

European Conference on Alcohol and the Workplace:

presenting the findings of a European comparative study on preventive and supportive measures for problem drinkers in the workplace

Date: Wednesday 30th April 2003,

Venue: Florence, Italy Cost: Free

Participants

The conference is aimed at workplace health professionals, representatives of trade unions, employers, policy makers, health promotion professionals, workplace substance misuse professionals.



Programme

Morning session (10.00-13.00) chaired by Dr. Valentino Patussi:

- ★ Welcome by Passaleva Angelo, Assessore of the Tuscany Region
- ★ Introduction (Debora Gruiters, Solco S.r.l, Italy)
- ★ Presentation of the findings of the project Alcohol & the Workplace (Laura Mezzani, SIA, Italy and Merel Schutten, IVO, The Netherlands)

Coffee break

- ★ Case study: alcohol workplace research in the Netherlands (Regina van den Eijnden, IVO)
- ★ Case study: the Italian situation (Oreste Bazzani)
- ★ Critical points, and introduction afternoon session (Libby Ranzetta, Alcohol Concern, UK)

Lunch (13.00-14.00)

Workshop (14.00-17.00) "Developing a European network of workplace alcohol professionals"

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Background Information

'Alcohol and the Workplace' is a European Commission (Employment and Social Affairs) funded project, which aims to identify key issues and best practice in the prevention and treatment of workplace alcohol problems.

The research is lead by Solco srl (Rome, Italy), and has three other partners: Addiction Research Institute (IVO) (Rotterdam, The Netherlands); Alcohol Concern (London, Great Britain); and Societa' Italiana di Alcologia (SIA) (Florence, Italy).

The research is a European comparative study on alcohol related problems in the workplace, which aims to identify and analyse existing best practices in European companies to enable the development of a European strategy. It also aims to provide guidelines and tools for the adoption of preventive and supportive measures by companies for employees with alcohol problems, who would otherwise risk losing their jobs and, as a consequence, risk social exclusion. Furthermore the study seeks to identify methodologies that will encourage the dialogue and exchange of experiences between European companies. This bottom-up approach will contribute to the design of social policies to reduce unemployment and social exclusion at a European level.

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Cost

Free, lunch included (we regret we cannot reimburse travel, accommodation or any other costs associated with attendance at the conference).

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