

CIIP: Italian Inter Association Board for Prevention and ergonomics

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The CIIP, Italian Inter Association Board for Prevention and ergonomics includes professional and scientific associations of operators, both from public and private sectors, working in the field of prevention and facing topics of ergonomics as work organization, biomechanics, interfaces and relation between man-woman and machines and environment.

We mention now Prof. Antonio Grieco, founder and first president of CIIP, one of the fathers of ergonomics in Italy and, above all, a *maestro* for all of us.



Historical notes

The first paper from the “Project group for inter associative activities” was issued in February, 27th, 1989 (it was born from an internal reflection of the SIE- Italian Society of Ergonomics, whose president was prof. Grieco); the group was built with the goal of predispose a common program for several associations in the field of prevention, both inside and outside of companies.

In the month of June 1989 the inter associative document/action program was approved; it was meant to *“coordinate and to give a greater incisivity to the activities of the adhering professional and scientific associations, interested at prevention in work activities, in work and life environments, services, design and installation of environments and technical plants, equipments*

and products affecting the safety of collectivity...”.

From the beginning of the nineties, the CIIP is contributing, with the actions of several workgroups, at the transposition in the Italian laws of the European directives in matter of safety at work, starting with the parent directive number 391/89.

The work of the groups, within which converged and were compared the knowledge and experiences of the single associations and of the external national state bodies urged by the topics (Regional Departments, UNI, ISPESL – Higher Institute for Prevention and Work Safety – INAIL – National Insurance Institute for Accidents at Work- and so on) through a constant presence and communication, proved to be extremely fruitful.

Persisting this positive climate, the CIIP in fact could present many renewing proposals to the Italian Parliament, so contributing to the betterment of the transposition of the European Directives.

In those years, working groups of ergonomists, linked in particular to the Clinica del Lavoro, cooperating with the Territorial Public Prevention services, were realizing scientific studies, a research of risks evaluating tools applicable on large scale, and consequential investigations in several fields of ergonomics.

The CIIP made a dissemination work of those studies, doing it familiar in the world of professionals as in the public and private sectors, some topics as the fatigue, even sensorial, work at video terminal, manual handling of loads.

In the following years the School Group faced the great topic of physical and cognitive ergonomics in the school world with an important initiative and paper.

In the 2014 Worker’s Memorial Day one of the central topics was the organizational risk.

In a most recent time, within the EXPO initiatives and at the Prevention Culture Center of Milan, SIE and CIIP organized meetings about ergonomics in agriculture, i.e. physical fatigue in food production.

In 2014 was born the CIIP Group “Aging and Work” formed of occupational doctors, ergonomists and technicians; this group examines the main international literature on the topic, gather experiences and make proposals for Italian realities.

Even in Italy in fact, the working population is aging, this is due both to the increase of retirement age and to the constraints or economic choices. Only a part of retired people is substituted by youngsters, this generates bigger problems of eligibility and placing for sever aged workers, both with or without illnesses, mostly but not exclusively in occupations with important physical, mental or organizational loads.

This Group produced “Aging EBook, prized within the European Campaign 2016 – 2017 on Aging and Work: it is going to be presented at IEA Congress 2018 in the Session “Aging 02 – Education and training” on August 29th – palazzo Affari – Sala Cimabue at 09.45 hrs.

The eBook is on the web, free access in Italian and English ("https://www.ciip-consulta.it/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=categories&Itemid=609"), it includes a general part and a first specialized part about work in health services.

The authors of the eBook tried to analyze the topic and to propose solutions on the same line of the multiple approach as defined by J. Ilmarinen and others, highlighting resources and critical points of the variegated Italian realities and proposing measures of physical, mental and organizational ergonomics.

We have been inspired by the first analysis grid made by the French INRS and we modulated it on the base of researches and experiences made by the Clinica del Lavoro of Milan and others, proposing both general and detailed check lists for companies, workers and consultants.

The CIIP Work Group reiterates that measures of individual behavior (life style) are necessary but not sufficient for all the aged workers and for all the work tasks and that, in consequence, it is necessary to update effective measures of social protection and to allow adequate forms of gradual retirement.

About this topic, epochal for the world of work, CIIP promoted many public meetings at national level (in Milano, Pisa, Torino, Rome) promoting a wide reflection, mostly in the world of industry.

In these seminars in fact, hundreds of directors, operators and representatives of workers have been involved.

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