Celebrations for the centenary of Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto

1902 - 2002

The oldest health structure in the world for study, treatment and prevention of work-related diseases

FOUR EVENTS
The foundation of the Clinica del Lavoro by Luigi Devoto can be ascribed to the date when the proposal of a project prepared by Devoto was presented, discussed and approved during a historical meeting of the Municipality Council of Milan (November 20, 1902). Subsequently, its creation was approved by a State Law of July 5, 1905, the laying of the foundation stone took place in December 1907, and the official inauguration on March 20, 1910, once the different units making up the original setting had been completed.

It is an original and complex structure, with patients’ beds, analysis laboratories, wards and library and ever since that time it was taken as an example for other structures that were to follow: first at international level like the ones in Moscow (1923) and in Berlin (1925), and later in our country, specially after the second world war. Following the commemorative tradition celebrated in the past by the Founder himself through public social and scientific events, we are now starting a series of celebrations from March 2002 and the next International Congress of Occupational Health in February 2003.

The contributions presented during the whole celebration Day in Milan (March 4, 2002) will be published in a special issue of the journal “La Medicina del Lavoro” during 2002.

Antonio Grieco
Chair Working Group
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UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,
PROF. CARLO AZEGLIO CIAMPI

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The Association for Supplementary Health Assistance to Telecom Italia workers was founded in 1981 on the basis of an agreement signed by Telecom and Trade Unions. It provides its Members (approximately 230,000 in staff, retired and relatives) with health assistance supplementing the National Health Service and promotes, in collaboration with leading University Centres, Preventive Medicine and Health Education.

The Consortium for Development of Occupational and Environmental Medicine promotes research and supplies services to companies and organizations, through the close collaboration of its associates: the Milan-Bicocca University, the San Gerardo Hospital-Monza, the Salvatore Maugeri Foundation-Pavia, the Analysis Centre of Monza (CAM).

Dauphin Office Interiors, a German ISO 9001 certified company from 1993, is one of the world leaders in design of office ergonomic chairs. For the Dauphin Group, ergonomic design is not only a good and reliable habit but a visible historical and cultural approach that already satisfied millions of users all over the world.

The Cariplo Foundation, set up in 1991, is a no-profit body aimed at contributing to the Italian civil, cultural, economic and social development. Its goals are within the areas of Personal Services, Environment, Art and Culture, Research and technological Transfer.

The Lucchini Foundation was set up in 1990 in Brescia in view of spreading modern industrial culture and strengthening school and work values as foundations of individual freedom and social growth, which are substantial bases for moral, civil and economic progress of the whole community.

INAIL is the Italian Institution which insures workers involved in risky activities, in view of re-integrating the victims of accidents at work to work and social life. The insurance protects workers from the damage from work-related accidents and diseases caused by their working activities. INAIL also provides the small and medium enterprises with training and advice for prevention, and funds the companies which invest in safety.
The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention (ISPESL), under the authority of the Ministry of Health, is the Technical-Scientific Agency of the National Health Service. With more than 1300 staff and 41 branches all over the country, ISPESL operates as an information, documentation, research and testing centre for workers’ health protection. ISPESL professionalization develops not only on national level: in fact it operates in close collaboration with Europe, as the ‘focal point’ of the Bilbao Agency, and through collaboration protocols with the most reputed international Institutes in the field.

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Ever since 1899, when the “Siemens Italian Society for Electric Plants” was set in Milan, Siemens has been present in Italy and is today one of the major national realities in the electronic, electrotechnical and telecommunications sector. The Group, which in Italy has – among others – eight manufacturing units and three Research and Development centres for Siemens in the world, is active in information and communications areas, automation and control, power, transportation, medicine and lighting.

Waldmann Illuminotecnica is the world leader for ergonomic lighting equipment and systems at workplace. Human being’s requirements are crucial for our studies, and consequently Waldmann’s equipment is the result of investigations and analyses in close cooperation with experts and users. Since over 50 years, research and commitment have been the basis for an overall well-structured programme.
INTERNATIONAL CEREMONY
FOR THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

MILAN, MARCH 4, 2002

Italian/English simultaneous translation provided

1st part (h. 8.30 - 13.00)
Main Hall of the University, via Festa del Perdono, 7 - Milan

Chair: Antonio Grieco

- 8.30-10.15 Welcome by Authorities, social Partners, Representatives from national and international scientific Associations and Agencies
- 10.15-10.45 Giorgio Cosmacini: Work clinicization between history and ideology
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.15 Antonio Grieco: Foundation of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto
  Vito Foà: The scientific path of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto through the journal “La Medicina del Lavoro”
  Gerolamo Chiappino: The Postgraduate School of Occupational Health in Milan
  Pier Alberto Bertazzi: The presence of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto in international research
- 12.15-13.00 Testimonies by the Senior Member, Ennio Zanetti, and other former Disciples

2nd part (h. 14.30 - 18.00)
Main Hall of the Clinica del Lavoro, via S. Barnaba, 8 - Milan

SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR: From the past to the future: teaching and expectations

Chair: Pier Alberto Bertazzi

- 14.30-15.00 Luciano Riboldi, Giuseppe Rivolta: Clinical research in work-related diseases
- 15.00-15.30 Marco Maroni, Domenico Cavallo: From industrial hygiene and toxicology to environmental hygiene and toxicology: problems and perspectives
  Antonio Colombi, Marina Buratti: From industrial toxicology to molecular toxicology: problems and perspectives
- 15.30-16.00 Giovanni Molteni, Enrico Occhipinti, Daniela Colombini: Musculoskeletal disorders from biomechanical overload
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-17.00 Angela Pesatori, Dario Consonni, Carlo Zocchetti: Occupational epidemiology: from analysis of the apparent to research of the unknown
- 17.00-17.30 Bruno Piccoli, Pier Luigi Zambelli: Occupational ophtalmology and ergophthalmology: an evolving field
- 17.30-18.00 Maria Grazia Cassitto, Renato Gilioli: Emerging occupational stress
THREE OTHER COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

ROME, MARCH 1-3, 2002 (upon invitation)

Within the "Midterm Meeting" attended by the Board and the Scientific Committees (SC) of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)

The “Midterm Meeting” consists of a meeting of the Delegates (Chairs and Secretaries) of each one of the 35 SC/SWG within ICOH. This meeting takes place every three years, in between the ICOH International Congresses, and is aimed at discussing the state of progress of scientific contributions. Organization of the “Midterm Meeting” for 2002 is in charge of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention (ISPESL).

Historical commemoration of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto foundation.

MESSINA - GIARDINI NAXOS (TAORMINA), SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2002

Within the 65th National Congress of the Italian Society of Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene (SIMLII)

100 years of history and research of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto.

Summary of the Scientific Seminar From the past to the future: teaching and expectations

IGUASSU FALLS (BRAZIL), FEBRUARY 23-28, 2003

Within the 27th International ICOH Congress

One Special Session devoted to the historical commemoration of the foundation of the Clinica del Lavoro Luigi Devoto and its scientific path.