If your group or organisation wanted to contribute ideas to the conference please contact the organiser.

Regional working groups and networks will be offered meeting facilities during the conference (rooms, technical equipment and catering).

The programme will be published on the following website:
http://www.dguv.de/bgag/de/veranstaltungen/index.jsp

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Building a bridge between international and national strategies on health and safety at work

There is a global shift towards new and information-based strategies. In 2006 the ILO adopted its Promotional Framework for occupational safety and health; the WHO embraced a Global Action Plan on Worker’s Health 2008 - 2017. The Community strategy 2007 - 2012 on health and safety at work follows the previous EU strategy of 2002. The development and implementation of coherent national strategies within and outside of the EU is a key concept and a fundamental pillar to reach the objectives of these strategies.

This conference will be a platform for experts and policy makers to exchange information about updated global, European, and national occupational health and safety strategies. It will support the sharing of experience of good practice between EU Member States and other developed countries as well as the countries in transition to narrow the gap in workers’ health and safety between European countries.

The conference will be hosted by the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) in co-operation with the

- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- International Social Security Association (ISSA)
- European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- International Committee on Occupational Health (ICOH) and the
- International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI).

Goals of this conference will be

- To learn more about principles and practices related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of global, European, and national strategies in workers’ health and safety.
- To discuss success factors, pitfalls, and existing tools (e.g. campaigns, networks).
- To lay the foundations of an international strategy network of experts and policy makers in workers’ health and safety.

During the first two days of the conference (January 28-29, 2009) the similarities of the EU, ILO and WHO strategies will be discussed and national strategies on occupational health and safety in Europe will be presented and compared. Different sessions will cover good practice examples for development, implementation, and evaluation of national strategies from different countries. The contribution of international and national social security organisations, networks of practitioners, social partners and other key institutions will be reflected taking into account the development and implementation of international and European strategies.

In addition, regional working groups of WHO Collaborating Centres, ILO International OSH Information Centres, the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being, the South Eastern Europe Network and other networks will have the opportunity to get together on the third day of the conference (January 30, 2009).