

Invitation to the Conference

HEALTH AT THE WORKPLACE - NOBODY RESPONSIBLE ?

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PROGRAMME

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09.00 - 09.30 INTRODUCTION

Lies Michielsen, lawyer, Progress Lawyers Network Antwerp

Session 1: Health and safety at work: analysis and problem definition
(09.15 -11.00)

* The impact of modern working conditions on the health and safety of employees.

-Anne Thébaut-Mony, Director of Research at the Institution de la santé et de la recherche médicale, President of the Association Pézerat, santé, travail, environnement

*New working conditions, new illnesses?

-Dr. Hans Krammisch, physician, C-DAST Seraing and author of "Dokter, ik ben op" (Doctor, I'm exhausted)

*From General rules on employment safety to the Workers' Health and Safety Act to the Code on Health and Safety at Work: adequate protection for employees?

-Anne Van Regenmortel, Professor of Law (UA) and lawyer

Session 2: Prevention and protection at work
(11.15 - 12.45)

*Experiences in the field and action methods

Tackling work pressure in call centres: Can I have twelve seconds?

-Annemie Hiemeleers, trade union delegate (LBC-NVK) at Call-it, and Else Ardies, trade union delegate (LBC-NVK) at Telenet.

Health and safety in the cleaning industry: The numbers tell the tale

-Gilberte Chartier and Catherine Mathy, trade union delegates (FGTB) and members of the Health and Safety Committee at Laurenty.

*Internal and external prevention services: a critical approach

-Hari Jacobs, Doctor and specialist in occupational health, senior consultant health and safety at work

*Inspection in practice: possibilities and bottlenecks

Margriet Bernaerts, Health and safety inspector, division Limburg-Vlaams Brabant

12.45 Lunch

Session 3: Sanctions for breaching health and safety regulations

(13.45-15.15)

* Penal sanctions and the policy of the “arbeidsauditoriaat” (“Labour public prosecutor’s office ?/Employment inspectorate)

-Christophe Hanon, Deputy Labour Auditor at the Labour Court of Bergen

*Sanctions under civil law: immune to change?

-M. Pétré and Enrice De Simone, lawyers

* Employer liability for serious health damage of employees in other countries

The ‘suicide on the job’ trials in France

-Vincent Vieille, lawyer at the Paris Bar and former labour inspector

The asbestos trials in Italy

-Sergio Bonetto, lawyer at the Turin Bar

Session 4: Debate: New guidelines for improving health and safety policies in enterprises.

(16.00-17.00)

Karel Vandamme (FOD Waso), Mireille Jourdan (lawyer), Herman Fonck (Head of the Section Enterprises ACV), Bruno Melckmans (Advisor ABVV, section Enterprises), Jilali Laaouej (physician, C-Dast Seraing)

CONCLUSIONS

Enrico De Simone, lawyer, Progress Lawyers Network

Q& A after every session

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