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NEWS

Third Jack Pepys Workshop on Asthma in the Workplace and research award for South African researcher

The third Jack Pepys Workshop on Asthma in the Workplace was held on 18 and 19 May 2007 in the amphitheatre of the Pavillon Jean-Coutu on the campus of the Université de Montréal, Canada. The two-day workshop was organised by the Asthma in the Workplace Center in conjunction with the Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et sécurité du travail (IRRSST) and the Commission de la santé et sécurité du travail (CSST) (both in Quebec) and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) in Ontario. Prof Mohamed Jeebhay from the University of Cape Town was invited to attend this workshop, which focused on review of scientific advances since the previous workshop held in Toronto in 2004 with a view to generating additional scientific hypotheses in this area. The workshop brought together international experts in occupational asthma for two days of lively discussions on the latest discoveries and controversies. His contributions were specifically in the deliberations around occupational asthma in developing countries as well as the session on public health, surveillance and prevention

issues with a special focus on exposure reduction. Prof Jeebhay together with colleagues Catherine Lemière, Samah Chiry, Jean-Luc Malo from Canada and Olivier Vandenplas from Belgium, was also recently awarded one of eight international research scholarships awarded by the Centre for Asthma in The Workplace (Canada) for their studies on exhaled nitric oxide in the investigation of occupational asthma.

South African recipient of WAO/Nycomed Fellowship announced

Congratulations to Dr T Moodley of Pretoria Academic Hospital who has been awarded the WAO/Nycomed Fellowship research award.

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