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European Forum of the Insurance against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases held in Zagreb, Croatia

From June 4 to 6, 2024, the 32nd European Forum of the Insurance against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases took place at the National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia. The event was co-organized by the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute and the Croatian Health Insurance Fund. Under the programme slogan “Be fit for Digital Age!” the Forum included thematic lectures and interactive discussions addressing the challenges and opportunities brought about by the digital transformation of insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases.



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Croatia's one-year presidency of the European Forum covered the meetings of expert working groups active within the European Forum, a Plenary Assembly meeting, and an International conference. These gatherings brought together professionals, experts, and leaders from across Europe to discuss, engage, and network, aiming to improve insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases in European countries.

The three-day event began with working group meetings covering the topics of communication, digitization, legislation, and occupational diseases. The second day of the European Forum conference, on June 5, continued with presentations and panel discussions on digitization in healthcare, cybersecurity challenges, digitization in social security systems, and new forms of work emerging from digital technology.

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development. The keynote lecture on the transformative power of artificial intelligence in healthcare was delivered by Mr. Artur Olesch, founder of the **about-DigitalHealth.com portal** and **editor-in-chief of ICT&Health International**. Following the keynote speech, Dr. Ulrike Bollmann from the European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH) spoke about the risks and potentials of digitization in education.

Mr. Robert Doucette from the USA (International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions), Mr. Andraž Rangus PhD, from Slovenia (Pension and Disability Insurance Institute of Slovenia), and Mr. Per Winberg from Sweden (Afa Försäkring) spoke on the potentials and advantages of digital services, cybersecurity challenges, and digitization in social security systems. A lecture on the new forms of work arising from the development of digital technologies was delivered by Prof. Ivana Vukorepa, PhD (Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Department of Labor and Social Law).

The final panel discussion on the topic of the Dynamic World of the AI Ecosystem featured experts in artificial intelligence, namely Prof. Marko Subašić, PhD (Faculty

of Electrical Engineering and Computing, University of Zagreb), Mrs. Anja Barešić, PhD, (Ruđer Bošković Institute), Mr. Aco Momčilović (Global Head of the AI – SIG IPMA), and Prof. Strahinja Došen, PhD, (Aalborg University, Denmark), who discussed advances in the use of AI technologies in medicine, including the development of the smart bionic limbs.

The third, and the last day of the conference, concluded with the Plenary Assembly, during which members shared updates and news from their countries/institutions, and various issues and decisions for the future of the European Forum were addressed.

The conference was a key event for the exchange of experiences and knowledge among experts from all over Europe, raising new questions and opportunities for further development of insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases in the digital age. ●

The next, 33rd European Forum conference will take place in June 2025 in Luxembourg.

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