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PROGRAM OF WORKS

Thursday, 23 November 2006

- 09.30-10.0 Registration of participants
- 10.00-10.15 Documentary video on Asbestos
- 10.15-10.35 Opening of works – Introductory speeches:
- **Mr. Gerasimos Giakoumatos**, State Secretary for Employment and Social Protection.
 - **Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos**, Minister of Health and Social Solidarity
- 10.35-11.20 **Address by:**
- Yannis Panagopoulos, GSEE President
 - Spiros Papaspiros, ADEDY President (to be confirmed)
 - Laurent Vogel, ETUC Representative
 - Representatives of Greek Political Parties
 - Mrs. Fofi Genimata, E.N.A.E President, General Prefect of Athens and Piraeus
- 11.20-11.30 Coffee Break

Presentations (Part I)

European experience on Asbestos

- 11.30-11.50 **“Succeeding abolishment of asbestos”**
Lars Vedsmand, EFBWW Representative
(European Federation of Building and Wood Workers)
- 11.50-12.10 **“Occupational diseases from asbestos – Records of exposed workers – The experience of Germany”**
Prof. Hans-Joachim Weitowitz,
MD, PhD, Germany

- 12.10-12.30 **“ Asbestos Removal”**
 Ross Udal, UK
- 12.30-13.15 Questions – Interventions -Debate
- 13.15-15.0 Lunch

Presentations (Part II)

- 15.00-15.20 **“Trade Union Positions”**
 Laurent Vogel, HESA
- 15.20-15.40 **“Asbestos victims compensation”**
 Christine Kieffer, EUROGIP
- 15.40-16.0 Professor Anthony J Newman Taylor
 CBE, FmedSci, National Heart and Lung
 Institute (to be confirmed)
- 16.00-16.20 **“Records of Medical Monitoring of
workers formerly exposed to Asbestos:
The Italian experience”**,
 Professor Massimo Menegozzo,
 Occupational Physician
- 16.20-17.30 Debate - Conclusions
- 21.0 Dinner at the restaurant “Archeon Gefsis”

Friday, 24 November

Presentations (Part III)

Presentation of situation in Greece

- 10.00-10.20 **“Asbestos in Greece: Past, Present
and Future”**, Spyros Drivas, Occupational
 Physician, ELINYAE

- 10.20-10.40 **“Adverse Health Effects of Asbestos”**
Prof. Panagiotis Behrakis, Lung specialist,
President of the Greek National Asbestos
Committee
- 10.40-11.0 **“Surviving from work with asbestos”**
Vangelis Michos, Workers’ representative in an
Asbestos factory, President of the Regional
Labour Center of Kozani
- 11.00-11.20 **“Asbestos: an environmental pollutant”**
Christina Theochari, Environmental Engineer,
PhD
- 11.20-11.50 Debate
- 11.50-12.0 Coffee Break

Presentations (Part IV)

- 12.00-12.20 **“Occupational Asbestos Diseases in Greece”**
Vassilis Makropoulos, President of ELINYAE
- 12.20-12.40 **“Asbestos in Greece”**, Dr. A. Travlos, Expert in
Analysis of Asbestos Fibers, “Dimokritos”
- 12.40-13.0 **“Management of asbestos containing
materials – Legal Framework”**, Mrs.
Stratigaki, Head of KYAE Department,
Ministry of Employment and Social Protection
- 13.00-14.0 Debate – Conclusions
End of the works
- 14.00-16.00 Lunch