

## Dr Jorge Costa-David



Dr Jorge Costa-David is a European Commission Principal Administrator in Directorate General Employment (DG EMPL), Social Affairs & Inclusion (Unit Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work), with current responsibility, from an occupational health and safety perspective, for policy development on Occupational Diseases, Asbestos, Nanotechnology, Mental Health and Psychosocial issues at the workplace. This has included, inter alia, responsibility for study reports and/or guidance documents development, from a health and safety at work perspective, on the previously mentioned topics and also the possible extension of the scope of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive 2004/37/EC to include category 1A and 1B reprotoxic substances.

He was formerly responsible for: **(i)** In Enterprise Directorate General, (*Promotion of Entrepreneurship and SMEs*): 'Business incubators', 'Business Start ups' and 'Business support measures' and contributed to the development of the Entrepreneurship Green Paper and the Entrepreneurship Action Plan; **(ii)** In Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection: Scientific Secretary of the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment; **(iii)** In Directorate General Environment: various chemicals related files (classification and labelling of dangerous chemical substances, chemicals safety).

Experience prior to working for the European Commission includes 9 years of medical practice, 5 years of secondary school teaching and interpreting/translation work.

He has degrees on Medicine (MD), Public Health (DipPH), Education (MA), Modern Languages (MIL) and Business Administration (MBA).

## Rebekah Smith



Rebekah Smith is Senior Adviser in the Social Affairs department of BUSINESSEUROPE, with responsibility for Social Protection and Inclusion, Health and Safety, and Corporate Social Responsibility. She has been working at BUSINESSEUROPE for six years and in the field of EU affairs for ten years. She is a member of the European Pensions Forum and the CSR Multistakeholder Forum coordination committee, and is responsible for BUSINESSEUROPE's liaison with the EU Social Protection Committee. She coordinates employer members of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health, of the Advisory Committee on Coordination of Social Security, and of the board of the Bilbao Agency for Health and Safety. Previously she was Policy and Communications Manager for a Brussels-based consultancy specialised in assisting UK SME representatives to be active on EU policy, as well as working for the EU Representation office of a UK region. Rebekah has a Master's degree in European Studies and studied at Hull University in the UK and Osnabrueck University in Germany.

## Hugh Robertson



Hugh Robertson is the Senior Policy Officer with responsibility for Prevention, Rehabilitation and Compensation at the TUC. He was a non-executive director of the Health and Safety Executive for nine years. Between 1999 and 2009 he was a member of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council. He currently sits on the boards of a number of bodies including the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and the Council for Work and Health. He is a trustee of the British Occupational Health Research Foundation. Hugh is a Chartered Fellow of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. He is Vice-chair of the Panel of Experts on Occupational Diseases of the International Labour Organisation and a member of the European Commission's Advisory Committee for Safety and Health, chairing its Occupational Diseases Working Party.

## Dr Francisco Santos-O'Connor



Francisco Santos-O'Connor graduated as medical doctor in Madrid, Spain, in 1997. He practised as clinician in the United Kingdom and Spain before moving into public and occupational health. In 2004 he joined the Maritime Health Institute of the Spanish Ministry of Labour, where he was in charge of an occupational health service. In 2008 he moved to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in Stockholm where he worked as epidemiologist and expert in public health preparedness. Since 2012 he is specialist in occupational safety and health at the Labour Administration, Labour Inspection, Occupational Safety and Health (LABADMINOSH) Branch, Governance and Tripartism Department (GOVERNANCE) of the International Labour Organization (ILO). He has extensive postgraduate training on occupational health, including Masters on Maritime Occupational Health and HIV/AIDS, as well as Diplomas on Hygiene and Biostatistics. Dr Santos-O'Connor has contributed to many ILO and EU publications on occupational and public health, and has authored more than 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals and books. He has also been senior lecturer in universities, training supervisor for medical and administrative staff, and organizer of courses for diverse audiences, including workers, employers and government officials.

## Ivan Dimov Ivanov



Dr Ivan Dimov Ivanov coordinates WHO global action on workers' health and leads current projects on linking occupational health to primary health care, diagnosis of occupational diseases and addressing occupational risks for non-communicable diseases, including cancer and chronic respiratory diseases.

Dr Ivanov started working at the WHO in 2000, first in the Regional Office for Europe as manager of the European programme on environmental health policy. In 2005, he was transferred to WHO Headquarters where he facilitated the development of the Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health and initiated a global campaign on the elimination of asbestos-related diseases, as well as projects on occupational carcinogens in several countries.

Prior to joining WHO, Dr Ivanov was senior adviser in occupational and environmental health at the Ministry of Health of his native country, Bulgaria. He is a medical doctor, specialist in occupational health and has PhD in sociology of health and environment.

## Kären Clayton



Kären Clayton is currently the Director of HSE's Long Latency Health Risks Division and she has policy responsibility for a broad range of issues including occupational diseases such as cancers and respiratory diseases and, for asbestos, biocides, lead, petroleum and other chemicals. Until June 2010, she was Director for HSE's Corporate Specialist Division leading a large corporate group of specialists in occupational hygiene, occupational medicine, human factors, radiation, and electrical and process safety providing expert advice to UK Government, others in HSE, industry and members of the public, and with responsibility for regulation in a range of industry sectors.

Until May 2008, Kären headed HSE's Biological Agents Unit, where she was responsible for leadership of HSE's investigation into the Foot and Mouth outbreak at the Pirbright site in September 2007, and for provision of policy advice to the Callaghan Review of the regulatory framework for handling animal pathogens in the UK.

Kären Clayton joined HSE in 1993 as an Explosives Inspector, having previously been employed, both as a scientist in MOD and in operations management for British Aerospace, in the defence industry since 1977.

## Len Levy



Len Levy is currently Emeritus Professor of Environmental Health within the Institute of Environment and Health at the University of Cranfield, UK. Previously (up till October 2005) he was Head of Toxicology and Risk Assessment at the UK Medical Research Council's - Institute for Environment and Health based at the University of Leicester. Len is an internationally well-known occupational and environmental toxicologist and risk assessor and holds a doctorate in experimental pathology from the Institute of Cancer Research, London and has held academic positions at the University of Aston, where he developed courses in occupational toxicology and established an Industrial Toxicology Unit to research mechanisms and causes of occupational cancer and give advice to industry, trade unions and Government departments, and the University of Birmingham's Institute of Occupational Health where he was a Reader in Occupational Health where he continued his research into causes and mechanisms of occupational cancer and also developed a Masters course in Occupational Health. He is currently an independent member on the UK's Health and Safety Commission's Working Group on the Assessment of Toxic Chemicals (WATCH) and the Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances (ACTS), and the UK nominee and vice-chair on the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL), DG EMP, and was, until last year, a member of the Veterinary Products Committee (VPC) specialising in toxicology and risk assessment and Chaired of two of its sub-committees (Medical and Scientific Panel and the Hormones Subgroup). He has been an invited Working Group member to some twelve International Agency on Cancer Research (IARC) Monograph

meetings (WHO, Lyon) on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans and has chaired two of these meetings in recent times. He has conducted occupational and environmental risk assessments on many different types of substances, ranging from pesticides to metals and solvents, including recently focussing on the susceptibility of young children to lead, and has led teams producing a large number of Criteria Documents used for the setting of Occupational Exposure Limits, both in the UK and the EU. Len has published more than 300 papers on occupational carcinogenesis, occupational and environmental toxicology, risk assessment and risk management and the regulatory aspects of both environmental and occupational air and water standards. In 2000, he was awarded an OBE for Services to Occupational Health and Safety. Amongst current activities, chairs the Executive Committee of the influential UK Interdepartmental Group on Health Risks from Chemicals (IGHRC) on behalf of the UK Government.

## Vincent Bonneterre



Vincent Bonneterre is a Senior Lecturer in the field of Occupational Medicine for Grenoble University and Grenoble Teaching Hospital, France

His clinical activity is mainly dedicated to investigation of cases in the field of occupational toxicology (Grenoble Occupational & Environmental Diseases Consultations Centre), in line with the French Network for Work-Related Diseases Vigilance and Prevention (RNV3P).

He conducted research in the EPSP team (Environment and health prediction in population, TIMC laboratory, UMR CNRS 5525, Grenoble University). The main research theme regarding occupational health concerns the detection of new work-related diseases by a dual approach aimed at capturing early signals: 1) clinical, 2) data mining of existing surveillance databases, especially with the use of disproportionality metrics already used in the pharmacovigilance domain. These last methods have been mainly tested on the French RNV3P network, and recently on the UK THOR network.

Collaborations on these issues are conducted at the EU level within a EU-COST funded project named "Modernet" (Monitoring Occupational Diseases and New Emerging Risks Network, COST funding 2011-2014). Vincent Bonneterre is leading the Modernet workpackage dedicated to the detection of new work-related diseases, which proposed a sentinel clinical watch system (OccWatch project), as one of its deliverables, whose pilot will be presented at the conference.

## Tuula Oksanen



Tuula Oksanen, MD, PhD, is an occupational health specialist and has worked as an occupational physician for 15 years. Since 2006, she has conducted research on social determinants of work and health in the Finnish Public Sector (FPS) study at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH). She defended her thesis on workplace social capital and health in 2009, and continued the research at Harvard School of Public Health as a post-doctoral fellow in 2010-2011. She has 94 peer-reviewed scientific publications, and several book chapters and articles popularizing science. She has been awarded the best article published in *Annals of Epidemiology* in 2010. Currently, she is working as a team leader at FIOH. In this position, she is responsible for data collection in the Finnish Public Sector study (bi-annual surveys targeting 110 000 employees and 8000 workplaces) and the implementation of the results to the workplaces. She has just been appointed as the director of a new thematic area of OSH research and development at FIOH, starting January 2015.

## Paul-Émile Boileau



Paul-Émile Boileau is Scientific Director of the Robert-Sauvé Occupational Health and Safety Research Institute (IRSST) since 2006. He was responsible for developing the 2009-2011 three-year scientific and technical production plan and the 2013-2017 five-year plan that was recently adopted by the IRSST. He holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Concordia University, and he realized as a researcher several research projects focused on reducing the exposure of workers to vibration and mechanical shock emitted by vehicles and tools. His work has resulted in over 200 scientific papers and communications. As Associate Professor at the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Concordia University since 1995, he continues to co-lead the work of students enrolled in graduate studies. Since spring 2013 he is responsible for the new collaborating center of the World Health Organization which includes the Scientific Department of the IRSST.

## Elke Schneider



Elke Schneider has been active as a project manager at EU-OSHA since 2002, on a variety of topics. She was involved in setting up the Agency's European risk observatory and is currently in charge of preparing the Agency's large-scale project on work-related diseases. She has also been involved in a number of projects related to workplace protection against dangerous substances.

Elke Schneider has a degree in technical chemistry/ biochemistry and a doctorate in technical sciences from the Technical University of Vienna, Austria.

Before joining EU-OSHA in 2002, Elke Schneider worked as deputy head of unit for European and International Affairs at the central authority of the Austrian Labour Inspection within the Ministry of Economics and Labour, now Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection.

She has been a national delegate to the EU Commission and Council and involved in cooperation with SLIC (the Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee) and many other stakeholders. She has also been a member in the Austrian Association of Toxicologists.