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Physiological effects of single shocks on the hand-arm system – a randomized experiment
E Ochsman – 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, 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 Dahlin, 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 Noël – M Reda, N Settembre and E Jacquet
12:35 Lunch (seated)
14:00 Epidemiology
Chairpersons: Ying Ya, Elke Ochsman
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 Björnstrand – H Peterson, R Lundström, L Liljedal, 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, Nigmann, N Raffler, C Samel and C Van Den Berg
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Chairpersons: Albin Björnstrand, Lars Gerhardsson
Hand-arm vibration syndrome in dentistry: a questionnaire survey among dentists and review of literature
A Turcot – D Hamel and M Tessler
Hand-arm vibration exposure trends among the work force in Sweden
H Pettersson – 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 Hastedine, E Kotze and I Lawson

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Chairpersons: Nastaran Raffler, Paul Pitts
Evaluation and damping of high frequency vibrations on a tightening tool
O Lundin – R Haettel
Vibration reduction on pneumatic rock drill for the rock face stabilisation sector
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Comparison of anti-vibration glove performances in the laboratory and in the field. Similarities and differences
A Tibasasso – R Giovanni, P Natalietti and E Marchetti
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11:00 Modelling
Chairpersons: Christophe Noël, 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 Noël, H Nge, J Gennisson, J Chambert, E Folliete and E Jacquet
Vibration emission of grinders: experiments and model
Q Pierro
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M Cavaece – A Tirabasso, R Di Giovanni, S Morii, E Marchetti and L Fattorini

Understanding an impact wrench in different postures – an analysis of awkward hand-arm posture and vibration
N Raffler – 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 Bovienzi and M Tarabini

Nonlinearity of power absorption curve and hand-arm system physiology
E Marchetti – L Fattorini, M Tarabini, R Di Giovanni, M Cavaece and A Tirabasso

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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  
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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 Vihlberg

Hand-arm vibration association with myocardial infarction  
H Pettersson – C Lissaker 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

13:10 Lunch (seated)

13:25 **Exposure evaluation and control**  
Chairpersons: Romain Haettel, Pierre Marcoutte

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 Maille – M Amari

Vibration characteristics of ultrasonic activated straightening and forming machines  
D Aoustin

14:25 Break

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Necessity and considerations for on-body vibration measurement equipment  
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16:15 Closing words and invitation to the next congress

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**Friday 9 June**

**Nancy workshop on hand-transmitted mechanical shock and high-frequency vibration**

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

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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

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