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## CORRECTION

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**Investigation of a cluster of children with Down Syndrome born to mothers who had attended a school in Dundalk, Ireland.** G DEAN, N C NEVIN, M MIKKELSEN, G KARADIMA, M B PETERSEN, M KELLY, J O'SULLIVAN. 2000;57:793-804.

Three small typographical errors occurred in table 1 of this paper which gave details of the cases constituting the cluster.

For case number 3 the parity should be 2 and not 1, and the maternal age should be 25 years and not 26 years.

For case number 5 the sex should be female (F), not male (M). These changes do not affect the remainder of the paper in any way or the conclusions of the study.

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## NOTICES

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**International Short Course: Ventilation Design. 3-7 September 2001. Utrecht, The Netherlands**

The course is organised by the Environmental and Occupational Health Group. Since May 2000 this group together with the Research Institute for Toxicology (RITOX) constitutes the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS). The actual move of the EOH group from Wageningen to Utrecht will take place during the summer of 2001.

The course focuses on occupational hygienists, safety engineers, and all others who require more knowledge on the measures available for reducing worker exposure to air pollutants.

Course contents:

- General principles of airflow
- General ventilation
- Extraction ventilation
- Ductings and fittings
- Fans
- Ventilation measurement

- Practical ventilation measurement
- Air filtration and discharges to atmosphere
- Costs of ventilation.

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**International Short Course: Biological agents in the work and home environment: exposure assessment and health risk evaluation. 10-12 September 2001. Utrecht, The Netherlands.**

The course is organised by the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health of the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences, University of Utrecht (formerly the EOH group from Wageningen University).

The course focuses on occupational and environmental hygienists, physicians, and epidemiologists, and other researchers or practitioners in the field of exposure and health risk assessment.

Contents:

- Overview of most important biological agents: exposure to micro-organisms, their endotoxins and secreted toxins, specific bioallergens in various occupational environments and the home environment
- Sources and determinants of exposure to biological agents
- Recognition of exposure to biological agents
- Bioaerosol related health effects: infectious diseases, airway inflammatory diseases, organic dust toxic syndrome, allergy, cancer
- Epidemiology of health effects related to bioaerosols
- Microbiological and microscopic methods to evaluate exposure to microorganisms
- Immunoassays and biochemical assays to evaluate exposure to microorganisms (markers of exposure), and allergens
- Risk assessment and evaluation for biological agents
- Options to control exposure to microorganisms.

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**Work in the global village: an international high level conference on work life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. 15-17 October 2001. Helsinki, Finland**

The Conference is planned to be the first stage of a longer process, which will encourage discussion on work and globalisation at a worldwide level, and which will eventually lead to a high level follow up meeting. The objectives of the Conference are:

- To discuss the global values and ethics in occupational safety and health as a dimension of decent work
- To analyse the present status and perspectives of work life, and occupational safety and health in the process of globalisation
- To discuss the prerequisites for achieving occupational health and safety dimensions ensuring decent work for all working people
- To support the dissemination and implementation of the *ILO safework programme* and *WHO global strategy on occupational health for all* by preparing a draft declaration on occupational safety and health, and by producing a draft for a global strategy on the minimum level of occupational safety and health for all, and by drafting a strategy to improve intersectoral collaboration and cross cultural understanding
- To establish ad hoc workgroups to prepare discussion topics according to the themes of the *safework programme* for a follow up meeting.

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