



European Biosafety Summit

Caring for those who care for us

Coach House, Dublin Castle
Wednesday, 1st June 2011



08.30 Registration

Morning Session – Chairperson, Ms Sheila Dickson, President of INMO

09.30 Opening Address – Dr James Reilly, Minister for Health

09.40 Engineering Controls: a case study in hospital implementation
Dr Blánaid Hayes, Consultant in Occupational Medicine

10.00 Research on Needlestick Injuries in Ireland
- Ms Annette Kennedy, Director of Professional Development, INMO

10.15 Personal Experience of Needlestick Injury
- Ms Gráinne Hogan Cashen (A/CNM2, Theatre, Portiuncula)

10.25 Creating the Momentum to Implement the Sharps Directive
- Ms Mary Davis, Regional President of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia

10.40 Tea and Coffee

11.00 Member States Reports on Progress in Implementing the Sharps Directive
- Spain – Ms Encarna Fernandez Del Palacio, DON, University Hospital Clinico San Carlos
- U.K. – Ms Janet Davies, Executive Director of Nursing and Service Delivery, RCN
- Bulgaria – Ms Milka Vasileva, Vice-President, Bulgarian Association of Health Professionals in Nursing
- Romania – Ms Ecaterina Gulie, President, Romanian Nursing Association

12.00 Toolkit for implementation of Sharps Directive
Session Chairperson (Mr Ian Lindsley), Safer Needles Network (Dr Paul Grime),
Legal Adviser to EBN (Mr Richard Arthur), UNISON (Ms Gail Adams),
European Federation of Nurses (Mr Paul de Raeve)

13.00 Buffet Lunch

Afternoon Session – Chairperson, Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of European Biosafety Network

14.15 Keynote Address
Mr László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

14.30 Challenges and Opportunities for implementation of Sharps Directive
MEPs (Ms Marian Harkin, Ms Phil Prendergast)

15.00 Next Steps - EPSU (Mr Mathias Maucher) HOSPEEM (Mr Godfrey Perera)
European Agency for Safety & Health (Ms Zinta Podniece)
European Commission (Dr Jesús Álvarez Hidalgo)

16.00 Closing Address -Prof Dr Máximo González Jurado, Spanish General Council of Nursing and
Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Network

Aims of the Summit and the European Biosafety Network

The 2nd European Biosafety Summit will be held on 1 June 2011, one year after the 1st European Biosafety Summit was held in Madrid when the European Sharps Directive was published, which implemented the EU Framework Agreement negotiated between the EU social partners EPSU and HOSPEEM. The Summit will also coincide with European Biosafety Day. The Summit will highlight the risks, impact and raise awareness of sharps injuries and report on progress within the Member States and across Europe towards implementation of the Sharps Directive and its transposition into national legislation.

The Summit will also discuss components of a practical toolkit for implementation and will be presented with a Blueprint for Action drafted by the European Biosafety Network. The European Biosafety Network was established in 2010 as a virtual network of national and European professional institutions, representative associations, unions and other interested organisations committed to the elimination of sharps injuries throughout the EU and to improve the safety of patients and healthcare and non-healthcare workers. This will be achieved by increasing the education and training of healthcare and non-healthcare workers, promoting best and safer practice and providing safety engineered technologies. A Toolkit for the implementation of the Sharps Directive will be launched at the Summit.

