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Dear MEDICHEM Members,

With this MEDICHEM-Newsletter I would like to share with you some very important News for you.

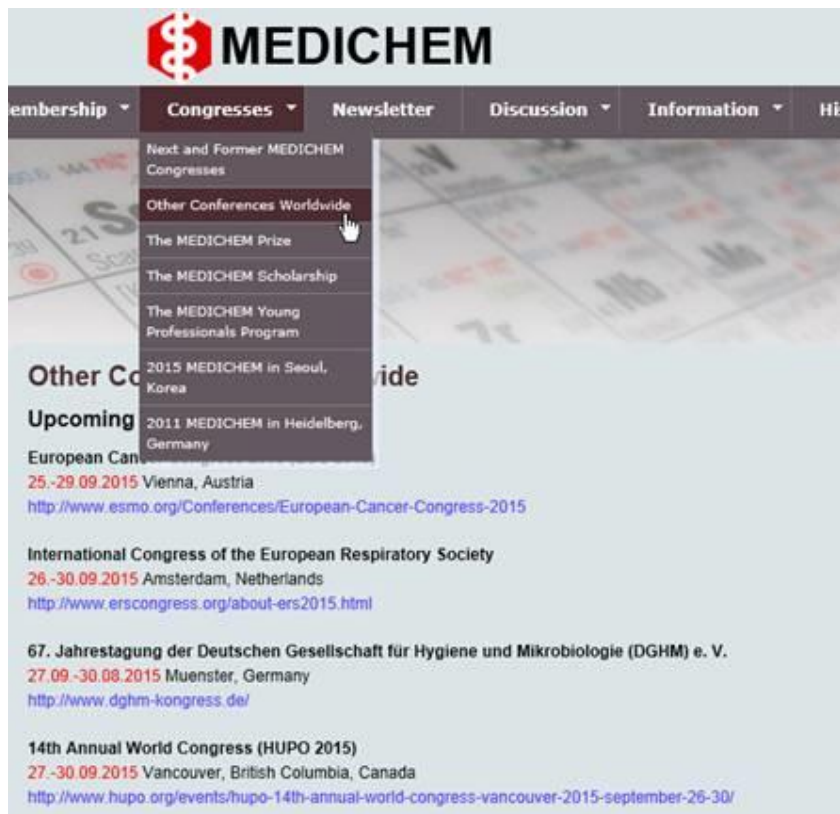
As a first:



The registration for our next, the 44th International MEDICHEM Congress in Basel, Switzerland, is open: [Register early for reduced prices!](#) And have a look at the [Congress website](#) with the first draft of the program.

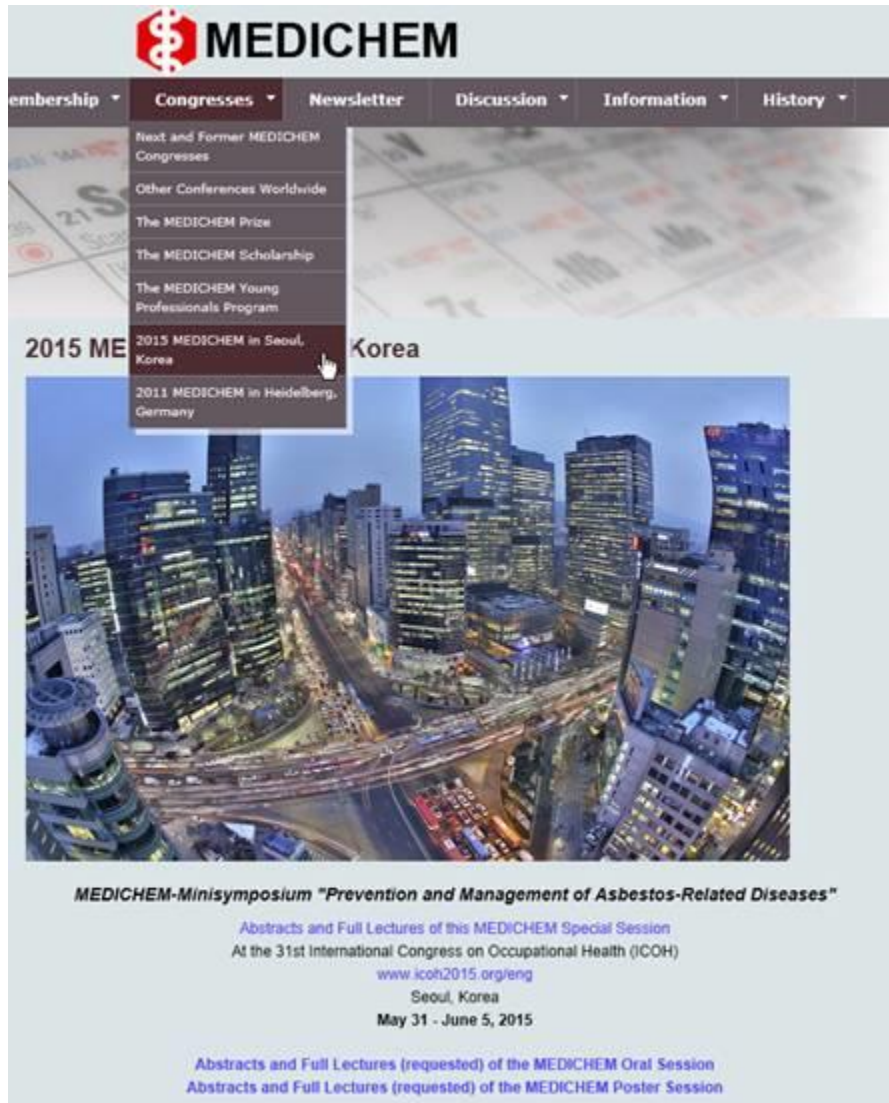
In the attachment please find the invitation letter of our President, Dr. Murray Coombs, and of the Chairman of the Congress, Dr. Martin Kuster.

As a second:



I have included the offer of a Congress database for you at our MEDICHEM Website [www.medicchem.org](http://www.medicchem.org) with currently 98 conferences worldwide until 2026 with direct link to the event. Please inform me if you want me to integrate a meeting which is not mentioned yet.

As a third:



The screenshot shows the MEDICHEM website interface. At the top is the MEDICHEM logo, a red caduceus symbol next to the word "MEDICHEM". Below the logo is a dark navigation bar with menu items: "Membership", "Congresses", "Newsletter", "Discussion", "Information", and "History". A dropdown menu is open under "Congresses", listing: "Next and Former MEDICHEM Congresses", "Other Conferences Worldwide", "The MEDICHEM Prize", "The MEDICHEM Scholarship", "The MEDICHEM Young Professionals Program", "2015 MEDICHEM in Seoul, Korea", and "2011 MEDICHEM in Heidelberg, Germany". Below the navigation is a large banner image of a city skyline at night, with the text "2015 MEDICHEM in Seoul, Korea" overlaid. Below the banner is the title "MEDICHEM-Minisymposium 'Prevention and Management of Asbestos-Related Diseases'" and details about the event: "Abstracts and Full Lectures of this MEDICHEM Special Session At the 31st International Congress on Occupational Health (ICOH) www.icoh2015.org/eng Seoul, Korea May 31 - June 5, 2015". At the bottom of the banner, it says "Abstracts and Full Lectures (requested) of the MEDICHEM Oral Session" and "Abstracts and Full Lectures (requested) of the MEDICHEM Poster Session".

You can find all Abstracts and some Full Lectures of our successful [MEDICHEM Symposium "Prevention and Management of Asbestos-Related Diseases"](#) with 5 talks as well as of our [MEDICHEM Oral Session](#) with 8 talks as well as of the [MEDICHEM Poster Session](#) with 4 Posters we all had at the ICOH Congress in Seoul on June 3, 2015.

As a fourth:

43	2015	Seoul (ICOH), Korea
44	2016	Basel, Switzerland (planning stage)
45	2017	Vienna, Austria (planning stage)
46	2018	Dublin (ICOH), Ireland (planning stage)
47	2019	to be announced
48	2020	to be announced
49	2021	to be announced (ICOH)
50	2022	Heidelberg, Germany: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

For our 45<sup>th</sup> International MEDICHEM Congress our Board Member PD Dr. Robert Winker has taken over the responsibility of being the Chairman of the Congress in Vienna.

In 2018 we will have a Symposium, an Oral Session and a Poster Session at [ICOH in Dublin](#) from April 29-May 4, 2018. Please let me know your ideas for a topic.

Our MEDICHEM Congresses in 2019 and 2020 are open for your proposals.

#### As a fifth:

As MEDICHEM being the ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry, we have agreed to offer a Symposium at the next IUTOX Congress from 02.-06.10.2016 in Merida, Mexico, together with the ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Toxicology, in Seoul. On August 27, 2015 the Scientific Congress Chair, Luz Maria Del Razo has informed us that the Scientific Committee of the ICTXIV Congress has approved the scientific symposium "**Occupational Toxicology and Chemical Risk Assessment**" that we have submitted.

#### Mark the date:

**The XIV International Congress of Toxicology (IUTOX) with MEDICHEM Symposium**

02.-06.10.2016 Merida, Mexico

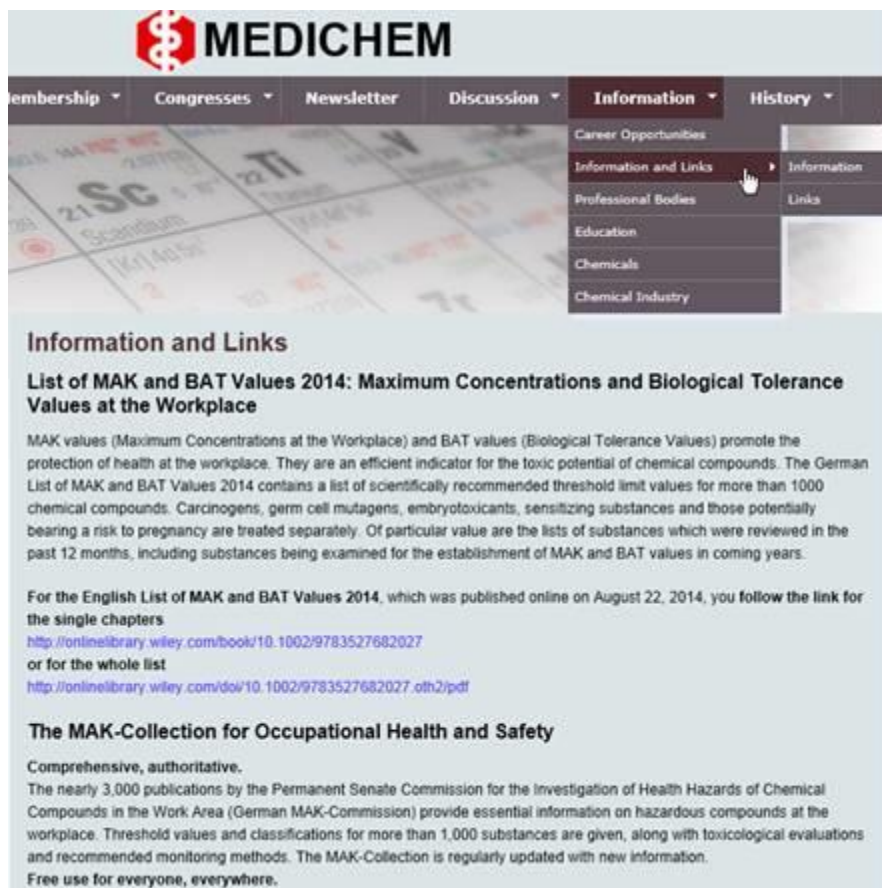
<http://ict-mexico2016.org/>

#### As the sixth:

Only some days ago we have not only given the Sustaining Members of MEDICHEM a direct [payment link with transparent information about numbers](#). Furthermore, the Sustaining MEDICHEM Members now have a platform for advertising on the MEDICHEM Website ([List of Sponsors by categories](#), Logo, Advertisement) at the heading MEMBERS and the subheading Sustaining Members.

Many thanks go to all of our Sustaining Members of MEDICHEM, who are kindly asked to send their short advertising with logo and links. A special welcome go to our two new Sustaining Members Ramboll Environ and Sadara Chemical Company.

#### As the seventh:



The screenshot shows the MEDICHEM website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options: Membership, Congresses, Newsletter, Discussion, Information, and History. The 'Information' menu is expanded, showing sub-options: Career Opportunities, Information and Links, Professional Bodies, Education, Chemicals, and Chemical Industry. The 'Information and Links' sub-option is selected, leading to a page titled 'Information and Links'. The main content area features a section titled 'List of MAK and BAT Values 2014: Maximum Concentrations and Biological Tolerance Values at the Workplace'. Below this title, there is a paragraph explaining MAK and BAT values and their importance for workplace health protection. Further down, there are links for the English List of MAK and BAT Values 2014, including links for single chapters and the whole list. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is another section titled 'The MAK-Collection for Occupational Health and Safety', which is described as comprehensive and authoritative, providing essential information on hazardous compounds at the workplace.

We have integrated at our MEDICHEM Website the offer of [Career Opportunities](#). Please have a look and please send your job-offers.

Furthermore you can find a number of [helpful information](#) as well as [useful links](#). Further headings like Discussion and History have to be filled, may be with your contributions? That would be great.

#### As the last but not as the Least: People and Events

A very warm welcome to our 20 new MEDICHEM Members:

**Dr. Caihong Xing**, National Institute of Occupational Health and Poison Control, Beijing (**CHINA**) Nat. Rep. from 150429, 140922  
**Dr. Micheál Shannon**, Silverdale Practice, Blackrock Hall P.C.C, Blackrock, Cork (**IRELAND**), 150417  
**Dr. Shlomo Moshe**, Maccabi Healthcare Services Ganey, Tikva (**ISRAEL**), ICOH Member, 150427  
**Dr. Jose Jesus Francia Romero**, Clariant Peru, Lima (**PERU**), ICOH Member, 150512  
**Drs. Kees de Rooij**, Exxon Mobil, Zevenbergen (**NETHERLANDS**), 150513  
**Dr. Nikunj Desai**, Reliance Industries Limited Navi, Mumbai (**INDIA**), ICOH Member, 150515  
**Dr. Aditya Paliwal**, Reliance Industries Limited, Surat (**INDIA**), ICOH Member, 150515  
**Dr. Hitendra Wagle**, Reliance Industries Limited, Mumbai (**INDIA**), ICOH Member, 150519  
**Dr. Martin Hogan**, EHA Corporate, Cork (**IRELAND**), ICOH Member 150601  
**Prof. Dr. Adel Mahmoud Zakaria**, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah (**SAUDI ARABIA**), ICOH Member 150603  
**Dr. Gleb Csigrinszkij**, Monsanto, Budapest (**HUNGARY**), ICOH Member 150607  
**Dr. Alex Govender**, Volkswagen Group China, Beijing (**CHINA**), 150617  
**Dr. Marwan Behisi**, Johns Hopkins Aramco Healthcare, Dhahran (**SAUDI ARABIA**), ICOH Member 150623  
**Dr. Jens Tilman Wilhelm Thomsen**, Health Authority Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi (**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**), 150624  
**Elana Venter**, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg (**SOUTH AFRICA**) ICOH Member 150625  
**Miriam Rexroth**, BG RCI, Heideberg (**GERMANY**), 150717  
**Dr. Blythe Allan-Hardy**, Bayer MaterialScience, Baytown (**USA**), 150720  
**Dr. Andrew Thomson**, Sadara Chemical Company, Dhahran (**SAUDI ARABIA**), ICOH Member 150915  
**Dr. Christoph Wyss**, XperTox Toxicology Services GmbH, Lugnorre (**SWITZERLAND**), 150918  
**Dr. Moazzam Zaidi**, ACC, Wangamui (**NEW ZEALAND**), ICOH Member, 150603

## Condolences

We mourn our very esteemed **Honorary Member of MEDICHEM, Prof. Dr. med. Todor Popov**, Center of Hygiene, Sofia (**BULGARIA**) who surprisingly died in January 2015. Many of you might also remember "his" MEDICHEM Congress in Varna, it was the 25<sup>th</sup> MEDICHEM Congress, which will be unforgettable for me and for my husband. The children who were opening the congress with their choir and all the other highlights we will never forget. Also the post congress tour together with Prof. Thiess and his wife Dr. Gisela Thiess as well as with Dr. Leo Djerassi from Israel with his wife and with some more Members of MEDICHEM was wonderful. **Let us hold them in honorable memory.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our new **Honorary Member of MEDICHEM, Dr. Donald Cook, Shoreland Travax, Milwaukee, WI, USA**. I had asked the Membership on April 10, to approve the nomination proposal according to our Board Meeting on April 1, 2015 in Heidelberg, until April 23, 2015. 50 Members have answered, all have answered with yes. Of the 50 Members who answered with yes, there were 12 of 17 Board Members. Therefore the Election by two thirds majority of the Board was already fulfilled, as 12 of 17 are more than 2/3 of the Board Members. This was confirmed by the Board Members at their Meeting on June 1, 2015 in Seoul. I will contact Dr. Cook soon to find out when we can meet and have an official ceremony.

At this point I want to say a big "Thank you" to Shoreland and especially to **Dawn Keough**, as our MEDICHEM Website is designed and supported by Shoreland, <http://www.shoreland.com/> publisher of Shoreland Travax®. The establishment and continuous improvement of our MEDICHEM Website I only could realized with the outstanding work and help of Dawn.



MEDICHEM's founder and Honorary President, **Prof. Dr. Alfred M. Thiess**, will celebrate his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 3, 2015.





MEDICHEM's Treasurer, **Dr. Steffen Hitzeroth**, has celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10, 2014 and will have the 61<sup>st</sup> in a few days.

### **MEDICHEM Activities**

We will have an Officers **Board Meeting** on October 2, 2015 in Basel, together with the Chairman of MEDICHEM 2016 in Basel, Dr. Martin Kuster. I will put the Minutes of this upcoming Board Meeting as well as those of the Board Meeting and the General Assembly in June 2015 in Seoul at our MEDICHEM Website under the Members Only Menu, as soon as possible.

I hope these information have been of interest for you.

Best regards,

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