stop) and get down at QUARTO INFERIORE stop which is in front of the Hotel (ask driver for the hotel stop).

From Bologna Centrale Railway Station: At Bologna Centrale Station take a taxi direct to Green Park Hotel , Via S Donato 313, 40057 Quarto Inferiore Granarolo dell'Emilia, BOLOGNA (Italy)

By car:

a) Coming from Milano (A1) or Brenner (A22-A1): direction Bologna, take A14-A13 Direction Ancona-Padova, exit Bologna Borgo Panigale, take ring way "Tangenziale" direction San Lazzaro, exit No. 9. San Donato direction Granarolo for 3 km, Hotel is on your left.

b) Coming from Roma (A1): Direction Firenze and then Bologna, exit at Bologna Casalecchio, take ring way "Tangenziale" direction San Lazzaro, exit No. 9. San Donato direction Granarolo for 3 km, Hotel is on your left.

c) Coming from Padova (A13): exit Bologna (end of the motorway) take ring way "Tangenziale" direction San Lazzaro, exit No. 9 San Donato direction Granarolo for 3 km, Hotel is on your left.

WARNING FOR DELEGATES ARRIVING 4th OCTOBER: 4th October is local public holiday in Bologna Municipality, and Bus N° 93 will not be running.

A special EWHN Bus leaving from Bologna airport to Green Park Hotel will be provided. Timetable will be sent directly to registered delegates.

No problem for delegates coming on October 3 or for workplace visits.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Conference individual fees include:

- Registration;
- Conference pack;
- Accommodation (2 nights: Friday 5th and Saturday 6th);
- Breakfasts (Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th);
- Meals (Friday dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday "Gala" Dinner)

Accommodation in single room € 650.00 (per person)

Accommodation in shared room: € 550.00 (per person)

No accommodation and no meals fee: € 350.00 (per person)

Special prices granted for delegates arriving before the Conference and/or leaving after the Conference

Extra nights (per room) € 85.00 Single, € 104.00 Shared ,

Extra meals € 22.00 Lunch

€ 27.00 Dinner

All Prices are inclusive of VAT

There are rooms for max 250 participants inside GPH. If necessary, more rooms are available in other nearby hotels.

Single occupancy rooms are limited in number being allocated on 1st come basis.

Applications final Deadlines: 31/08/2013

Registration and payments can be made:

1) Only through your own National Network for Delegates coming from Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, UK (see Networks contact details);

2) Directly to the Italian Network, using the attached registration form, for Delegates coming from Italy and all other Countries.

Follow Conference preparation on www.ewhn.eu, [@ewhn](https://twitter.com/ewhn), [facebook \(EWHN\)](https://www.facebook.com/ewhn), [LinkedIn \(EWHN\)](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ewhn)

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13th EWHN Conference, Green Park Hotel, Bologna
Booking form

for Individual Delegates only

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CLOSING DATES FOR PAYMENT	AUGUST 31TH 2013
	FARES
2 persons in SHARED ACCOMMODATION	€550 PER PERSON [inclusive of VAT]
SINGLE ACCOMMODATION	€650 PER PERSON [inclusive of VAT]
NON RESIDENT & NO MEALS	€350 PER PERSON [inclusive of VAT]

	FAMILY NAME	FORENAME	
About You			Male/Female?
Home address			
Postcode		Mobile Tel.	
Workpl. Addr.			
Workplace Tel.			
Email address			
Organisation			
Special Facilities	Access, mobility, diet etc.		

Your accommodation please ✓	Single Room?	YES	NO	Shared Room?	YES	NO	Non resident ?	YES	NO
			Room share partner NAME?						
TWO NIGHTS	Friday & Saturday			Yes	No				
THREE NIGHTS	Thursday 3 rd , Friday 4 th Saturday 5 th			Yes	No				
EXTRA NIGHT?	Specify day and date								
EXTRA MEALS?	Specify date & meals			Lunch?	Yes?	No?	Dinner?	Yes?	No?

Your Workshop Choices – please select your preferred options and indicate your choices in the box provided by numbering 1, 2 or 3

W1 Occupational Cancer Prevention		W2 Assessing Stress Risks		W3 H&S for School Personnel	
W4 Human Resource Management		W5 Migrant Workers		W6 Transfer of Risks	
W7 Safety Reps Role, tasks and limitations		W8 Working Hours/ Work-life Balance		W9 Sickness Absence Management/rehabilitation	

Your Signature	Date	Total Payment Due/Enclosed
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Payment direct to EWHN Conference Account by midnight August 31th 2013	Account Holder: EWHN 13 Conferenza Banca Popolare di Lodi – Sala Baganza (Italy) IBAN : IT07-V-05034-65890-000000003074
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