Prof. Marco Maroni: In memoriam

Our friend and colleague Professor Marco Maroni (57 years) passed away on Thursday, 29 June 2006 at 4 pm, at the age of 56 years. Marco died of a heart attack.

Marco Maroni was Professor of Occupational Medicine at the School of Medicine of the University of Milan and head of the Division of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Toxicology. He was also director of the Department of Occupational & Environmental Health at the University Hospital "Luigi Sacco" in Milan and of the International Centre for Pesticides and Health Risk Prevention (ICPS).

Prof. Marco Maroni has been working since the early seventies in the field of occupational health, toxicology and public health. In the course of his career he has conducted numerous educational activities and research studies. He has actively participated in different scientific organizations and committees, at national and international level and has produced numerous publications of high scientific value.

Prof. Marco Maroni was a true friend of India. He was in Goa for Medichem conference in Sept 2005.

As Director, International Centre for Pesticide Safety, a WHO Collaborating Centre in Occupational Health, Marco had always been a strong voice for the importance of occupational health in Europe and globally. Marco was also a key organizer of the ICOH 2006 Centennial Congress held in Milan from 10-16 June.

Marco will be sorely missed by all of us. Our deepest sympathy goes out to
Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed my privilege as President of IAOH to convey to all of you our greetings, good wishes and assurances of highest consideration on behalf of my colleagues of IAOH.

I am happy to inform you that the 57th National conference of IAOH will be held from 1 to 4 Feb. 2007 in Chennai. The Tamilnadu branch will be the host at this event. The venue for the event will be Hotel Taj Coromandel, reminiscent of modernity in harmony with tradition.

The scientific program will be exceptional, designed to provide specific information applicable to the daily practice of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. I am glad to invite OEM researchers, practitioners, professionals, academicians and others to submit scientific papers for the conference.

The conference attracts participation from national and international delegates as it provides platform for delegates to congregate, share and debate occupational health issues, knowledge and experience.

The conference will be supplemented by an exhibition of OSH related products and services that will display latest equipment, successful practices, new technologies and innovations.

We wish to invite all of you to be part of this exciting premier event in Chennai as participants. I am confident that together, we can develop and further improve the quality of practice and advancing the field of Occupational Medicine.

The conference brochure giving descriptive information has been mailed to all the members of IAOH. For additional information, please contact:

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I look forward to welcoming you to Chennai, the coastal city.

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