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Dear MEDICHEM Members,

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

### As a first:

In the **Members only Menu** (to be opened with the password **worldlink**) you can now find the **brand new updated List of MEDICHEM Members Worldwide**. These data are the result of the Handbook Updating Campaign and the status is: February 17, 2016. Please check your data and send your corrections to my attention. The MEDICHEM Members Expertise Databank is coming soon here.

### As a second:



The Chairman of the Congress, Dr. Martin Kuster, and the Organizing and Scientific Committees are proud to announce the content of the **invited presentations of MEDICHEM 2016**. Also, we would like to draw your attention to the 8 open presentations (or more posters) and ask for Abstracts from the MEDICHEM Membership: The deadline for **Submission of Abstracts is extended to March 31, 2016**. In order to make the early-bird discounts, we kindly ask you **register for the conference** in Basel. Please also invite your colleagues. You can forward the Mark the Date for Basel-information in the attachment. We are looking forward seeing you all at this exciting event in Basel on August 31 to September 2, 2016.

Furthermore I offer you the service of our new **Congress Databank: Other Conferences Worldwide** with currently 101 Upcoming Conferences until 2026 with direct link to the event, and 41 conferences in the Archive of Recent Conferences. Please inform me if you want me to integrate a meeting which is not mentioned yet.

Our new MEDICHEM Member, Dr. Martin Hogan, is the Chairman of the next **ICOH Congress in Dublin 2018**, from **29.04.-04.05.2018**, as always with a **MEDICHEM Symposium**. Our MEDICHEM Board decided on the theme of our **"MEDICHEM Symposium - Environmental and Occupational Impacts on the Human Genome"**. The speakers will be Dr. Avi Wiener from Israel and Prof. Aaron

Ciehanover (Won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2004) - if he agrees, and three further speakers. **If you are interested to give one of the three lectures** please let me know as soon as possible, since we had to inform the organizers already on February 10, which I did, but only with two of the necessary five talks. I need the **name and the title of your talk**.

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. The **Title of the MEDICHEM Symposium is: "Occupational Toxicology and Chemical Risk Assessment"**. **Mark the date!**

### **As a third:**

At the Heading **History of MEDICHEM** I have put information about the ***Founding of MEDICHEM***, the ***7 President's of MEDICHEM***, the ***11 Secretary's General of MEDICHEM***, the ***Insignia of MEDICHEM*** with photos and ***Past MEDICHEM Congresses***.

### **As a fourth:**

At the heading **Newsletter** I have put to your disposal **my e-mail of February 5**, 2016 when I had to inform you that Prof. Dr. med. habil. Dr. med. h. c. Alfred Michael Thiess, Founder & Honorary President of MEDICHEM, has passed away on Wednesday, the 3rd of February 2016. Here you also find my **Appreciation of Prof. Dr. Dr. Alfred Michael Thiess** and my **Eulogy at the funeral ceremony** on February 12, 2016 in recognition of Prof. Thiess. Furthermore you find an **Obituary for Prof. Thiess** by our former Board member and Secretary General, Dr. Michael Nasterlack.

**By the way:** After the last two sentences of my funeral speech with the words: "...Your husband's legacy will live on through his "baby" MEDICHEM.

Dear Prof. Thiess, your association will never forget you. We will miss you in our midst, but you will live on in our memory."

**I closed the speech with a final blow with the hammer on the anvil...**

### **As a fifth:**

I provided you with a number of new **Information with links**, like a ***simplified labelling system*** for storage bottles in laboratories, taking into account the new labelling system in line with the CLP regulation, or the ***BG RCI Expertise Portal***, which offers you the specialist knowledge and experience of its prevention experts with information about Plant safety, Biological agents, First aid, Hazardous Substances and Laboratories, and the German ***REACH-CLP-Biozid Helpdesk***, all in English language, etc. **and a new tool: Helpful Downloads**, with some information about ***Asbestos*** and different offers for ***Practical assistance for occupational and environmental health professionals***, for instance about Working in Oxygen Reduced Atmospheres, Storage of chemicals; Guidelines for good practice, Maintenance and Changes in Plants with High Safety Requirements, Practical Guidance; Mis-Identification of chemicals, Causes and Precautions for Storage, Transport and Production Plant. Please send me your ideas which could be of use for our colleagues around the world, to be integrated here.

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

A very warm welcome to our 7 new MEDICHEM Members (after my last Newsletter of September 29):

**Ahmad Albakri**, Sadara Chemical Company, Jubail (**SAUDI ARABIA**), 151001  
**Dr. Daniel Viljoen**, Unilever, Durban (**SOUTH AFRICA**), 151001  
**Dr. Raul Huerta Mercado Tenorio**, Universidad ESAN, Miraflores (**PERU**), ICOH Member, 151129  
**Dr. Oswaldo Ortiz Trigos**, Rio Tinto, Lima (**PERU**), ICOH Member, 151201  
**Prof. Dr. Janvier Gasana**, Florida International University (FIU), Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work (**USA, FL**), 151202  
**Dr. Sami Ali**, SADARA, Dhahran (**SAUDI ARABIA**), 160129  
**Dr. Miriam Hogan**, EHA (Employment Health Advisors Ltd.), Cork (**IRELAND**), 160218

Please invite your colleagues to become a Member of MEDICHEM. You can forward the attached Flyer MEDICHEM in Brief and the Application for MEDICHEM Membership-Form.

Thank you for the preparedness of our new National Representatives, who I was able to appoint within the last months:

**ARGENTINA**, *Dr. Sergio Omar Salomon*, Appointed April 2015  
**AUSTRIA**, MEDICHEM Board Member *Priv. Doz. Dr. Robert Winker*, Appointed April 2015  
**BELGIUM**, *Dr. Marc Boeckx*, Appointed April 2015  
**BRAZIL**, *Priv. Doz. Dr. Sergio Leichner*, Appointed April 2015  
**CHINA**, *Prof. Dr. Caihong Xing*, Appointed April 2015  
**COLOMBIA**, *Dr. Jorge Mario Gallego Perez*, Appointed December 2015  
**CYPRUS**, MEDICHEM Board Member *Prof. Dr. Elpida-Niki Emmanouil-Nikoloussi*, Appointed December 2015  
**HUNGARY**, *Levente Szabo*, Appointed April 2015  
**IRAN**, *Dr. Amir Radfar*, Appointed April 2015  
**IRELAND**, *Dr. Martin Hogan*, Appointed December 2015  
**ISRAEL**, MEDICHEM Board Member *Dr. Avi Wiener*, Appointed April 2015  
**MOROCCO**, *Dr. Farid Slaoui*, Appointed April 2015  
**NETHERLANDS**, *Drs. Dirk W. F. Veldhorst*, Appointed April 2015  
**NIGERIA**, *Dr. Olusegun Olatunji Aminu*, Appointed April 2015  
**PAKISTAN**, *Dr. Salman Akhtur*, Appointed December 2015  
**PERÚ**, *Dr. Denis Barnaby Rodriguez*, Appointed July 2015  
**ROMANIA**, *Dr. Irina Filip*, Appointed April 2015  
**SAUDI ARABIA**, *Dr. Andrew Thomson*, Appointed January 2016  
**UNITED KINGDOM**, *Dr. Ian Charles*, Appointed April 2015

In the following countries I have either requested (and I got no answer yet), or to appoint a National Representative: **BULGARIA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, Luxembourg, NEW ZEALAND, SENEGAL, TAIWAN** and **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**. In the remaining countries there were already national Representatives before I became Secretary General.

The following countries are new in our list of currently 40 countries: **CYPRUS, SAUDI ARABIA** and **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**.

## Condolences

We mourn our esteemed **Honorary Member of MEDICHEM, Hanswerner Lauer**, former Director of BG Chemie, passed away on October 23, 2015, shortly before his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 19. I have written an official MEDICHEM Letter of Condolence to his wife.

Furthermore I was informed by our MEDICHEM Member, Dr. Sibylle Hildenbrand, that our long lasting **MEDICHEM Member, Prof. Friedrich Schmahl**, unexpectedly died on October 20, 2015, shortly after his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 28. I have written an official MEDICHEM Letter of Condolence to his sister, and have written his successors at his former Institute.

Let us hold both of them in honorable memory.

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.

I hope the information have been of interest for you.

Best regards,

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