

N O T I Z I A R I O

Declaration of Cartagena: about Academic Commitment with Education and Training in Occupational Health and Safety in Colombia and Latin America

Lo scorso anno si è svolto, tra il 30 Maggio e l'1 Giugno 2007 a Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) il XXVII Congresso Colombiano de Medicina del Tabajo I salud Ocupacional, congiuntamente con il X Congresso della Asociation Latinoamericana de Salud Ocupacional (ALSO). All'evento hanno partecipato oltre trecento delegati, provenienti dalla Colombia e dagli altri paesi latinoamericani, ma anche da Stati Uniti ed Europa. Nell'ambito delle attività satelliti di tale evento, si è svolta, il giorno 29 Maggio, una giornata seminariale sulla didattica in Medicina, Igiene e Sicurezza sul Lavoro, con particolare riguardo per la definizione del ruolo delle Università, a livello locale e internazionale. Al termine di un pomeriggio di dibattito molto ricco e interessante, i presenti hanno approvato all'unanimità la "Cartagena Declaration", che la Redazione de "La Medicina del Lavoro" intende fornire ai lettori nella versione originale.

The national and international attendees to the 3rd Meeting of Occupational Health Graduate Programs, and the 1st International Meeting of Education and training in Occupational Health, present during the 27th and the 28th of May 2007, held at the University of Cartagena de Indias, venue La Merced, Colombia.

Considering:

1. That harmonizing and establishing graduate programs on Occupational Health and its related disciplines at the levels of specialty, masters and doctorate degrees is a huge and important need;
2. That the demand for educating and training Occupational Health professionals does not only require the acquisition of knowledge, skills and abilities, but also the development of knowledge through research;
3. That disciplines such as occupational and environmental hygiene, as well as ergonomics, and other social disciplines related to the world of work, are still considered secondary, and no place is given to them as fundamental sciences and areas of knowledge for solving worker's health problems;
4. That it is necessary to universally acknowledge the different types of quantitative and qualitative research which should be strengthened in all academic institutions, and

be applied in all academic institutions at the different levels of education with the purpose of contributing to build new knowledge, driving the development of occupational health, and pursuing in the improvement of worker's health in Colombia and Latin America.

We commit to:

Maintain and develop a network of all the academic institutions here represented and responsible for educating and training professionals, workers and employers, and to enhance the quality of education, in a way they respond to the needs of our countries by means of the following actions:

1. Building a network on education, training and research in occupational health for Colombia and Latin America;
2. Continuing the virtual work to finish the activities that started during these Meetings, with the purpose of publishing all recommendations given by this interdisciplinary and inter-institutional team;
3. Providing dissemination of information and working so that this meeting becomes the baseline for launching new proposals on education, training, and research for worker's safety and occupational health;
4. Organizing the 4th Meeting of Graduate Programs in Occupational Health in as far as of two years from now.

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