

🌐 Is MEDICHEM linked to other International Organisations?

MEDICHEM is affiliated to the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH). The MEDICHEM Board acts as the ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry (MEDICHEM). The ICOH is a non-governmental international organisation (NGO) having consultative status with the United Nations, the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the specialised Agencies of the UN (ILO and WHO). The ICOH can accredit representatives to any office of the UN and is included in the ILO special list of NGO's.

🌐 When are the next International MEDICHEM Congresses?

No. 43: 2015, May 31 – June 5, together with ICOH in Seoul, Korea
No. 44: 2016, August 31 – September 2, in Basel, Switzerland
No. 45: 2017 in Vienna, Austria
No. 46: 2018, April 29 – May 4, together with ICOH in Dublin, Ireland
No. 47: 2019 to be announced
No. 48: 2020 to be announced
No. 49: 2021 to be announced, together with ICOH
No. 50: 2022 in Heidelberg, Germany: 50th Anniversary of MEDICHEM

🌐 How is MEDICHEM administered?

Administration is the responsibility of the MEDICHEM Board, consisting of the President, Secretary General and Treasurer, and up to 14 other Board Members drawn from industry, universities, government departments and institutions, and from as many different countries as possible, to reflect the international status of the organisation. In addition, each country has a National Representative. The official address of MEDICHEM is that of the Secretary General.

🌐 Who is the current Executive Committee of the MEDICHEM Board (Officers)?

President: Dr. Murray Coombs, Dow Chemical, South Africa
Secretary General: Dr. Maren Beth-Hübner, BG RCI, Germany
Treasurer: Dr. Steffen Hitzeroth, Procter & Gamble, Germany

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Your Key to Excellence for Occupational Health in the Chemical Industry

By joining MEDICHEM you will have access to technical support, advice and expertise from occupational and environmental health specialists around the world, and unparalleled opportunities to network and collaborate with peers in the development and promotion of occupational health in the chemical industry.

Why join MEDICHEM?

As an occupational health specialist, the challenges you face are more complex and urgent than at any time in recent decades. As the world's leading global international scientific association bringing together experts concerned with occupational and environmental health in the production and handling of chemicals MEDICHEM is uniquely positioned to support you and your institution in responding to those challenges.

MEDICHEM in Brief

€ What is MEDICHEM?

MEDICHEM was established in 1972 by Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h. c. Alfred M. Thiess, Corporate Medical Director at the world's largest chemical company BASF in Ludwigshafen, Germany. It is the international scientific association focusing on occupational and environmental health in the production and handling of chemicals. MEDICHEM has a worldwide membership.

€ What are MEDICHEM's Objectives?

MEDICHEM's prime objective is international cooperation in those occupational and environmental health issues related to the production and use of chemicals that are of global concern and that are most effectively resolved through a globally co-ordinated approach.

MEDICHEM's underlying objective is to contribute to the prevention of adverse effects on employees, customers and the general public, arising from the production and handling of chemicals.

MEDICHEM is apolitical and is engaged in the scientific and technological aspects of occupational health rather than the formulation of national or company policies.

MEDICHEM recognizes each country's right to make its own decisions, but through the dissemination of reliable information contributes to the development of rational legislation in the field of occupational health.

€ Who can join MEDICHEM?

All occupational and environmental health professionals, such as occupational physicians, toxicologists, occupational hygienists, epidemiologists, safety engineers and managers, regulators, occupational health nurses, and others of graduate status with an interest in occupational and environmental health, whether from industry, university, government departments or institutions, are invited to apply for membership.

€ How can you join MEDICHEM?

If you are interested in becoming a Member of MEDICHEM, please complete the Application for MEDICHEM Membership-Form at <http://www.medicchem.org/membership.asp> including any areas of special interest or expertise you may have, save the form in your files, and return the form as an attachment (as word document) by e-mail to the Secretary General Dr. Maren Beth-Hübner (maren.beth-huebner@bgrci.de). The contribution for individual members is € (Euro) 40 per year or € 100 for three years (discount of € 20) and can be paid either by credit card (Master Card, Visa, American Express, EC Bank Card), PayPal, bank draft, or international money order under the following link: <http://medicchem.org/membership.asp#paymentlinks>.

€ Benefits of MEDICHEM Membership

- › Interaction with decision-makers from the worldwide international occupational health community and experts from international and regional organizations.
- › Promotion of international cooperation between MEDICHEM Members as well as with different stakeholders of the chemical industry.
- › Belonging to an international network which provides and promotes opportunities for members to exchange information and ideas relating to occupational and environmental health in the production and use of chemicals.
- › Having access to a National Representative as direct contact person in currently 39 Countries.
- › Participation in high-level, specialized annual International MEDICHEM Congresses at a reduced registration fee. The MEDICHEM Congress attracts papers and presenters of high scientific standard. It provides an opportunity to stay connected with new scientific developments and trends.
- › The receipt of the proceedings of each Congress without additional charges. The proceedings are published in a peer reviewed scientific journal.
- › Two to three Newsletters annually with articles of interest from around the world, MEDICHEM news and forthcoming events.
- › The MEDICHEM Homepage www.medicchem.org with general information on MEDICHEM, like Board Members, Congress dates, and Newsletters, as well as with specialized information, including helpful links and online databases covering occupational and environmental health issues.
- › Access to the Members Only Menu at the website www.medicchem.org, which provides the list of MEDICHEM Members in each country with the specific information on the main fields of interest and expertise of each Member, to enable Members with similar interests to contact one another. Furthermore access is given to MEDICHEM specific information, like Constitution, Minutes of Board Meetings and General Assemblies, Scientific Committee Reports about all MEDICHEM business meetings and activities to ICOH, as well as archive material of MEDICHEM's history.
- › As an occupational health professional in training competing for the MEDICHEM Prize if the annual MEDICHEM Congress is held in his or her country.
- › The opportunity to be awarded a Scholarship to enable individuals to present scientific papers at MEDICHEM's Congresses.

€ Who can become a Sustaining Member of MEDICHEM?

Any industry, organisation or institution may become a Sustaining Member of MEDICHEM by making a financial contribution to the Treasurer of MEDICHEM. The Sustaining Members get for their financial support the membership fees for a certain number of MEDICHEM Members belonging to their organisation for free, depending on the amount of sponsorship. Acknowledgement of such generosity is prominently placed on the MEDICHEM website www.medicchem.org. If you are interested to become a Sustaining Member of MEDICHEM, please discuss this matter with either the Secretary General or the President or the Treasurer of MEDICHEM.