International conference

6–9 JUNE 2023
Espace Prouvé, Nancy, France

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On behalf of INRS, it is my privilege to invite you to the 15th International Conference on Hand-Arm Vibration which is being organised under the aegis of the International Advisory Committee on Hand-Arm Vibration.

Workers are exposed to hand-arm vibration in many work sectors, such as building and construction, engineering, metalworking and even maintenance of green spaces. Hand-arm vibration health risks come from the daily use of vibrating hand-held or hand-guided machines such as grinders, chippinghammers, vibratory tampers and vibrating plate compactors. Regular exposure to vibration from such machines can result in neurological damage (numbness and tingling in the fingers and hands), vascular disorders (vibration white finger), or musculoskeletal disorders in the hand and arm.

This multidisciplinary conference will bring together experts from many different backgrounds to present and discuss their work on hand-arm vibration. The conference will help to develop a better understanding of the health risks from vibration exposure, leading to improved risk control measures. This event is intended for scientists, occupational physicians, epidemiologists, machine manufacturers, metrologists, health and safety practitioners, standardisation groups and government agencies.

Take part in the hand-arm vibration research community and join us in Nancy.

Séverine BRUNET
Director of Prevention Affairs
Tuesday 6 June

08:30 Welcome / Arrival of delegates | Registration
09:30 Welcome messages: Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Officer of the INRS Joint Board of Directors
09:45 Physiological response
  Chairpersons: Alice Turcot, Anthony Brammer
  Physiological effects of single shocks on the hand-arm system – a randomized experiment
  E Oehsman – A Corominas, U Kaulbars, H Lindell and B Ernst
  Acute vibrotactile threshold shifts in relation to force and hand-arm vibration
  S Gao – Y Ying
  Cold response of digital vessels and metrics of daily vibration exposure
  M Bovenzi – M Tarabini
  Effects of applied pressure on sensorineural and peripheral vascular function in an animal model of hand-arm vibration syndrome
  K Krajnak – C Warren, J Wu, X Xu, S Waugh, P Chapman, D Welcome and R Dong
11:05 Break
11:35 Mechanobiological response
  Chairpersons: Kristine Krajnak, Massimo Cavacece
  Development of a novel rat-tail model for studying finger vibration health effects
  R Dong – C Warren, J Wu, X Xu, D Welcome, S Waugh and K Krajnak
  Biomarkers in patients with hand-arm vibration injury entailing Raynaud’s phenomenon and cold sensitivity, compared to referents
  E Tekavec – T Nilsson, L Dahlén, A Axmon, C Nordander, J Riddar and M Kåredal
  Arterial stenosis stemming from vibration-altered wall shear stress: a way to prevent vibration-induced vascular risk?
  C Noé – M Reda, N Settembre and E Jacquet
12:35 Lunch (seated)
14:00 Epidemiology
  Chairpersons: Ying Ya, Elke Oehsman
  Investigation of hand-arm vibration (HAV) of railroad track workers – Addressing Stakeholder Conflict of Interest
  E Johanning – P Landsbergis
  Raynaud’s phenomenon and hand-arm vibration exposure in the general population of northern Sweden
  A Björnbrandt – H Petersson, R Lundström, J Liikälä, T Nilsson and J Wahlström
  Onset of vibration-induced white finger: Insight derived from a meta-analysis of exposed workers
  M Scholz – A Brummer and S Marburg
  Dose-response relationship between hand-arm vibration exposure and musculoskeletal disorders of upper extremities: A case-control study among German workers
  Y Sun – F Bochmann, W Eckert, B Ernst, U Kaulbars, N Raffler, C Samel and C Van Den Berg
15:20 Break
15:50 Epidemiology
  Chairpersons: Albin Björnbrandt, Lars Gerhardsson
  Hand-arm vibration syndrome in dentistry: a questionnaire survey among dentists and review of literature
  A Turcot – D Hamel and M Tessier
  Hand-arm vibration exposure trends among the work force in Sweden
  H Petersson – M Sjöström, M Wikström and J Selander
  A Delphi study to address a number of issues relating to the practical management of hand-arm vibration syndrome and carpal tunnel syndrome in the workplace
  R Cooke – D Ashdown, H Fox, C Grobler, R Hall-Smith, D Haseldine, E Kotze and I Lawson

Wednesday 7 June

08:00 Welcome
09:00 Vibration reduction
  Chairpersons: Nastaran Raffler, Paul Pitts
  Evaluation and dampening of high frequency vibrations on a tightening tool
  O Lundin – R Haettel
  Vibration reduction on pneumatic rock drill for the rock face stabilisation sector
  H Lindell – T Clemm and SL Grétarsson
  Evaluation and damping of high-frequency vibrations on a percussive tool
  R Haettel – Oscar Lundin
  Comparison of anti-vibration glove performances in the laboratory and in the field. Similarities and differences
  A Tirabasso – R Giovanni, P Natalleti and E Marchetti
10:20 Break
11:00 Modelling
  Chairpersons: Christophe Noé, Hans Lindell
  Fingertip model for analysis of high frequency vibrations
  P Ottosson – H Lindell and SL Grétarsson
  Factoring muscle activation and anisotropy in modelling hand-transmitted vibrations: a preliminary study
  S Vauthier – C Noé, H Nge, J Gennisson, J Chambert, E FolliÈte and E Jacquet
  Vibration emission of grinders: experiments and model
  Q Pierron
12:00 Lunch (seated)
13:30 Biomechanical response
  Chairpersons: Pierre Marcotte, Emmanuelle Jacquet
  Interference of vibration exposures on the force production in the hand-arm system
  M Cavacece – A Tirabasso, R Di Giovanni, S Mordi, E Marchetti and L Latifoni
  Using an impact wrench in different postures – an analysis of awkward hand-arm posture and vibration
  N Rafler – T Wilzopolski and C Freitag
  Methods for the laboratory evaluation of HAV-related comfort of bikes
  S Marelli – M Tarabini
  Comparison between the biomechanical response of the hand and foot when exposed to vertical vibration
  F Marrone – C Massotti, K Goggins, T Eger, E Marchetti, M Bovenzi and M Tarabini
  Nonlinearity of power absorption curve and hand-arm system physiology
  E Marchetti – L Fattorini, M Tarabini, R Di Giovanni, M Cavacece and A Tirabasso
  Using an impact wrench in different working directions – an analysis of the individual forces
  T Wilzopolski – N Raffler and C Freitag
15:25 Taylor Award
16:00 Rdv for guided city tour (in front of the statue of the red bull)
16:15 Guided tour of the old city
17:45 End of the guided city tour
19:00 Conference dinner at the Nancy City Hall
Thursday 8 June

08:00 Welcome

09:00 Health effects

Chairpersons: Ronnie Lundström, Kazuhisa Miyashita

Dupuytren's disease in relation to exposure to hand-transmitted vibration. A systematic review and meta-analysis

T Nilsson – J Wahlström, E Reierth and L Burström

Radiographic hand osteoarthritis in relation to exposure to hand-transmitted vibration. A systematic review and meta-analysis

T Nilsson – J Wahlström, E Reierth and L Burström

The hand-arm vibration syndrome in workers exposed to transient and high frequency vibrations

L Gerhardsson – C Ahlstrand, P Ersson and E Gustafsson

Neurological impairment from hand-arm vibration exposure

O Lundberg – IL Bryngelsson and P Vihlborg

Hand-arm vibration association with myocardial infarction

H Pettersson – C Lissåker and J Selander

10:40 Break

11:10 Measurement

Chairpersons: Setsuo Maeda, Nastaran Raffler

High-frequency vibration from hand-held impact wrenches and propagation into finger tissue

SL Grétarsson – H Lindell

Determination of the number of measurements required for 95% confidence in an upper quartile value of hand-arm vibration measurement using the Monte-Carlo method

P Pitts

Evaluation of vibration emission values of nailers: can an automatic test stand be used instead of human operators?

M Vincent – T Padois, Ma Gaudreau, T Dupont and P Marcotte

12:10 Lunch (seated)

13:25 Exposure evaluation and control

Chairpersons: Roman Haettel, Pierre Marcotte

Definition and Quantification of Shock/ Peak/Transient Vibration

H Lindell – P Johansson and SL Grétarsson

Daily exposure estimation from field measurements of repetitive shock vibration

F Maitre – M Amari

Vibration characteristics of ultrasonic activated straightening and forming machines

D Aoustin

14:25 Break

14:50 Exposure evaluation and control

Chairpersons: Judith Galuba, Paul Pitts

Necessity and considerations for on-body vibration measurement equipment

S Maeda – Y Ye and S Gao

French occupational disease system. Example of diseases caused by hand-arm vibration

A Delepine

Daily exposure to hand-arm vibration of technicians in wastewater treatment plants and after-sales service

R Petitfour – G Ducrot and I Jannin Devilleneuve

Zero vibration injuries - a Swedish holistic approach to reduce vibration injury

C Pettersson – H Lindell and SL Grétarsson

16:15 Closing words and invitation to the next congress

Friday 9 June

09:00 Introduction

P Pitts

09:10 Health effects of high-frequency vibration and shock – a historical overview

R Lundström

09:25 Physics of shock and physiological effects on biological systems

H Lindell

09:40 Relating occupational exposures to health effects

T Brammer and M Scholz

10:10 Breakout sessions # 1 & Coffee

Questions: Human effects

11:00 Feedback

11:15 ISO/TC 108/SC 4/WG 3 activities

H Lindell and P Pitts

11:45 Breakout sessions # 2

Questions: Measurement

12:15 Feedback

12:30 Lunch – Buffet

13:30 Present draft resolutions to the workshop to cover areas of agreement

P Pitts, H Lindell, T Brammer and R Lundström

Hand-transmitted mechanical shock (HTS) is generated by many common machines such as staplers, nail-guns, impact wrenches, and road breakers. These shock signals contain vibration at frequencies higher than those currently included in international standards on vibration measurement. There is limited knowledge on whether or how shock and high-frequency vibration contribute to the risk to health from vibration exposure.

In this workshop we would like to introduce the issue of HTS and the work currently pursued within international standards groups on shocks and high-frequency vibrations (ultravibrations). We will explore questions such as:

• Do we accept that the health effects due to exposure to shocks are the same as those from continuous vibration?

• Is ISO 5349-1 and the A(8) metric suitable for predicting the risks of health effects from HTS?

• Do we need a new metric specifically for HTS?

• What should be the upper frequency limit for measurement?

The workshop’s aim is to assess whether there is a consensus view amongst experts on the metric most suited to the evaluation of HTS.

A summary of the workshop will be published. The workshop outcomes will feed directly into the work being carried out by the international standards’ working group on hand-arm vibration.
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The registration fee covers the conference materials, lunch and refreshments including the conference dinner and the guided tour of Nancy on 7 June 2023.

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Accommodation

Speakers and participants are requested to make their own hotel booking. You can book your accommodation without any processing fees for the nights of 5 to 8 June (choose the date of arrival, nights within those dates).

In partnership with the Organising Committee of the conference, we have selected hotels mainly located near the conference venue (within a 20-min walk).

Have a look at them, take your pick and book online on this secure interface: http://event.nancy-tourisme.fr/event/registration?eventid=204&langue=UK

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Located in the city centre (1 place de la République – 54000 Nancy), the Centre Prouvé is easily accessible by all modes of transport. With a 455-space underground public car park (Parking République), it is adjacent to the TGV station and the public transport network interconnection platform.

Conferences will take place in the 300-seat auditorium, equipped with simultaneous translation booths (English and French). Lunches will be organised in the panoramic reception area.

**By plane**
Via Paris-Charles De Gaulle, Bâle-Mulhouse, Frankfurt or Luxembourg, then train to Nancy Ville.

**By train**
Train to Nancy Ville. The Centre Prouvé is adjacent to the TGV station.

**By car**
Car to Centre Prouvé located 1 place de la République – 54000 Nancy. Underground public car park is available: Parking République.
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