Saine-Saint-Denis suburb, the most industrialized area of Île-de-France, is also a place where the working population knowledge on activities exposing to carcinogens has not been solicited. The Group of Scientific Interest on Occupational Cancers (GISCOP 93), which originated at the Paris 13 University in the early 2000s, was able to start mobilizing this knowledge, in a public health perspective. Based on European and international experiences, a permanent study in patients with cancer has been set up in the services of different hospitals in Seine-Saint-Denis, in close cooperation with physicians.

The main GISCOP research tool is a systematic approach of patients’ job histories and identification of exposure to occupational carcinogens in these histories. This pro-active study has three aims: to generate knowledge on working activities exposed to carcinogens, to follow the course of patients in the compensation procedures through active patient monitoring and cooperation with relevant institutions, and to identify obstacles to an effective implementation of prevention.

The main objective of this symposium is to share GISCOP experience in relation to other kind of research and knowledge on occupational cancer. We plan to discuss not only the academic studies but also the complementarity between workers’ knowledge on working conditions, and the academic or professional approaches (by different disciplines) of occupational cancer. What investigations are able to break the invisibility of the role of work in the occurrence of cancer and the production of inequalities in relation to the disease?

This symposium is organized by GISCOP 93 under the responsibility of a scientific committee composed of personalities from the human and social sciences and biomedical disciplines. It has the support of the French National Cancer Institute, the Hôpital Saint-Antoine, the DIM Gestes (Region Île-de-France), the ETUI, the MSH Paris-Nord, the laboratories IRIS and PRODIG and the University Paris 13.

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The GISCOP 93, the IRIS laboratory and the ETUI invite you to the international symposium "Breaking the invisibility of occupational cancers" Putting the GISCOP 93 experience into an international perspective
THURSDAY THE 1ST OF JUNE

8h30 Reception of participants and welcome coffee at the entrance of the auditorium

9h15 Introduction • auditorium
• Alain BERTHO, Director of the MSH Paris Nord
• Arnaud MIAZ, Coordinator of the DIM GESTES
• Serge VOLKOFF, Former President of the steering committee of GISCOP 93

Introductory conference: From invisibility to the production of multidisciplinary knowledge: the GISCOP 93 experience Benjamin SYSANUK, associate researcher, CNRS, UMR PRODIG, director of GISCOP 93

10h 1. VISIBILITY / INVISIBILITY OF OCCUPATIONAL CANCERS • plenary session • auditorium
Chairperson: Nicolas HATZFIELD, Historian, IDHES, University of Evry
• The origins of cancer: a historical look at the occupational factor Anne MARCHAND, PhD student in history and sociology, IDHES, University of Evry, GISCOP 93
• The uncertainty of probabilities in the recognition of the occupational origin of cancer for purposes of compensation Katherine LIPPEL, professor and holder of the Canada Research Chair on Occupational Health and Safety Law, University of Ottawa, Canada
• Work and cancer: a sociological approach Annie THEBAUD-MONY, Sociologist, honorary senior researcher, INSERM, IRS, GISCOP 93
• How can epidemiology help to break the invisibility of occupational cancers? Emile COUNIL, professor of epidemiology, EHESS, IRS, GISCOP 93
• The role of IARC and the classification of carcinogens in cancer prevention Paul DEMERS, epidemiologist, professor of environmental health, Occupational Cancer Research Center, Toronto, Canada

12h Lunch – 4th floor (panoramic room)

13h30 2. CHALLENGES OF A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OCCUPATIONAL HISTORIES AND EXPOSURES • plenary session • auditorium
Chairperson: Laurent VOGEL, Lawyer, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels, Belgium
• Gender-specific trajectories of occupational exposures to carcinogens of patients included between 2002 and 2016 in the GISCOP 93 cohort Mélanie BERTIN, epidemiologist, LEEST – (UMR IRSAT)
• Gender biases in the epidemiology of occupational cancers: methods of analysis for GISCOP 93 Charles-Olivier BETANSEDI, PhD student in epidemiology, University of Paris XI, GISCOP 93

15h15 Coffee break

15h40 • Linking cancer and work in Canada: chemical risks and breast cancer Jim BROPHY, PhD, former Executive Director of Occupational Health Clinics, Ontario, Canada, University of Stirling, UK; Michael GILBERTSON, PhD, Occupational and Environmental Health Research Group, University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland
• Cancer registries and the understanding of the links between cancer and occupational activity: the case of Italy Dario MIRABELLI, Epidemiologist, University of Turin, Italy

13h30 Prevention activities and obstacles to their implementation: amphitheatre • workshop 2
Chairperson: Michel HERY, engineer, INRS
• From the reconstitution of occupational pathways to the identification of activities exposed to carcinogens in the GISCOP 93 survey: knowledge for prevention Christophe COUTANCHEAU, sociologist and engineer, GISCOP 93, and Jean-Michel STERDUNIAK, occupational physician, member of the expert panel of the GISCOP 93
• The difficult construction of a directory of occupational activities exposing to carcinogens (Cooperation GISCOP 93 - DIRECCTE Ile de France) Axelle CROISSE, PhD student in geography, UMR PRODIG, University Paris X-GISCOP 93

15h15 Coffee break

15h40 • Representation of CMR risks based on the results of a project funded by the Association for Cancer Research Alain GARRIGOU, professor of ergonomics, U1219 INSERM, University of Bordeaux
• The labor inspector and its control mission concerning the exposure to hazardous chemicals Gérard LE-CORRE, labor inspector

17h End of the 1st day

FRIDAY THE 2ND OF JUNE

8h30 Reception of participants and welcome coffee at the entrance of the auditorium

9h15 3. EXPERIENCES AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS: COMPLEMENTARY KNOWLEDGE • plenary session • auditorium
Chairperson: Véronique DAUBAS-LETOURNEUX, sociologist, Professor at the EHESS
• A cooperation between trade unionists and researchers: preventing the exposure to radioactive surge arresters at Orange - ex France- Télécom Yves COLOMBAT, Franck REFOUVET, trade unionists, Annie THEBAUD-MONY

• A cooperation between GISCOP 93 and the citizen movement: rebuilding the memory of a territory through collaborative mapping Léa PROST, masters’ student in geography, University Paris X, et Benjamin SYSANUK
• Copenhagen airport agents mobilised against toxic risks Jannke HANSEN, occupational health and safety expert for the 3F Kastrup Union, Copenhagen, Denmark
• The European Union’s strategy on occupational cancers: the revision of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive Laurent VOGEL, Lawyer, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels, Belgium

12h Lunch – 4th floor (panoramic room)

13h30 4. JUSTICE: COMPENSATING AND ACTING • plenary session • auditorium
Chairperson: Jean-Paul TEISSONNIERE, Lawyer at the Paris Bar
• The access to compensation right: a question of evidence Anne MARCHAND, PhD student in history and sociology, IDHES, University of Evry, GISCOP 93
• The restrictive interpretation of the cancer-work link in the implementation of the French occupational diseases scheme Azhelenne LE DIGUERHER, lawyer, PhD student in Law, University Paris 13, GISCOP 93, UMR IRIS

13h Coffee break

13h20 • Recognition of occupational cancers in occupational disease compensation schemes: an international comparison Katherine LIPPEL, Annie THEBAUD-MONY, Laurent VOGEL
• Implementation of the penal sanction by labor inspection services: meaning and obstacles Nathalie FERRE, Law Professor, University Paris 13, UMR IRIS

16h40 CONCLUSION
• The response of criminal justice to industrial crimes Jean-Paul TEISSONNIERE, lawyer at the Paris Bar
• Intervention of the expert witness David MICHAELS, epidemiologist, Milken Institute of Public Health, The George Washington University, USA, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from 2009 to January 2017
• Closing of the symposium Yves STRUILLOU, Directeur général du travail (France), to be confirmed

17h30 End of the Symposium