



Dear Guests and Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite all interested persons to the 3rd European Conference on Protective Clothing (ECPC) and NOKOBETEF 8, which will be held in Gdynia, Poland, on 10-12 May 2006.

The ECPC is organized every 3 years by the European Society of Protective Clothing (ESPC) which was founded in 2000 in Stockholm. The purpose of ESPC is to act as a forum for expert cooperation in the field of protective clothing (including gloves and shoes) all over Europe, but experts from the world are also welcome. This forum was initiated in 1984 in Scandinavia where NOKOBETEF (Nordic Coordination Group on Protective Clothing as a Technical Preventive Measure) was founded. ESPC and NOKOBETEF are independent organizations.

Now Poland, as a new Member State of the European Union, has the pleasure to organize the next European meeting of experts in the field of protective clothing. The main theme of the conference is „Protective clothing – towards balanced protection”.

Nowadays, in times of various and serious hazards, sophisticated needs of users and possibilities of application of high-tech solutions in designing products it is crucial to find an equilibrium among protection, comfort and durability of personal protective equipment. Only high-level exchange of knowledge and experience among experts on this subject will enable one to reach this target in order to provide the optimum product to the user.

The conference is dedicated to the research institutions and notified bodies, designers, manufacturers, end-users, health and safety experts and authorities, who deal with protective clothing, including gloves and footwear. The conference is an excellent opportunity for scientific discussion and exchange of knowledge as well as possibility for new contacts and integration of experts in the area. We wish to welcome everybody who is interested in this subject to Poland and to the beautiful Polish coast.

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CONFERENCE TOPICS

The program of the Conference will include the following scientific and technical topics in the area of protective clothing, gloves and footwear:

1. New products and technologies
2. Intelligent materials and wearable technologies
2. Nanotechnology in protective clothing
3. New test methods, assessment criteria and standardization
4. Physiological and ergonomic issues
5. Modeling of protective clothing performance
6. Selection, safe use and maintenance of protective clothing
7. Influence of usage conditions on performance and service-life

DATE AND VENUE

The conference will take place on 10-12 May 2006 in Gdynia at Hotel Nadmorski, ul. Ejsmonda 2 (www.nadmorski.pl)

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

All papers (oral and poster presentation) should be written in English.

