

Newsletter – January 2023

1. 2023 European Section Events

Our first face-to-face meeting since 2019 will be held at the STEAM Museum in Swindon, United Kingdom on March 29th. The subject of the meeting will be Asbestos. We attach a flyer for this meeting with details of the confirmed key note speakers. The event is being supported by the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS). We will circulate details of the venue early in February and will include suggestions for hotels for those who wish to stay overnight. For those who don't know Swindon it is an hour from London Paddington by train and the venue is within walking distance of the train station. It is about 5 miles from junction 15 of the M4 motorway. Fees for the meeting will be £50 for members and £75 for non-members. Corporate members can register more than 2 members at the member rate.

Mesothelioma, the disease which asbestos can cause, is also known as the Swindon Disease. STEAM is sited in the old railway works, the source of the problem. As a further incentive, if you come to STEAM, you get to look at the old steam engines as well!

A second face to face section workshop has been confirmed for May 18th at the Coventry Building Society Arena (until recently this was called the RICOH Arena), which is about 5 miles north of the City of Coventry in the English Midlands.

This respiratory protection fit testing workshop, which is being jointly supported by the British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF), will cover the last developments in respiratory hazards, fit-testing guidance, standards and technology. The intended audience for this key note event is the fit testing community (and targeted healthcare fit testers), Health & Safety professionals, and agencies, RPE and fit test equipment manufacturers, suppliers and duty holders, and 'RPE fit' researchers, amongst others.

Further details on the event will be posted to members in early March and registration will be available via the ISRP website.

2. Membership for 2023.

The website is now open to receive membership payments. It was down for a couple of weeks while a problem with the payment service provider, Stripe, was resolved. Fees are unchanged from 2022 at £75 for individuals. If you benefited from free membership as part of the fees for the 2022 virtual conference we hope you will join us for 2023. The International



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3. Chairman's report.

The section finished strongly in 2022 holding the last of our three virtual events for the year, in November. When 103 delegates attended the welding webinar, which was held in conjunction with the European Welding Federation (EWF). The executive committee is working hard to make 2023 just as successful as last year. As we plan to move back to a more in-person event schedule. In striving to deliver 3 face-to-face events and several virtual webinars, this year.

More details about these events will be posted as regular updates on the ISRP section website. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the executive committee if you have any ideas for a future in-person or virtual event. We are always grateful for member input and engagement on what events you would like to see.

Note there were no Newsletters for November or December.

Best wishes for 2023.

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