



**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
Scientific Committee on History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases**

**7th International Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health
Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th November 2023, Durban, South Africa**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

TIME	PRESENTATION	VENUE
PRE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: 15 NOVEMBER 2023		
12.00 – 17.00	Pre Conference Workshop	Room 4
13.00 – 17.00	Pre Conference Tour	
18.00 – 21.00	Conference Opening Reception	Rooms 1-3
CONFERENCE DAY 1: 16 NOVEMBER 2023		
07.30 – 08.15	Arrival and Registration of Delegates	Insert venue
08.15 – 08.40	Conference Welcome Session	Auditorium
08.45 - 09.30	Opening Keynote: Between adulation and denunciation : the institutional benefits of ambivalence in the history of occupational medicine	Auditorium
09.30 – 10.45	Abstracts Session 1: Colonialism, crossroads of empires and workers' health	Auditorium
10.45 – 11.15	TEA and COFFEE	Dining Room
11.15 – 12.00	Keynote 2: The guardians of workers' bodies: The role of unions in occupational health and safety	Auditorium
12.00 – 13.30	Abstracts Session 2: Old occupations: Mining history and health	Auditorium
13.30 – 14.30	LUNCH	Dining Room
14.30 – 15.40	Panel Discussion: Historical perspectives of OEH in Africa – The tracing of the emergence of disciplines in occupational health	Auditorium
15.40 – 16.00	TEA AND COFFEE	Dining Room
16.00 – 17.00	Parallel Abstract Session 3.1: Making history: New epidemics, old exposures	Auditorium
16.30 – 17.00	Parallel Abstract Session 3.2: Organisation and Government	Room 4
17.00 – 18.00	ICOH SC Business Meeting	Auditorium
19.00 – 23.00	Conference Dinner	TBC
CONFERENCE DAY 2: 17 NOVEMBER 2023		
08.15 – 9.00	Keynote 3: Occupational lung diseases in mineworkers in South Africa	Auditorium
09.00 – 10.30	Abstracts Session 4: Work processes and occupational diseases	Auditorium
10.30 - 11.00	TEA AND COFFEE	Dining Room
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel Abstract Session 5.1: Migration, colonies and worker health	Auditorium
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel Abstract Session 5.2: Informal work, migrant workers and women	Room 4
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH	Dining Room
13.30 – 14.30	Poster Presentations and Discussion (See titles and presenters below)	Rooms 1 - 3
14.30 – 15.15	Keynote 4: Immigration and indentured labour	Auditorium
15.15 – 15.45	TEA AND COFFEE	Dining Room
15.45 – 16.00	Presentation of International Award	Auditorium
16.00 – 16.45	Closing Keynote: Working and breathing in Global Africa (Pre-recorded)	Auditorium
16.45 – 17.00	Conference Closure	Auditorium



DETAILED PROGRAMME

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER/S (CO-CHAIRS)	VENUE
PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: 15 NOVEMBER 2023			
12.00 – 13.00	Workshop Social		Dining Room
13.00 – 15.00	Bootcamp: How to do history in OEH – Session 1	Catherine Burns, Keith Breckenridge	Room 4
15.00 – 15.30	Workshop Tea		Dining Room
15.30 – 17.00	Bootcamp: How to do history in OEH – Session 2	Catherine Burns, Keith Breckenridge	Room 4
PRE CONFERENCE TOUR: 15 NOVEMBER 2023			
12.30 – 17.00	Participants to meet in Foyer of Conference Venue Tour of Durban and Museums		
CONFERENCE OPENING RECEPTION			
18.00 – 21.00	Rooms 1-3 at Conference Venue		
CONFERENCE DAY 1: 16 NOVEMBER 2023			
07.30 – 08.15	Arrival and Registration of Delegates		Foyer
08.15 – 08.20	Conference Welcome	Conference Chair: Rajen Naidoo	Auditorium
08.20 – 08.30	ICOH SC Welcome	ICOH SC Chair: Paul Blanc	Auditorium
08.30 – 08.40	UKZN Welcome	DVC Health Sciences: Busi Ncama	Auditorium
08.45 - 09.30	Opening Keynote: Between adulation and denunciation: the institutional benefits of ambivalence in the history of occupational medicine	Keith Breckenridge <i>(Chair: Kjell Toren)</i>	Auditorium
09.30 – 10.45	Abstracts Session 1: Colonialism, crossroads of empires and workers' health Co-Chairs: Kjell Toren and Mohamed Jeebhay		Auditorium
09.30 – 09.45	O111 - Workers health and the Union Minière du Haut-Katanga in the Belgian Congo	Nemery, B	
09.45 – 10.00	O112 - A global history of occupational health and safety in agriculture	Schenker, M	
10.00 – 10.15	O113 - The colonial legacy of mercury toxicity: The story of Thor and a tribute to Mark Colvin	Hariparsad, S	
10.15 – 10.30	O114 - Advancing our understanding of migration, work, and health by exploring our historical roots in social medicine	Flynn, M	
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Morning Discussion</i>		
10.45 – 11.15	TEA and COFFEE		Dining Room
11.15 – 12.00	Keynote 2: The guardians of workers' bodies: The role of unions in occupational health and safety	Arthur McIvor <i>(Chair: Rodney Ehrlich)</i>	Auditorium

12.00 – 13.30	Abstracts Session 2: Old occupations: Mining history and health Co-Chairs: Claudina Nogueira and Jinky Lu (this session will be swapped with Day 2 Poster Session in case of scheduled blackout)		Auditorium
12.00 – 12.15	O121 - Silicotuberculosis – Unstable in history and neglected in science	Ehrlich, R	
12.15 – 12.30	O122 - Reconstructing the fragmented history of “Colinet-Caplan syndrome”	Ronsman, S	
12.30 – 12.45	O123 - OHS programmes nurtured from tailings of mines	Hegmann, KT	
12.45 – 13.00	O124 - The legacy of the manufacture and use of asbestos-cement in Katanga (DR Congo)	Nemery, B	
13.00 – 13.15	O125 - Aluminium powder in South African mines	Rees, D	
13.15 – 13.30	<i>Pre-Lunch Discussion</i>		
13.30 – 14.30	LUNCH		Dining Room
14.30 – 15.40	Panel Discussion: Historical perspectives of OEH in Africa – The tracing of the emergence of disciplines in occupational health	Panellists: Rene Loewenson, Edith Clarke, Chafiq Hicham, Reginald Matchaba-Hove (Chair: Sophia Kisting-Cairncross)	Auditorium
15.40 – 16.00	TEA AND COFFEE		Dining Room
16.00 – 17.00	Parallel Abstract Session 3.1: Making history – New epidemics, old exposures Co-Chairs: David Rees and Nontuthuzelo Bhengu		Auditorium
16.00 – 16.30	Lead talk: Artificial stone silicosis as a new public issue: The Spanish case	Menéndez-Navarro, A; Cavalin, C	
16.30 – 16.45	O131 - Metal working fluids and bacterial infections	Dahlman-Höglund, A.	
16.45 – 17.00	O132 - Historical response to environmental disasters in the US: Review of governmental intervention	Wilkenfeld, M	
16.00 – 17.00	Parallel Abstract Session 3.2: Organisation and Government Co-Chairs: Reginald Matchaba-Hove and Lawrence Osae-Nyarko		Room 4
16.00 – 16.15	O133 - South Africa – Occupational health in the non-mining industry from 1976 – the post-COVID era	Nogueira, C	
16.15 – 16.30	O134 - The history of MEDICHEM and the ICOH SC on the Chemical Industry	Coombs, WM	
16.30 – 16.45	O135 - A history of the Mine Medical Professionals Association	Govender, VG.	
17.00 – 18.00	ICOH SC Business Meeting		Auditorium
19.00 – 23.00	Conference Dinner Shuttle services will be provided from the Coastlands Hotel from 18.45		TBC

CONFERENCE DAY 2: 17 NOVEMBER 2023			
07.30 – 08.15	Arrival and Registration of Delegates		Foyer
08.15 – 9.00	Keynote 3: Occupational lung diseases in mineworkers in South Africa	Barry Kistnasamy (Chair: Ben Nemery)	Auditorium
09.00 – 10.30	Abstracts Session 4: Work processes and occupational diseases Co-Chairs: Sujatha Hariparsad and Emmy Nkhama		Auditorium
09.00 – 09.15	O241 - Thomasslag pneumonia	Toren, K	
09.15 – 09.30	O242 - Importance of historical information for exposure assessment in the soft tissue paper industry	Andersson, E	
09.30 – 09.45	O243 - Chalk particles: A systematic review	Joseph, J	
09.45 – 10.00	O244 - Asbestos in Brazil: The process of creating agendas, subjects and policies	Ribeiro, EA.	
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Morning Discussion</i>		
10.30 – 11.00	TEA AND COFFEE		Dining Room
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel Abstract Session 5.1: Migration, colonies and worker health Co-Chairs: Nkosana Jafta and Zanele Zulu		Auditorium
11.00 – 11.30	Lead talk: The European greed for gold and silver, slavery, and the development of occupational health	Stanton, D	
11.30 – 11.45	O251 Jean Rodier: A pioneer in occupational medicine in Morocco	Hicham, C	
11.45 – 12.00	O252 - History of occupational health, challenges and way forward in Tanzania	Mwelange, L	
12.00 – 12.15	O253 - Listening to the unremembered – Chinese indentureship in South Africa	Manning, W	
12.15 – 12.30	<i>Pre-Lunch Discussion</i>		
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel Abstract Session 5.2: Informal work, migrant workers and women Co-Chairs: Saloshni Naidoo and Edith Clarke		Room 4
11.00 – 11.30	Lead talk: Decolonizing occupational health: Informal workers and the struggle for occupational health	Lund, F	
11.30 – 11.45	O254 - History of the Braceros – Migrant labourers in California, US	Das, R	
11.45 – 12.00	O255 - Women and girls in mine labour: From Italy to South Africa	Salerno, S	
12.00 – 12.15	O256 - A hidden history – Perspectives on the role of women in the history of occupational and environmental health and safety in Africa in the past 60 years	Kisting-Cairncross, S	
12.15 – 12.30	<i>Pre-Lunch Discussion</i>		
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH		Dining Room
13.30 – 14.30	Poster Presentations and Discussion (See titles and presenters below) (this session will be swapped with Day 1 Abstract Session 2 in case of scheduled blackout)	Paul Blanc and Rajen Naidoo	
14.30 – 15.15	Keynote 4: Immigration and indentured labour	Ashwin Desai (Chair: Francie Lund)	Auditorium

15.15 – 15.45	TEA AND COFFEE		Dining Room
15.45 – 16.00	Presentation of International Award	Paul Blanc and Kjell Toren	Auditorium
16.00 – 16.45	Closing Keynote: Working and breathing in Global Africa	Gabrielle Hecht <i>(Chair: Paul Blanc)</i>	
16.45 – 17.00	Conference Closure	Paul Blanc and Rajen Naidoo	

Poster Themes [presentations from 13.30 – 14.30 on Day 2]

Mining and health

P1. Nkhama, E. Effect of mining related air pollution on human health between 2000 and 2018: The case of Zambia

P2. Lukusa, JP. History of disease exposure in school-aged children working in artisanal mines in North Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Work processes and exposures

P3. Osa-Nyarko, L. The history of e-waste at Agbobloshie, Accra, Ghana

P4. Renton K. Anecdotes of medical philosophy 300 years ago from Ramazzini

P5. Mndasha, GS. Magnitude and factors associated with occupational contact dermatitis among paint factory workers in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Organisation and Government

P6. Mamuya, S. Collaborative effort to build capacity for universities in the reduction of occupational injuries and diseases among workers in Tanzania

P7. Kocks, DJ. SASOM 70: 1948 to date

P8. Amoabeng, N. History of occupational health and safety laws in Ghana

P9. Lu, JL. History of occupational health in the Philippines

P10. Smedbold, HT. Occupational hygiene in Norway

P11. Mdoda, M. The trade unions agenda and involvement in occupational and environmental health at workplaces, South Africa

P12. Nelson, G. Occupational Health Southern Africa – a brief history of the journal