

## **Seminar: The Italian workers' model of struggle for health and safety in the 1970s and 1980s, its influence across Europe and its meaning for OSH trade union strategy today**

**Organised by the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Hotel Thon, 17 avenue du Boulevard, 1210 Brussels  
9 and 10 February 2016**

**Participation is free but registration is required on the following link :  
<https://crm.etui.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=95>**

**Interpretation in French, English and Italian will be provided.**

### **AIM**

In the 1970s and 1980s, workers' participation in health and safety initiatives resulted in a deep renewal of trade union mobilisation strategies. From the end of the 1960s, new experiences were developed in Italy. These were focussed on workers' capacity to analyse work processes, identify hazards and define preventive solutions. Very quickly this new wave of mobilisation crossed the frontiers of Italy and spread throughout Europe and to different parts of the world.

Our intention at this gathering is to present ongoing research about these experiences and to discuss how the period in question could be an inspiration for health and safety strategy today.

The seminar will be based on the cooperation of scholars, people who were active in the struggles in question and trade unionists responsible for organising health and safety action today.

This event is linked with several initiatives in different countries for collecting documentation and analysing the history of the period in question. Among these initiatives, the creation of a digital archive of thousands of documents has been carried out in Italy with the support of INAIL (the national institute for the compensation of work injuries).

### **PROGRAMME**

**9 February 2016 (afternoon)**

**Welcome : 1.30 pm**

#### **Session 1: The Italian workers' model for health and safety in the 1970s and 1980s**

2pm: Introduction **Laurent Vogel, ETUI**

2.15 pm: **Claudio Stanzani** (SINDNOVA, CISL) The renewal of trade union strategy for health and safety prevention in Italy in the 1970s. The CRD experience and the journal *Medicina dei lavoratori*

2.40 pm: **Diego Alhaique** (Fondazione Giuseppe Di Vittorio) 'The FIM-FIOM-UILM guide' and the methodology of workers' investigation for a participatory approach to prevention'

3.05 pm: **Marco Lupi** (UIL) 'Keeping alive the memory: the case of workers' risk mapping at FIAT (painting department)'

3.30 Break

3:50 **Diana Gagliardi** (INAIL) " Cooperation between INAIL and the Italian trade unions for the creation of digital archives on the Italian model worker "

4.15 pm Discussion

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### Session 2: The renewal of workers' health and safety mobilisation in other European countries in the 1970s

9 am: **Charlie Clutterbuck** 'OSH activities of the British society for social responsibility in science'

9.25 am **Hilda Palmers** (Hazard Manchester Centre) 'Birth and development of the Hazards Movement in the UK'

9.50 am: **Angel Carcoba** (CC.OO) 'The impact of the Italian Workers' model in trade union strategy in Spain'

10.15 am: Discussion

10.45 am: Break

11.15 am: **Catherine Teiger** 'Women also have a brain! Struggling for better health and safety of female workers in the electronics industry in France at the beginning of the 1970s'

11.40 am: **Laure Pitti** 'The workers' struggle at Penarroya (France)'

12.05 pm: **Thora Brendstrup and Klaas Zwart** 'The renewal of workers' struggles for health and safety in the 1970s in the Netherlands and Denmark'

12.30 pm: Discussion

1-2 pm: Lunch

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**Session 3: The European dimension of OSH mobilisation in the 1970s and 1980s and what we can learn from it for the present**

2 pm: **José Bustamante** (former OSH policy officer for ETUC) ‘The renewal of OSH strategy in the ETUC in the 80s: the case of work-related cancer and lead’

2.25 pm: **Marc Sapir and Jean Lapeyre** ‘The ETUC’s role in negotiating the 1989 framework directive’

2.50 pm: **Nicolas Hatzfeld (Université d’Evry – France)** ‘Recent developments in historiography about OSH in the 1970s and 1980s’

3.15 pm: **Laurent Vogel (ETUI)** ‘What can we learn for the present from the Italian workers’ model?’

3.40 pm: Break

4.10 pm : **Silvana Roseto** (Confédéral Secretary – UIL for the 3 Italian Trade Union Confederations CGIL, CISL et UIL) : « A current story that we are writing »

4:30 pm: Final discussion

**4.50 pm: Conclusions: Luca Visentini (ETUC)**



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