

WHO Collaborating Centre in Occupational Health in Hungary

The Hungarian Collaborating Centre operates in the Fodor József National Center for Public Health. The Center through its basic institutes serving as legal predecessors has been taking part in the activities in the European Network of WHO Collaborating Centres in Occupational Health for nearly 15 years.

Initially, this work aimed the gathering and/or forwarding of data and opinions required by the Network and the translation of WHO's conception into occupational health practice in Hungary.

Following the third Ministerial Conference (London, 1999) the Hungarian Collaborating Centre joined in the elaboration of principles and practice for the integrated health, environment and safety management, in relation to this it organized the second work meeting of the Network in September of 2001.

The Hungarian Collaborating Centre deals with two topics of WHO Occupational Health Collaborating Centres' global work plan for 2002-2005. Firstly, it accepted to make possible the comparison of the Hungarian occupational health based on the given unified indicator system, secondly, the Center takes part in elaboration of information materials on musculoskeletal diseases of occupational origin.

Further to this, the Centre assumes a significant role in the implementation of the national programme for protection of workers. Through this programme its activity relates to the implementation of the Community Strategy on Health and Safety at Work 2002-2006.

Participation in the work of this WHO Network not only promotes the organized information exchange but gives the opportunity to establish several bilateral professional relations, stimulating the scientific research activities of the Hungarian Collaborating Centre, too.