PROGRAMME

International Conference on Chrysotile

Scientific update on safe use of chrysotile asbestos and related products

December 3rd and 4th, 2013
The Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi, India
Jointly organized by the International Chrysotile Association (ICA) in collaboration (partnership) with the Asbestos Cement Product Manufacturers’ Association (ACPMA), India.

The Scientific Conference will provide information and guidance to competent authorities to producers and using countries, to industries, workers, Medias, scientists and public in general. It will permit to get updated on the recent scientific studies internationally recognized, obtain a peer reviewed on scientific evidence and best practices.

Welcome to this Conference: The chrysotile world supports since several years the controlled use of chrysotile fibres in the same way it supports the controlled use of all other industrial important hazardous minerals, metal and products.

Objectives are related to manage risk of products and practices where and when required. Where exposures and subsequent risk cannot, based on scientific research, be properly managed, uses are discontinued or prohibited.

The future of generation in poor countries and emerging ones is related to a safe and responsible use program and people have the full right to encounter the years to come with hope and confidence.
Preliminary Agenda

Day 1

First Session
08h00 – 09h00          Registrations
09h00 – 09h30          Welcome by Chairperson
                        Government Dignitaries
09h30 – 10h00          Dr. Jacques Dunnigan, Canada
                        Assessment and risk management of chrysotile
                        1) Correct interpretation of IARC classification
                        2) From past experience to modern day requirements
10h30 – 11h00          Dr. Thomas Hesterberg, U.S.A.
                        Health risk of low levels of exposure to chrysotile
                        Modern toxicological and epidemiological evidence
11h00 – 11h30          Dr. Sergey V Kashansky, Russia
                        Russian state policy for the elimination of asbestos-related diseases
11h30 – 12h00          Panel Dunnigan, Hesterbery, Kashansky
                        Questions and Answers
12h00 – 13h30          Lunch

Second Session (Day 1)
13h30 – 14h00          Dr. Satoshi Kitamura, Brazil
                        Risk Assessment for Asbestos-Related Diseases among a Population Living
                        Under Asbestos-Cement Roofs: A Trial in a Developing Country
14h00 – 14h30          Dr. Somchai Bovornkitti, Thailand
                        Conclusion on the Asbestos use in Thai Industries
14h30 – 15h00          Tea / Coffee
15h00 – 15h30          Dr. Le Thi Hang, Vietnam
                        The result of Occupational Health and Environment testing for workers in
                        chrysotile cement roof sheet factories within the past six years (2008 – 2013)
15h30 – 16h00          Panel Kitamura, Bovornkitti, Le Thi Hang
                        Questions and Answers
16h00 – 16h30          Dr. John Hoskins, U.K.
                        Safety in the production of Chrysotile products
16h30 – 17h00  Dr. Robert Nolan, USA
Pleura mesothelioma death from asbestos comparison of exposure by type to the general population

17h00 – 17h30  Dr. David Bernstein, SWITZERLAND
Health risk of chrysotile revisited

17h30 – 18h00  Panel Hoskins, Nolan, Bernstein
Questions and Answers

18h30  Reception

Day 2

First session
09h00 – 09h30  Dr. Ericson Bagatian, BRAZIL
Evaluation of non-malignant abnormalities related to asbestos exposure in mining activity in Brazil: 1940 to 2010

09h30 – 10h00  Tea / Coffee

10h00 – 10h30  Dr. A.V. Basanets, UKRAINE
Genetic predisposition to asbestos-related diseases in workers exposed to chrysotile

10h30 – 11h00  Panel Bagatian, Basanets
Questions & Answers

Second session (Day 2)
11h00 – 11h30  Safe and Responsible use Policy
Chairman of the Conference

11h30 – 12h00  Closing remarks and rap-up by Dr. Jacques Dunnigan, Co-chairman

12h00  Adjournment