

Workers' Health Surveillance Conference

November 26-27, 2026 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Thursday November 26 (Waver room – location VUmc)

- 09.00 hrs Registration
- 10.00 hrs Opening Ceremony
- 10.10 hrs **Keynote lecture Prof. Lode Godderis (Belgium)**
Advancing health surveillance for better mental health outcomes

Theme 1: early detection

- 10.50 hrs "Likelihood ratios as a decision tool for the surveillance of hand-transmitted vibration injuries" - **Tohr Nilsson**
- 11.05 hrs Using diagnostic prediction models to improve occupational health surveillance
Nettie van der Meer
- 11.20 hrs A digital tool for the early detection of occupational contact dermatitis: an interview study among Dutch healthcare professionals and workers – **Quinty Lisa Willems**
- 11.35 hrs Improving early detection of new and emerging occupational diseases: the implementation of SIGNAAL for reporting relevant cases – **Yvonne Noteboom**
- 11.50 hrs Workers' Health Surveillance in Dutch Practice - **Boyd Thijssens**
- 12.05 hrs Theme 1 discussion
- 12.20 hrs **Poster pitches**
- 12.45 hrs Lunch – poster session - small exhibition**
- 13.30 hrs **Keynote lecture Prof. Sara de Matteis (Italy)**
Occupational Respiratory Health Surveillance: Old and new challenges in the 21st century

Theme 2: perspective of occupational physicians

- 14.10 hrs Understanding the limited uptake of workers' health surveillance in Dutch occupational healthcare practice: a qualitative analysis – **Anel Hasic**
- 14.25 hrs Tailoring workers' health surveillance for occupational contact dermatitis: sector-specific implementation pathways in construction and hairdressing – **Jonathan Jonker**
- 14.40 hrs Online-based occupational health care for student groups – **Monika A. Rieger**
- 14.55 hrs Theme 2 discussion

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15.10 hrs *Coffee/tea/poster session*

Theme 3: perspective of workers

- 15.40 hrs Communication aspects of feedback from workers' health surveillance due to hand-arm vibration exposure – **Mats Hagberg**
- 15.55 hrs Experiences and perspectives of workers and vocational students on welding fume exposure: A qualitative study – **Tessa Steeneken**
- 16.10 hrs Migrant workers and the ir/relevance of language in the prevention of work-related cancer. Results from an ethnographic study in Germany – **Christine Preiser**
- 16.25 hrs Understanding avoidance of medical surveillance for hand-arm vibrations in Sweden: a mixed-methods approach – **Frida Thorsén**
- 16.40 hrs Theme 3 discussion and closing of the day

Information poster presenters

- Poster 1 Individual susceptibility to occupational asthma and contact dermatitis: towards informed work decisions and sustainable work participation – **Renate Juscikowski**
- Poster 2 The implementation of workers' health surveillance by occupational physicians in the Netherlands: a cohort study – **Felicia Los**
- Poster 3 Do different physicians notify different occupational diseases? Occupational medicine practitioners versus hospital physicians – **Stefano Mattioli**
- Poster 4 Determinants of putative occupational diseases and injuries: PubMed search filters for the study of socioeconomic factors – **Stefania Curti**
- Poster 5 Digital tools for the detection of dermatitis: a systematic review
Quinty Lisa Willems
- Poster 6 Sentinel health investigation of a lumbar injury claim in a maintenance-of-way machine operator - an overloaded and defective suspension seat
Johanning Eckhardt
- poster 7 Health surveillance of soy allergy in the soy processing industry - **Sanne Houba**
- poster 8 Occupational health professionals as facilitators of workplace mental health prevention: implementation of a supervisor coaching intervention
Suzanne van Hees
- poster 9 A Toolbox to support occupational physicians in supervising medical students
Mariska de Wit

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Friday November 27 (Costerzaal – location AMC)

- 08.30 hrs Registration
- 09.00 hrs **Keynote lecture Dr. Jack van der Gragt (Netherlands)**
Workers' Health Surveillance in the construction industry; potential of a sector-based approach

Theme 4: experiences from practice

- 09.40 hrs From screening to self-care: an integrated health surveillance model for industrial workers in Iran – **Seyed Abdolmajid Khaksar**
- 09.55 hrs Vocational rehabilitative decisions after symptoms and findings consistent with hand-arm vibration syndrome in the Swedish surveillance system – a mixed-method design
Carl Antonson
- 10.10 hrs The importance of thorough preparation for an effective and risk-based health surveillance – **Remko Houba**
- 10.25 hrs Coffee/tea**
- 11.00 hrs Reducing costs of construction workers' exposure-based health examinations
Heta Lindblom
- 11.15 hrs The implementation of workers' health surveillance by occupational physicians in the Netherlands: a cohort study – **Ruby Vermoolen**
- 11.30 hrs Do different physicians notify different occupational diseases? Occupational medicine practitioners versus hospital physicians – **Eckardt Johanning**
- 11.45 hrs Practical experiences with Preventive Occupational Health Assessments (PAGO) at the paraDIGMA groep - **Lea Berkemeier**
- 12.00 hrs Theme 4 discussion and closing of the International Conference
- 12.30 hrs Lunch
- 13.30 hrs **Heijermans Lecture and Farewell Symposium (in Dutch)**
Prof. Henk van der Molen