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RISK

risky behaviour in a workplace, psychosocial risk

Working environment exposes individuals to various harmful and dangerous factors which can have an adverse influence on their health condition. Harmful factors create a risk of disease whereas dangerous factors – a risk of accident.

A possibility of an accident or an accidental occurrence depends to a large extent on psychophysical characteristics of an individual, his or her knowledge of potential dangers, accident awareness as well as a personal attitude and patterns of behaviour towards risk.

Research into accident statistics indicates that human errors as well as risky behaviour, are an underlying cause of the majority of accidents occurring at the workplace. Statistics show that over 50% of all accidents in Poland are due to improper worker's behaviour which, in turn, is consequent upon failure to observe occupational safety rules, mistakes in work performance, lack of attention, carelessness, inability to anticipate consequences of one's own actions, bad habits, failure to observe supervisors' instructions and ignoring potential risks. Even a carelessly left cigarette-end, spilled oil, a loosen screw, lack of scaffolding protection, poorly arranged or messy workplace might constitute a potential risk.

Psychophysical capabilities of an individual are seriously affected by psychosocial risks occurring in working environment. Those risks are regarded as one of the key contemporary challenges in the field of occupational safety and health. and are closely linked with issues of stress at work, violence, harassment and mobbing. Job stress is observed when a worker experiences psychological discomfort related to working conditions, requirements or expectations which exceed a worker's capabilities. Employees point to this factor as one of the most frequent cause of diseases; it affects over 40 million people in the EU.

Mobbing denotes a situation of long-term, persistent and repetitive exposure to hostile and aggressive behaviour. Terms such as mobbing, harassment, and psychical abuse are sometimes used interchangeably. The highest risk of mobbing, harassment and abuse at the workplace is linked with the health sector, public administration and defense. Higher than average risk is related with a transport sector, communications, HORECA industry (hotels, restaurants and catering) and with education.

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Patronage

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Organisers

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Faculty of Industrial Design, Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków
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Subject

Risk – risky behaviour in working environment, psychosocial risk

Purpose

To obtain original designs of posters promoting occupational safety and health protection of man in the working environment in a modern way.

Participants

Artists – members of artists' unions, graduates and students of academies of fine arts – in Poland and abroad.

Detailed information

*Size: B2, i.e., 50 x 70 cm, **vertical arrangement***

Designs should be mounted on a stiff backing. There must be a six-digit code in the right-hand upper corner at the back of the poster. The same code must be on the envelope (put at the back of the poster) with the following data inside: full name(s) of the author(s), full address, phone number, e-mail, the name of the school of which the author is a graduate or a student, a statement that the submitted design is an original work of the author(s), and consent for the name(s) of the author(s) to be announced at the post-competition exhibition and in the exhibition catalogue. Please, attach an electronic version of the poster (if available) on CD-ROM. There is no restriction on the number of entries.

Deadline

Designs should be sent or delivered in person by June 20, 2009

Address

*Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute,
Czerniakowska 16, 00-701 Warszawa, Poland.*

Exhibition

There will be a post-competition exhibition and a catalogue will be published composed with 50 best works.

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Jury

Prof. Joanna BARTOSZEWSKA – Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź
Prof. Tomasz BOGUSŁAWSKI – Academy of Fine Arts in Gdańsk
Prof. Adam GEDLICZKA – Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków
Katarzyna KITAJEWSKA – Chief Sanitary Inspectorate
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Iwona PAWLACZYK, M.Sc. (Eng.) – “Solidarity” Trade Union
dr inż. Zofia PAWŁOWSKA – Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute
Mieczysław PIRÓG – Academy of Fine Arts in Wrocław
Prof. Władysław PLUTA – Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków
Witold RUSAK – Zakłady Azotowe Kędzierzyn SA (chemical company)
Prof. Marek STAŃCZYK – Academy of Fine Arts in Warszawa
Wiesława TARANOWSKA – All-Poland Trade Union Alliance

Prizes

1st prize of PLN 5,000
2nd prize of PLN 3,000
3rd prize of PLN 2,000
and 5 honourable mentions of PLN 1,000.
The jury reserves the right to distribute the prize money in another manner.
There will be royalties of PLN 1,500 for posters selected for printing.
Posters awarded prizes, honourable mentions or others qualified to exhibition become property of the Central Institute for Labour Protection. Prizes will be presented at the opening of the post-competition exhibition in October 2009.
The organisers reserve the right to use submitted designs to promote the competition and the exhibition with no extra royalties. Entering the competition signifies acceptance of its conditions.

Collecting posters

Authors of designs with no prizes or mentions and not qualified to exhibition can collect their posters between 16 November and 4 December, 2009.
Organizers are not responsible for designs not collected on time.

Enquiries

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