

Arctic OHS Newsletter

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Welcome to the Arctic OSH Newsletter!

This is the first issue of the Arctic OHS Newsletter. You received this message because you are in the mailing list of one or more of the following networks: ANOHS, NDHPS EG OSH or BSN OSH. Arctic OHS Newsletter is issued about three times a year and contains information on research results, conferences, co-operation opportunities, and other useful news from Arctic research institutes that study and develop occupational health and safety in the Arctic area. In this first issue, we will focus on introducing each of these networks.

We are happy to receive any news tips. Please feel free to contact us and tell us what you feel is currently topical in the fields of occupational health and safety, and what kind of co-operation you would be interested in and willing to be involved in, either now or in the future. We will also publish presentations of institutes that belong to the networks, along with good practices.

If you know a colleague who would be interested in receiving these messages, please let us know!

We hope you enjoy reading our news!

To provide one more avenue for discussion and the exchange of information, we have also created a [LinkedIn group "ArcticOccupational Health and Safety Group"](#). You are welcome to join the group!

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ANOHS - Network covering the Arctic countries

The Arctic Network on Occupational Health and Safety (ANOHS) is a one-year project (from August 2016 to August 2017) that aims to establish a network to cover all the countries belonging to the Arctic Council: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Russia, Canada and the USA. ANOHS aims to become a network of research institutes focused on the development of occupational health and safety (OHS).

The general objective of ANOHS is to support economic life in the Arctic area by promoting, in a sustainable manner, occupational health, safety and well-being in Arctic industries.

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Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Safety and Health

Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Safety and Health (BSN OSH) aims at strengthening collaboration and the exchange of information between occupational health and safety institutions around the Baltic Sea.

The Network started in 1995 as a small-scale endeavor of the Nordic countries and the three Baltic States under the umbrella of the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Today it covers all ten countries around the Baltic Sea. The participants are the occupational health and safety institutions in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Northwest Russia, Norway, Poland, and Sweden.

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Expert group on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH EG)

The Northern Dimension Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing NDPHS was established in 2003. It is the co-operative effort of nine governments, the European Commission, and eight international organizations whose aim is to reduce both communicable and non-communicable diseases and improve social well-being. Presently, it has seven expert groups, one of which is the Expert Group on Occupational Safety and Health, OSH EG.

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The OSH Expert Group has the following functions:

- Exchanging information and knowledge regarding best practices, to assist partner countries in improving working conditions
- Using available statistical and epidemiological information from official sources, to assist decision-makers
- Identifying priorities and the need for support in developing policies and reducing gaps in their implementation
- Initiating projects, and providing, when possible, support for planning, monitoring and disseminating results
- Co-ordinating activities with other NDPHS structures, the Baltic Sea Network (BSN) on OSH, the

South East European (SEE) Network on Workers' Health, and other relevant groups and international networks in areas of mutual interest

- Contributing to the Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Being open to innovation and employing new methods of work to improve collaboration between partner countries and other relevant stakeholders

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A new EG OSG project starting

The new EG OSH project “Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks” aims to improve the understanding, identification and reporting of risks and work-related and occupational diseases in the Northern Dimension area.

A team of eleven researchers will draft a questionnaire, collect data and disseminate the results concerning occupational health from ten different countries. The results will be jointly disseminated by Occupational Safety and Health organizations in four meetings from April 2017 to November 2018. The research project is funded by the European Union.



**Further
information here!**



NIVA education

This course will discuss the special risks of work in the Arctic environment. The participants will learn about the solutions for minimizing the risks in different occupations.

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