Occupational risks: introduction to a holistic approach including radiological protection

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The need for managing all types of risks in the workplaces has been recognized by many radiation protection managers as well by conventional safety managers. Due to the potential impact on the health, for reason related to the work conditions, both ILO and WHO have paid attention to such approach. The IAEA, as a joined action with ILO and based on the conclusions and findings of the Conference on Occupational Exposure held in Geneva in 2002 has put in its International Action Plan on Occupational Radiation Protection a specific action having to examine the way for implementing this global approach.

The main objective of this presentation is to provide information on the contributions made by these international organizations in order to determine the relevant factors, to indicate the works which have already been done as well as the main documents produced on this matter and to examine the potential strategies for implementing an holistic approach on the workplace taking into account the needs and the priorities of the countries.