

**2007 WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY
LIST OF EVENTS**

ALABAMA

Tuscaloosa: The West Alabama Labor Council will present a model of a monument designed by the University of Alabama Art Department using a section of I-beam from the World Trade Center disaster that will go in a Workers Memorial planned for that location on RiverWalk. U.S. Representative Artur Davis and Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox have agreed to speak at the 1:00 pm, April 28th event [intersection of Greensboro Ave. and the RiverWalk]. The Tuscaloosa City Council subcommittee has approved the location and design concept for the Memorial and will continue with construction drawings and fundraising. Unions participating are: USW, UMWA, UAW, IBEW, AFGE, NALC, APWU, AFM, UA Plumbers and Pipefitters (about 300 people). Contact: James M. Crowder, 205-758-4476, e-mail: jcrowder@uswa351.org.

ALASKA

ARIZONA

ARKANSAS

CALIFORNIA

Santa Rosa: The North Bay Labor Council/Workers Memorial Committee will have speakers and discussion on workers' safety and recent tragedies with focus on the Miners. NALC Br 1563, SEIU 1021 and CWA 9400 participating. Contact: Terry Poplawski, 707-462-6570.

COLORADO

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport: The Fairfield County Labor, the Fairfield County Building Trades, the Connecticut State Building Trades and the Connecticut AFL-CIO are paying tribute to the 20th Anniversary of the L'Ambience Plaza collapse that killed 28 workers. The workers perished due to faulty lift slab construction. The observance will begin with coffee refreshments at 10:15 am, on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the L'Ambience Plaza, Bridgeport City Hal (side entrance) [45 Lyon Terrace]. The ceremony will start at 10:30 am, with speakers, a procession with wreath-laying. There will also be the ringing of the Firemen's Bell. Contact: Tom Wilkinson, President, Fairfield CLC, 203-226-4751, e-mail: twilkinson371@aol.com.

Groton: MDA-UAW Local 571 participating in a Workers Memorial service sponsored by the Coutheaster Connecticut CLC, AFL-CIO Community Services of Southeastern Connecticut. Area unions expected to participate – Electric Boat, MTC, Firefighters, Police, Telephone, Nurses. Expecting 200 people. Contact: UAW Local 571, John Wororey, Jr., 860-448-0552, fax: 860-448-3721.

DELAWARE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AFT (American Federation of Teachers): All attendees at the 2007 AFT Professional School Related Personnel Conference in April will be given a Workers Memorial Day sticker to wear. Will also hold a luncheon with speakers, worker stories and remembrances. AFT locals throughout the country expected, about 1,200 people. Contact: Darryl Alexander, 202-393-5674; e-mail: dalexand@aflt.org.

FLORIDA

Riviera Beach: Iron Workers Local 402 joining action with Palm Beach-Treasurer Coast CLC.

Memorial services downtown at Martin Luther King Memorial [downtown West Palm Beach]. Affiliated unions participating. Contact: Pat Emmert, 561-842-7651.

GEORGIA

Macon: The Georgia AFL-CIO, in conjunction with the Central Georgia Federation of Trades, will host a statewide observance of Workers' Memorial Day on Sunday, April 29th at 1:30 p.m. at Central City Park. There will be a short program immediately after which lunch will be served. Unions participating are: CWA, IBEW, SEIU, IronWorkers, USW, UA, OPEIU, ITPE, UFCW, IAM, IBT (about 150-200 people). Contact: Richard Ray, President, Georgia AFL-CIO, 404-525-2793, e-mail: rayr9@bellsouth.net.

HAWAII

IDAHO

ILLINOIS

Chicago: On Sunday, April 15th at 12:30 a.m., UAW Local 551 will have a Workers Memorial Day ceremony in front of their union hall and workers' monument. The event will take place prior to the Local's union meeting. The Workers Memorial Day observance will feature keynote speaker, Emanuel Blackwell of CACOSH. There will be a gunfire arm salute by the UAW SSI Veterans Committee. UAW SSI members and CACOSH staff members participating with the Local. Contact: Mike Elliott, 708-420-1223, e-mail: me4fronie@aol.com.

Peoria: On Friday, April 27th at 5:30 pm, the Labor Council of West Central Illinois will have a workers walk from the Peoria Labor Temple to the dedicated Workers Memorial monument outside Peoria City Hall. There will be a candlelight service and reading of names of those who have died on the job. All affiliated and unaffiliates located in eight counties invited to take part (about 200 people). Contact: C.J. Higgins, 309-674-1056 (connie.Higgins@unitedway.org).

Rockford: Rockford United Labor Workers Memorial Day service includes an Honor Guard, an invocation, a dedication of wreaths and a moment of silence, concluding with the playing of TAPS. The event will take place at the Zeke Groggi/State of Illinois building [200 S. Wyman St.], on Saturday, April 28th at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. IBEW 364, Plumbers/Pipefitters 23, UAW 1761, UFCW, AFSCME, Sheet Metal 219, Carpenters and other unions from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin expected to participate (about 100 people). Contact: Mark Bramble, IBEW #364, Workers Memorial Day Committee Chairman, 815-289-8025; e-mail: markb364@hotmail.com.

INDIANA

Evansville: The CLC of Southern Indiana will have a candle lighting vigil with bell ringing and special recognition of their own Mother Jones Harriett Kimmel who passed away last year. All affiliated and non-affiliated unions participating (about 40 people). Contact: Ray Oost, 812-422-3631.

Kokomo: There will be three ceremonies around the city on Friday, April 27, 2007. The events are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.

1. The UAW-CAP counsel is sponsoring a ceremony at the Daimler Chrysler Casting Plant on W. Boulevard at 10:00 am. Posters and lapel stickers distributed. in three memorials in Kokomo on Friday, April 27th. Contact: Rick Ward, 765-459-3133.
2. At 11:00 am, AFSCME 2185 will sponsor a service at the street department, 720 E. Boulevard. Contact: Jessie Dixon, 765-438-5817
3. UAW 292 will have a remembrance in Highland Park at Rogers Pavilion at 11:30 pm. Contact: Jill Quackenbush, 765-453-4600.

IOWA

Des Moines: The United Steelworkers Local 310 and other affiliates and Iowa workforce will participate in Workers Memorial Day activities organized by the South Central Iowa Federation of Labor. Contact: Dennis Green, USW L310, 515-288-9547; e-mail: safety310v@aol.com

Waterloo: To recognized Workers Memorial Day, UAW Local 838 shop stewards, safety representatives, and union committeeman distribute stickers to all plant employees of John Deere – these employees wear the stickers on their clothing; put them on their tool boxes, etc. Posters posted at

each union representative's office within the factory, plus at the Union Hall. About 2,600 members employed at John Deere. Contact: David Schultz, 319-233-3049; e-mail: SchultzDavidR@johndeere.com.

KANSAS

KENTUCKY

Henderson: The Tri-County Council of Labor will have a Workers Memorial service on Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 am in front of their workers' memorial monument in Central Park. The event will have guest speakers, music and will end with a 21-gun salute, with taps played. USW, Carpenters, IUOE, LIUNA, IAM, UFCW, IBT, Sheet Metal Workers among the unions participating (about 100-200 people). Contact: Ray Horton, 270-619-2027, e-mail: rhorton61@hotmail.com.

Paducah: Western Kentucky Area Council will have a dedication of a workers monument ON April 28th, at 2:00 pm, followed by a dinner from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. IMAW president Thomas Buffenbarger keynote speaker. Robert Reynolds, IMAW member, received the W.C. Young Life-time Union Achievement Award. Unions participating: USW, UMWA, IMAW (about 100 attending dinner and dedication). Contact: Jeff Wiggins, 270-898-2558, e-mail: jlwiggins2@juno.com.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans: Workers Memorial Day Memorial Mass to be said at the Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, April 21st at 4:00 pm. Sponsored by Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO; affiliated unions -- USWA, NALC, CWA, SIU, IBEW, OPEIU, AFT, Postal Workers, SEIU -- attending (about 300 people). Contact: Bryan Cassagne, 601-798-2022.

MAINE

MARYLAND

Cumberland: The Western Maryland CLC will have a prayer vigil at Cumberland City Hall, on Friday, April 27th at 12 Noon. The City Mayor, union representatives and politicians will be speaking. There will be honor guards from the Firefighters Local 1715 and Allegany County Sheriff's Office Local 1521. Most unions -- AFSCME, CWA, UFCW, Plumbers, Operating Engineers, Firefighters, Sheet Metal, Teamsters and Electrical Workers participating (about 100). Contact: Bob Engelbach, 240-687-5194; e-mail: westmdclc@verizon.net.

Silver Spring:

1. On Saturday, April 14, from 10:00 am – 12 Noon, OPEIU Local 2 [8455 Colesville Road, #1250] will conduct their First Saturday Group Meeting discussion "Good Jobs, Safe Jobs" to recognize Workers Memorial Day. All are welcome to attend. Contact: Lou Wolf, 301-608-9705; e-mail: Local2.Lou@attglobal.net.
2. The National Labor College will have a candlelight ceremony on April 26th at 12:45 pm on the cafeteria patio of the National Labor College [10000 New Hampshire Ave.]. Participants include various unions – LIUNA, Bricklayers, IBEW, AFL-CIO Community Services, TNG-CWA, OPEIU, SEIU, HERE (about 40 people). Contact: Ruth Ruttenberg, 301-571-4226; e-mail: rruttenberg@nlc.edu.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston: MassCOSH reporting that at least 5-6 CLCs will read names of deceased workers at April meetings. MassCOSH will be releasing their annual WMD report to the media. The report is written by MassCOSH and the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. The Boston commemoration will be co-sponsored by the Greater Boston CLC (working in conjunction with MassAFL-CIO and MassCOSH), on April 26, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. There will be a rally at the State House in Boston. All area unions invited. Expecting about 100-150 people to attend the rally, others to participate in media event. Contact: Tolle Graham, 617-825-7233, x19, e-mail: tolle.graham@masscosh.org. Contact: Rick Rogers (Greater Boston Labor

Council), 617-723-2370.

Philadelphia: Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO, PhilaPOSH: Annual Workers Memorial Day breakfast and ceremony with AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Rich Trumka – Friday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 Union Hall [1301 S. Columbus Blvd.], followed by a memorial service and reading of names at Penns Landing on the Delaware River. Expecting 70 locals to participate – AFT, AFSCME, BMW, BCTD, CWA, FOP, GCIU, IBB, IBEW, IBT, Iron Workers, Kaolin Mushroom Workers Org Cte, LIUMA, SMWIA, SEIU, TWU, UA, UAW, UE, UNITE/HERE, USW. Contact: Barbara Rahke (PhilaPOSH), 215-386-7000, philaposh@aol.com.

Quincy: On April 23, 2007, the Plymouth/Bristol CLC, along with Norfolk County CLC will be reciting the names of Brothers and Sisters in their jurisdictions whose lives were lost at the workplace. Also, they will be remembering the names of soldiers killed in Iraq. There will be a presentation from MassCOSH and others. Both Councils will take out an ad in the newspaper. Contact: Kathy Manson, President, Plymouth/Bristol Central Labor Council, e-mail: kathywak@verizon.net

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids: The Kent-Ionia Labor Council will be dedicating The Spirit of Solidarity monument recognizing the 1911 Furniture Workers' strike which took place November 21, 2005. This is the Labor Council's fourth year of the labor monument fundraising campaign. To support the Spirit of Solidarity Monument located in Ah-Nab-Awen Park, entrance of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, in downtown Grand Rapids, you can buy a brick that can be inscribed at a cost of \$100 per brick. Contact: Debbie Krooihuisen, 616-456-8233, e-mail: KICLC@sbcglobal.net.

Saginaw: USW Local 9899 (Women of Steel Committee) will have a Workers Memorial Day observance on Saturday, April 28th at 12 Noon. Harry Lester (retired District 2 Director) is guest speaker. Contact: Eve Perry, 989-755-1224, e-mail: eveperry.uswlocal9899@yahoo.com.

MINNESOTA

Apple Valley: The Southern Dakota CLC will have a prayer service on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 am, at the Lebanon Hills Cemetery. USW, NALC, APWU, AFCME members attending (about 20 people). Contact: Connie Beissel, 651-336-6248, e-mail: cbeissel@cvtel.net.

Rochester: On Monday, April 30th at the MNDOT Offices [2900 48th St., NW], the Southeast (MN) CLC will be co-sponsoring an event with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, District 6, and the Minnesota State Patrol. U.S. Representative Tim Walz will be special guest speaker. Also speaking will be a representative from the MNDOT, as well as Russell Hess from the CLC. Refreshments will be provided after the event. Operating Engineers, AFSCME, UNITE/HERE, Laborers and other unions and affiliates of SECLC participating. Contact: Russell Hess, 507-261-6546, e-mail: southeastmnccl@gmail.com.

MISSISSIPPI

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St. Louis: Iron Workers Local 396 distributing WMD stickers at worksites. Contact: Chuck Decker, 314-401-2479.

MONTANA

NEBRASKA

NEVADA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW JERSEY

Haledon: The American Labor Museum will observe WMD on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m at

the historic Botto House National landmark. In addition to the traditional candlelight vigil, Irwin Nack, Associate Professor of History at William Paterson University and past president of American Federation of Teachers, Local 1796 will screen the film The Iraqi Labor Leaders' Tour of the United States and lead a follow-up discussion. Public is invited. Contact: Angelica M. Santomauro, 973-595-7953; e-mail: labormuseum@aol.com.

NEW MEXICO

NEW YORK

Albany: Capital District Area Labor Federation will have a procession from NY City Hall to River Front Park. The procession will be through street-lined individuals wearing placards to represent deceased. The memorial service will be at the James Connolly Memorial, River Front Park on April 28th at 10:00 a.m. Unions participating are CSEA, AFT, IAM, IAFF, AFSCME, Railroad unions, Building Trades, IBT, USW (about 50-100 people). Contact: Michele Draves, 518-432-8800.

Elmira: Chemung/Schuyler & Steuben/Livingston CLC's will host an event at the USW Local 1000 memorial monument. Lee Adler from Cornell University and past legal council to the UMWA will be the guest speaker. A luncheon will be provided at the USW 1000 Union Hall following the event. USW, IAFF, NYSUT, CSEA, UAW, IBEW, AFGE, SEIU unions participating (about 100 people). Contact: Carol Leber, 607-734-8290; e-mail: carolleber@aol.com.

Long Island: The Long Island Federation of Labor, on Saturday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. will have a Workers Memorial Day service at the Workers Square memorial on the grounds of the NY State Office Building [Veterans Memorial Highway in Hauppauge]. (To view the Workers Square memorial, go to: www.workersmemorial.org.) Various unions will be participating. Contact: Rebecca Mowl, 631-396-1170, e-mail: rmowl@lilabor.org.

New York City: District Council 9, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades will have a Workers Memorial Day Mass on April 12, 2007 at 12 Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. NYC building trades participating along with IUPAT members. Contact: Joseph Ramaglia, 212-255-2950

White Plains: The Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body will have a memorial vigil on Thursday, May 3rd at the site of the future "workers Memorial Monument". A monument fundraiser dinner will be held following the vigil. On April 28th the Central Labor Body will hand out leaflets about Workers Memorial Day and information on the need for safer laws at train stations in the area. Participating unions: AFT, CWA, CSEA, SEIU, IUAP, UAW, IBEW, IAFF, IUOE, Plumbers/Steamfitters, RWDSU/UFCW (about 150 people). Contact: Mike Trinchi, 914-97-6700, x737, e-mail: mtrinchi@uwwp.org.

NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck: On Saturday, April 28th, at 11:00 am, the Missouri Slope CLC hosting a Workers Memorial Day event on the State Capital steps with featured speaker State Senator Tracy Potter and Missouri Slope CLC president. There will be the reading of names and a flower laid by a flag for each victim. Reception following. IBEW, CWA, Steelworkers, Construction Trades, AFSCME, BLET, Public Employees and many other affiliated unions participating (about 75-100 people). Contact: Rick Pfenning, 701-258-9503, e-mail: rickpf@btinet.net

OHIO

Canton: The Hall of Fame CLC reporting events for affiliates' participation. For more information, contact: Daniel Seiweij, 330-453-3624).

1. On Sunday, April 22nd, the Tuscarawas Chapter will hold a memorial service at 2:00 pm on the Tuscarawas County Court House steps in New Philadelphia.
2. On Saturday, April 28th, Stark County will hold a memorial service at 10:00 am at the Golden Lodge Hall [1234 Harrison Ave., SW].

Columbus: On May 12, 2007, starting at 11:00 am, at the Worker Memorial Park, the Central Ohio Labor Council will honor the victims who were injured or lost their life while performing their job in

2006. The Labor Council is also planning a get together on May 5th to plant flowers at the Worker Memorial Park to prepare for their event on May 12th. Anticipating about 100-150 people to participate from the USW, Bakers, IBEW, IAFF, UNITE, APRI, IBT, UFCW, AFSCME, CEA, IAM, TWU, NALC, Laborers, OSCEA, ABTU, UIW unions. Contact: Walt Workman, 614-257-1920.

Doylestown: Ashland Wayne-Holmes Labor Council distributing posters and stickers to worksites. Contact; Don Lance, 330-465-0743; don235@action.com

Findley: West Central Ohio Labor Council is planning several activities for their membership. USW Local 12071 will display a poster for the week of April 28th on the union web page. There will be factory distribution of fliers and a moment of silence in the plant at 12:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Will be distributing information at the Hancock Co. meeting and Allen Co. meeting for all of their affiliates. Also asking membership to display a single lit candle in their homes on April 28th. Contact: Teresa Thompson, 419,348-5208, e-mail: terrihompson@uswlocal12071.org.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City: The Central Oklahoma Labor Federation reporting that April 28th is also the day of the Democratic party's Congressional District Conventions, and they are asking all five conventions to set aside time for recognition of Workers Memorial Day. Stickers and flyers will be distributed. Contact Tim O'Connor, 405-634-4030.

OREGON

Salem: The Oregon AFL-CIO event will be held Friday, April 27, 12:00 Noon, on the State Capitol steps with Governor speaking, labor organization officers, and health and safety experts. Nearby church bells will ring during reading of names. All unions invited, expecting about 200-300 people. Contact: Steve Lanning, 503-585-6320; e-mail: steve@orafcio.org.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh:

1. The National Postal Mailhandler's Union (NPMHU) Local 322 will make an announcement about Workers Memorial Day and will have a moment of silence to remember fallen workers to take place during the daytime shift and then the night shift. There are about 800 union members participating in the remembrance. Contact: Kelly Dickey, 412-359-1454, e-mail: kdrew45@verizon.net.
2. At 12:00 Noon on August 30th at Market Square, the USW International will have a memorial service basing their program around Women's Impact on Workplace safety and Health (due to Crystal Eastman having research/written "The Pittsburgh Survey" 100 years ago). There will be speeches by the USW International President Leo W. Gerard and PA Labor History Society President Rosemary Trump. After the even, USW International will be posting pictures/video/audio from their WMD site: <http://www.usw.org/usw/program/content/HSE-WMD.php>. Contact: Deborah Davidek, 412-562-2442.
3. The Sheet Metal Workers Local 12 will gather at Market Square [downtown Pittsburgh] on Monday, April 30th at 12:00 Noon. Various speakers will address the issues of job place safety and the problems regarding enforcement and compliance with safety standards. A bell will be rung as each name of every member who died on the job site/workplace is announced and honored. The theme will be "The Impact of Women on Workplace Health and Safety." Union participating are Allegheny CLC and its affiliates which includes members from Pittsburgh Building Trades Council (300 people) Contact: Ken Greiner, 412-828-5300; e-mail: kgreiner@smlocal12.org.

York: The York Adams Central CLC will have a ceremony on Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Kiwanis Lake [Parkway Blvd. & North Newberry Sts.]. There will be guest speakers, a candle lighting ceremony, and wreath laying. Workers Memorial Day winning contest essay will be read and winner announced. Unions expected to participate: Teamsters, IAM, Teachers, PSEA, IBEW, UNITE/HERE, UAW, AFSCME (50-75 people). Contact: Clark Ruppert, Jr., President York Adams CLC, 717-600-1198, e-mail: cruppert@iam98.org.

RHODE ISLAND

SOUTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA

TENNESSEE

TEXAS

Corpus Christi: Coastal Bend Labor Council will have a press conference. Inviting elected officials. There will be a proclamation at city and county councils. Participants (CWA, AFGE, AFT, USWA, IBEW, LCLAA, IUE, CWA) will wear WMD stickers. Posting WMD posters at all worksites. Contact: Charlie Torres, 361-883-6137, e-mail: czt55@swbell.net.

UTAH

VERMONT

VIRGINIA

Fairfax: United Mine Workers of American sent out Workers Memorial Day information to health and safety reps in Lucernemines, PA; Madisonville, KY; Beckley, WV; Hueytown, AL; and Cedar Bluff, VA. Participation and events in planning stages. Contact: Dennis O'Dell, 703-208-7120; diggerumwa@aol.com.

WASHINGTON

Spokane: Spokane Regional Labor Council will have a public memorial service on Saturday, April 28th at 12 Noon, at Mission Park. The service includes a proclamation from the governor and local mayors, invocation, presentation of colors, guest speakers (Hospice, Washington State labor Council and others, reading of names of fallen workers for the State of Washington accompanied by a bell rung for each name read, and bagpiper. Following the ceremony a community picnic will be held in the park. Also honoring the service men and women from Washington State who have died this past year at work in service to their country. Unions participating: AFM, AFSCME, ATU, Bakers, Bricklayers, CWA, GMP, IAFF, IBEW, IUOE, IUPAT, Laborers, NALC, PO&CMIA, OPEIU, Teamsters, UFCW, and USW (about 150-200 people). Contact: Beth Thew, Secretary-Treasurer, 509-327-7637, bethew@spokanelabor.org.

WEST VIRGINIA

Buckhannon: West Virginia AFL-CIO will join with a host of others on April 28th at 2:00 pm in Upshur County to observe Workers Memorial Day in the Chapel of West Virginia Wesleyan College [59 College Avenue]. Activities include a welcome by Kenny Perdue, WV AFL-CIO president, an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be remarks by Bill Hamilton, WV House of Delegates (representing Upshur County), a memorial address by Cecil Roberts, UMWA President. The ceremony will include a remembrance and tolling of the bell by Larry Matheny, WV AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer for individuals who were killed on the job in 2006. Invitations to the service were sent to the families of those killed on the job in 2006, Governor Joe Manchin, the Board of Public Works members, Justices of the Supreme Court and to all members of the Legislature. All Locals, Councils and international staff invited to participate (about 100 people). Contact: Sherry Breeden, 304-344-3557, e-mail: sbreeder@wvafclcio.org.

Clarksburg: On Friday, April 27th the West Virginia AFL-CIO hosting "Kids Change Golf Scramble" at the Bel Meadow Country Club in recognition of Workers Memorial Day. There is an entry fee of \$90 per golfer (includes golf and lunch) Registration is 8:00 a.m. Contact: 304-344-3557.

WISCONSIN

WYOMING

INTERNATIONAL:

GLOBAL UNIONS:

ITUC Issues request for 28 April 2007

General Secretary Guy Ryder of the International Trade Union Confederation has issued a request for trade unions throughout the world to organize for the 12th International Commemoration Day (ICD) for Dead and Injured Workers on 28 April 2007.

Priorities: "Cancer, Enforcement & Campaigns, Targeting ASBESTOS & HIV/AIDS"

ICD 2007 priorities were announced by Guy Ryder, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) in mid-December 2006. Trade unions around the world have been asked to place Saturday 28 April 2007. Since the first International Ceremony took place in New York in 1996, 28 April has grown to encompass thousands of activities, ranging from large rallies and sectoral mobilisations to educational and lobbying events and basic information. In addition, many unions take the opportunity on 28 April to publicise initiatives they have taken or intend to pursue in the future. For information on activities that took place last year for 28 April. See http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpH_3c.EN.pdf
Contact: Mr. David Gold, [gold@ilo.org]

ILO Plans for 28 April 2007

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) will organize support for 28 April World Day for OSH 2007 around the theme, 'Safe and Healthy Workplaces - Making Decent Work a Reality', which was announced last December by Annick Viot, Coordinator of the International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre. While the ILO has chosen its own theme, its activities will once again form an integral part of a growing movement by trade unions to mark 28 April as International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers (ICD). The ILO has been taking advantage of this Day to draw attention to the role that Decent Work must play as an essential component of the social pillar of sustainable development. Included in the ILO's preparations for 28 April will be a brief report containing information on the state of safe and healthy work, as well as various promotional products for the Day itself. In addition, a website for 28 April 2007 will contain relevant information on the central issues to assist in the organization of this major event. See: www.ilo.org/safework/safeday. Contact: David Gold (gold@ilo.org).

ILO-ACTRAV has encouraged workers' activities and workers' education to support and participate in 28 April activities and events organized by the ILO. ACTRAV has produced posters that related to relevant ILO OHS instruments. See <http://www.ilo.org/pblic/english/dialogue/actrav/new/index.htm>.

ILO-CIS (Centres of the International Labor Organisation) around the world will be joining efforts to establish 28 April as ICD. A "SafeDay Team" of the CIS has been formed with Annick Viot CIS Centres as Coordinator. This team is sending questionnaires to all Centres to collect information on plans for 28 April and plans to have a collection of promotional materials – posters, stickers, postcards and bookmarks -- made available online. Contact: Annick Viot (vivot@ilo.org).

WHO (World Health Organization) will hold its annual meeting early May to consider adopting a Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health for 2008-2017. The Plan currently relates to 28 April themes.

Contact: Ivan Ivanov (ivanovi@who.int).

UNITED NATIONS highlighting the 28 April cancer, asbestos and HIV/AIDS priorities with Ministers attending this April's UN Commission on Sustainable Development and will deliver formal request to countries for the creation of a permanent working group on HIV/AIDS by the G8 at its Summit next June in Germany. A special delegation of trade unionists will also meet with UN Office of the General Secretary to provide a report of 28 April 2007 activities. Contact: Ed Thomas (ed.Thomas@sympatico.ca).

EI Joins 28 April Campaign for G8 HIV-AIDS Working Group – G8 Summit

Education International is joining the international 28 April campaign on HIV-AIDS by asking its affiliates to join trade unionist around the world who will be visiting German Embassies with a message asking the Government of Germany, host of this year's G8 Summit, to support the creation of a high-level working group on HIV-AIDS. According to Staff Member Laura Sullivan, the EI Campaign Unit will ask all national EFAIDS Programme Coordinators to deliver the letter to German Embassies in their

respective countries. It will also suggest that they organise an activity or event to publicise this action. The EFAIDS Programme was launched in January 2006 as a joint initiative of the EI, the WHO (World Health Organisation) and the EDC (Education Development Center). It supports efforts of teachers' unions committed to HIV/AIDS prevention in schools by advocating for Education For All (EFA) at the national level. More information is available at: <http://www.ei-ie.org/ef aids/en/programme.htm>. The participation of this Global Union Federation boosts the HIV/AIDS Campaign relaunched by the Global Unions HIV/AIDS Committee in December 2006. The intent is to convince Heads of State attending next June's G8 Summit in Germany to create a Working Group on HIV/AIDS, which is considered a critical step towards fulfilling an earlier promise by G8 countries to provide universal access to treatment by 2010. Contact: [Laura.Sullivan@ei-ie.org]

BWI: Focus on 28 April Campaign on Organizing to Save Lives

The Building and Wood Workers International represents workers in some of the world's most dangerous jobs is running a campaign urging its members to organize to save lives, as a way to commemorate 28 April 2007. Posters and literature with slogans: *THE BWI SAYS ORGANISE! Strong Unions Save Lives - 28th of April. Your job should provide you with a living - not cause your death. International Workers Memorial Day April 28th 2007* highlights the preventable nature of workplace accidents and ill health; urges affiliated unions to improve workplace health and safety, and remembers those who died because of their jobs. (<http://www.bwint.org/default.asp?Index=619&Language=EN>). BWI is urging members to ask their governments: for greater participation by workers and unions in workplace prevention; to ratify and apply ILO Conventions; for better legislation and enforcement; for more information, training and advice for employers and workers, for stable employment, and for a ban on all asbestos use. It asks them to promote 28 April at the local level by getting in touch with the local press, publicizing fatalities, injuries and OHS problems, and holding Memorial ceremonies in public places. At the workplace, they are advised to observe two minutes of silence, to organize meetings and health and safety training sessions, and to conduct a walk-through inspection to identify health and safety problems. Contact: Fiona Murie [fiona.murie@bwint.org]

AFRICA: General Secretary Francis Atwoli of the Congress of Trade Unions in **Kenya** (COTU) set off a 4-month global union campaign to engage Environment, Health and Labor Ministers of all countries in their efforts to convince next June's G8 Summit to create a high-level working group on HIV/AIDS. Trade Unions and NGOs will announce a major 28 April ICD initiative to work their country organizations to deliver similar messages of support for the working group to German embassies in nearly 40 countries of the South. The action will follow a recent agreement between Global unions and the World AIDS Campaign to work together to persuade Environment and other Ministries to join their cause. Contact: Alan Leather Chair Global Unions HIV/AIDS (alan.leather@gmail.com).

CONGO (DEM.REP.): G8 Summit involvement. UNTC – Project workers of the Union National Des Travailleurs seeking Government of Germany support of the creation of working group on HIV/AIDS. Contact: Modeste Ndongala (ndongala_modeste@yahoo.fr).

TANZANIA (REPUBLIC):

TAMICO is an affiliate to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolate@lantic.net).

The Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) will be cooperating with employers and the official occupational health and safety agency in the observance of 28 April, Workers' Memorial Day. According to TUCTA acting secretary general Nicholas Mgaya, the TUCTA is working with the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) and the Occupational Safety and Health Agency of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Youth Development to plan a joint national observance of 28 April. Contact: Nicholas E Mgaya

ZAMBIA: NUGEGW is an affiliate to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI).

GHANA (WEST AFRICA): PWU, GAWU, TWU, PUWU, CBMWU are affiliated to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolate@lantic.net).

SENEGAL (WEST AFRICA): SYNACO, SNTBTPP are affiliates of the Building Workers International (BWI) and have confirmed they will organize 28 April asbestos activities as part of BWI

world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Abdou Ouedrago (abdou.ouedrago@ifbww.org).

SOUTH AFRICA: BCAWU, NUM, CEEPPAWU affiliates of the Building Workers International (BWI) and have confirmed they will organize 28 April asbestos activities as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolata@lantic.net).

SWAZILAND (SOUTH AFRICA): SAAPAWU is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and have confirmed they will organize 28 April asbestos activities as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolata@lantic.net).

ARGENTINA: Officially recognizes 28 April as national observance day.

AZERBAIJAN: Trade union commemorations and seminars on 28 April. The Azerbaiban Trade Union Confederation (AHIK) has announced that it will support the International Trade Union Confederation and all trade unions around the world in its 28 April Workers' Memorial Day activities. The Confederation has honored workers killed or injured on the job since 2004, when it first established a tradition of commemoration, supported by the country's Ministry of Labour. April 28 plans to hold health and safety seminars in areas not before covered.

BANGLADESH; DHAKA: South Asia unions (Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE) and the Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC) first to engage in activity leading up to 28 April 2007 International Commemoration Day (ICD) for Dead and Injured Workers event with a workshop "Banning Asbestos in South Asia—Strategies and Future Direction" in Bangladesh. Participants representing national trade union centers, labor NGOs, OSH institutions, university academic, asbestos research, journalist government officials of the Ministries of health and labor were from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Japan, UK and Hong Kong. The 28 April event will focus on "Cancer, OHS Enforcement and Global Unions' Asbestos and HIV-AIDS Campaigns." For more information: A.R. Chowdhry REPON, Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE) at oshe@agni.com.

OSHE organizing special events and activities -- beginning on 26 April with a meeting to allow workers in the Bangladesh ship-breaking industry to discuss the need for a ban on asbestos. On 27 April a workshop is planned – "Making Decent Work a Reality in Bangladesh" – followed by a press conference. Both events take place in the National Press Club in Dhaka. On 28 April, at 11:30 am, OHSE will organize a human chain for a ban of asbestos in front of the National Edd Ghah in Dhaka as the focal point of commemoration activities. Contact: A.R. Chowdhry REPON, Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE) at oshe@agni.com.

BELGIUM: The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) and the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) will host a candle ceremony on 28 April in Brussels (International Solidarity House). This event will be accompanied by the Belgian choir "Chant Follie" Contact: Sonia Munsterman (Sonia.Munsterman@iituc-csi.org).

BERMUDA: 28 April National Observance Day adopted.

BOTSWANA: Fetracoma, CTF, CNTC are affiliated to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

BRAZIL: CONTICOM-CUT, FETICOM-SP, SOLIDARIDAD are affiliated organizations of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos activities as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

BURKINA FASO: FTBBF FNTCS are affiliates of the Building Workers International (BWI) and have confirmed they will organize 28 April asbestos activities as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Abdou Ouedrago (abdou.ouedrago@ifbww.org).

CANADA:

1. Canadian Auto Union Sponsors Day of Mourning Flag Contest

The Canadian Auto Workers' Union is drawing attention to the 28 April Commemoration by creating a CAW Day of Mourning Flag to "reaffirm the solidarity and commitment of its members to workplace health and safety. Basil 'Buzz' Hargrove, President of the National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada (CAW-Canada) has sent out a letter to all CAW Locals across Canada inviting members to design a flag that will encompass the Day of Mourning theme in a way that recognizes the diversity of the union. The winning creation will be unveiled at the April 2007 CAW Council meeting in Port Elgin. Contact: [cawhse@caw.ca].

2. ONTARIO: Commemoration activities taking place across Ontario on 28 April – Trade Unions build on tradition of over 20 years

Ontario Federation of Labor: Scores of events will take place in dozens of community halls, workplace disaster sites, memorial parks, civic centres, and in front of monuments erected to the memory of dead and injured workers across Ontario. Official ceremonies are planned that will include speeches, candle-lighting and flower-laying, fundraising BBQ's, educationals and socials. Attending events, working with local media, keeping records of worker monument memorials and events are being encouraged. Asking trade unionists to lobby politicians to recognize the Day through Proclamations; inviting faith communities and social justice groups to join in the observances and to encourage employers/public institutions to fly flags at half-mast. The Ontario Workers Health and Safety Centre (WHC) is working with the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Provinces Labour Councils and the Canadian Labour Congress to organize, publicize and produce background materials for all of these events (see: http://www.whsc.on.ca/events/day_mourn.cfm). Contact: Marty White [marty@whsc.on.ca].

3. CLC organizing extensive 28 April activities -- Activities are expected in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and the Northern Territories.

4. BWI: Building Workers International appealing for a renewed international effort to convince the Canadian Government to ban asbestos in all countries. A number of building trade unions plan to join BWI in peaceful demonstrations outside Canadian Embassies 28 April.

CHAD: FENATRABAT is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April.

CHILE: Fetracoma, CTF, CNTC are affiliated to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

CROATIA: UATUC (The Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia) sending letter to the Government of the Republic of Croatia asking it to officially declare 28 April as the Day of Occupational Safety and Health in the Republic of Croatia in keeping with the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers (ICD). The UATUC will host a ceremony to observe ICD with the unveiling of a white marble Memorial. The unveiling will take place on the 5th floor of its headquarters in Zagreb. A press conference follows ceremony. Contact: Dijana Sobota (sssh@sssh.hr).

DENMARK: Unions highlight pesticide hazards. The United Federation of Danish Workers (3F) is organizing a 28 April event that will center on hazards faced by union members on farms who use extremely poisonous pesticides. The event will feature speakers from Brazil, as well as the Danish and European parliaments. The meeting will also address Corporate Social Responsibility, including labeling requirements on pesticides and other chemicals produced by the Danish chemical multinational, Cheminova. Union members dressed in protective clothing will hand out fruit on which pesticides have been used; others without protective clothing will hand out organic fruit and flowers. 3F is Denmark's largest trade union, organizing both skilled and unskilled workers in several sectors including industry, building and construction, transport, cleaning, gardening, agriculture and forestry. Contact Jesper Lund-Larsen [3F website](#)

DOMINICA: FENTICOMM, AMACOA are affiliated to Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Officially recognizes 28 April as a national observance day.

FRANCE: CFDT, THE confederation Francaise Democratique du Tra-va-li in France has kicked off its “Navire en Fin de Vie” campaign, targeting asbestos-laden ships. http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpi_8Aa.EN.pdf.

GERMANY: Global Unions HIV/AIDS have launched their 28 April campaign for the creation of a high-level working group on HIV/AIDS by making representations to German Embassies throughout the world in order to convince the Heads of State attending the G8 Summit next June in Germany to support the campaign’s objective. Contact: Alan Leather at (royer @tuac.org).

GREECE: Officially recognizes 28 April as a national observance day.

GUATEMALA: SINCSG, FESITRASMAR, SUCHILMA are affiliated to Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

HONDURAS: STINCA is affiliated to Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

HONG KONG: CSGWU is affiliated to Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize asbestos-related activities for 28 April, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI).

ITALY: San Marino – Unions to run 28 April awareness campaign. The Labour Confederation of the Republic of San Marino (CSLD) raising awareness of workplace health and safety issues on 28 April. It will be the first year San Marino unions have joined the global Workers’ Memorial Day activities. According to CSLD general secretary Giovanni Ghiotti, the confederation is preparing public presentations intended to make citizens of San Marino more aware of the serious problem of accidents and deaths in the workplace, and of the need to ensure that workplaces provide the highest standards of security and respect for health. Contact: [Lucy Santolini](mailto:Lucy.Santolini)

KOREA:

1. South Korean Ministry of Labor announced a total ban on the manufacture, import and use of asbestos. Under the plan, the Ministry will restrict use of products containing asbestos step-by-step through 2008 to allow for the examination of possible substitutes. The total ban will go into effect in 2009, after which all asbestos-removal companies will be required to register with the Ministry and all articles which involve the use of asbestos will be removed according to Korea’s construction laws and regulations. In making its announcement, the Korean government notes that asbestos (also known as “death dust”) has been banned in a number of developed countries for many years. Previous to this, it was commonly used in the manufacture of floor tiles and pipe insulation materials, because it is flexible and fireproof. However, when taken into the body, the Ministry says, its fibers can cause breathing problems by damaging the lungs, causing asbestosis and increasing the risk of cancer and even death. Contact: [kswwho@koreatimes.co.kr].

2. The Seoul-Gyeonggi-Incheon Mirgrant’s Trade Union has asked unionists who observe 28 April ICD to take a moment to remember the workers who died or were injured on 11 Feb 07 when a fire broke out in a detention center in the city of Yeosu. Contact: Devona@riseup.net.

LUXEMBOURG: Officially recognizes 28 April as a national observance day.

MALAWI: BCCEAWU is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolata@lantic.net).

MALAYSIA: UECl is a Malaysian affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to

organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI).

MAURITIUS: CFMEU is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Abdou Ouedrago (abdou.ouedraoo@ifbww.org).

NETHERLANDS: The Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging' has joined the 28 April Campaign to convince the German Presidency of the 2007 G8 Summit to support the call by Global Unions for a high-level working group on HIV/AIDS. Contact: [Wilma Roos](#)

PALESTINE: On 28 April, a celebration will take place in the PGFTU's headquarter in Nablus - Palestine for the memory of the dead and injured workers at workplaces, in which the General Secretary Shaher Saed will deliver a speech. Also attending will be the labour minister and a representative of the Palestine president Mahmoud Abbas. On 29 April, PGFTU will hold a protest at the Israeli army-run Huwarra checkpoint. This demonstration will gather a big number of unionists, workers and union leaders. Contact: [Issam Wahba](#)

PANAMA: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

PAKISTAN: PLF (THE Pakistan Laour Federation) announced that it will hold a national seminar on occupational safety and health in Lahore Pakistan. G8 Summit involvement – supporting the creation of a high-level working group on HIV/AIDS. Contact: Muhammad Saeed (hmsaeed@yahoo.com).

PARAGUAY: FETRACOMP is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).

PERU: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

PHILIPPINES: TAMICO is an affiliate of the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI). Contact: Inviolata Chingayanraa (inviolata@lantic.net).

POLAND: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

PORTUGAL: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

SPAIN: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

SWEDEN: Ten Health and Safety Conferences Planned to lead up to 28 April in Sweden

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation is cooperating with its affiliates and LO Districts around the country to organize a series of 10 health and safety conferences April 10-27, 2007, in preparation for the April 28 International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers. Participating in the events will be the LO affiliates' regional safety representatives, principal safety representatives and the health and safety officers of national union branches, as well as officials from the Swedish government and Members of Sweden's Parliament. Each conference will begin with a focus on workplace accidents, in which delegates will be led through a new manual for safety representatives entitled "A tight situation: Trade union guidelines for what to do if there is a serious workplace accident". While prevention will form the major theme, discussion will also focus on the role of health and safety representatives in the event of a serious accident; in particular, how to ensure that their special knowledge of the workplace is incorporated into the investigations conducted by police and prosecutors under the Swedish Work Environment Authority. In the afternoon, each regional conference will begin with a discussion by Social Democratic Members of the Swedish Parliament on how health and safety issues can be promoted in their current role as Opposition. Following this, the LO and its affiliates will collaborate with the Swedish Disability Federation in a discussion of the main theme, "Migrant workers' health and safety and

discrimination in a broad perspective". Contact: Christina Järnstedt [christina.jarnstedt@lo.se].

SWITZERLAND: See ILO Plans for 2007 under "Global Unions."

TAIWAN: Officially recognized 28 April as a national observance day.

THAILAND: Adopted 10 May as national OHS day of observance to commemorate the 1993 Thailand Kader Toy Factory fire. In December 1994, the ICFTU report "From the Ashes" was published and sparked widespread concern in the trade union movement about work conditions in the global toy manufacturing industry.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Amicus, the British union, representing scientific workers and a variety of other occupations -- technical, construction, electrical, printing, graphic – requesting its members to sign a petition to officially recognize 28 April as Workers Memorial Day -- the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers (originally established as an international day in 1996). See: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/workersmemorial/> . The deadline for signing is 28 May 2007. Contact: Chris O'Leary [chris.o'leary@amicustheunion.org].

CWU: The Communication Workers Union calling for the Government of the UK to officially recognize 28 April as a national observance day.

URUGUAY: SUNCA is an affiliate to the Building Workers International (BWI) and will aim to organize 28 April asbestos-related activities, as part of BWI world efforts. (See BWI).). Contact: Carlos Salguero (salguero@cableonda.net).