

## Welcome to our new Chair and Secretary

Dear WDPI Community:

We are very excited to introduce to you the new leadership team of the Scientific Committee on Work Disability Prevention and Integration (WDPI) of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)! At this triennial ICOH meeting in February 2022, **Dr. Alex Collie** and **Dr. Karen Nieuwenhuijsen** were appointed as the next Chair and Secretary, respectively, of our Scientific Committee. Dr. Collie is Professor and Director of the Healthy Working Lives Research Group in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Nieuwenhuijsen is Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator at the Amsterdam University Medical Center in the Department of Public and Occupational Health and the Coronel Institute of Occupational Health in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Both Alex and Karen have been active in WDPI conferences and activities, and both have made significant contributions in the field of work disability prevention.

As we step down from these posts, we would like to thank you for your amazing support and contributions over the past 7 years, especially those of you who have hosted conferences, made presentations, and addressed new challenges and solutions for workers with injuries, illnesses, and disabilities. We have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to hear about differences and commonalities across jurisdictions, and there have been great advances made from WDPI international collaboration and knowledge exchange.

In recent years, there have been barriers to international scientific and professional exchange, both practical and ideological. In the years ahead, we hope that conditions will improve to foster communication and sharing across national and regional boundaries, and we look forward to seeing you at future conferences and events! There has never been a more important time for international organizations to support a dialogue on issues of workplace health and well-being. Please consider joining ICOH ([www.icohweb.org](http://www.icohweb.org)) if you are not a member, and don't forget to direct colleagues and collaborators to the WDPI website ([www.wdpi.net](http://www.wdpi.net)) if they would like to stay informed about upcoming events.

Please join us in welcoming Alex and Karen to their new roles!

Warmest regards,

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