# Annual Report of IEA Technical Committee

**Name of Technical Committee:** MSD  
**Website (URL):** [http://www.iea.cc/about/technical.php?id=51deaff9694f3](http://www.iea.cc/about/technical.php?id=51deaff9694f3)  
**Chair:** David Rempel  
**Appointment date of chairperson:** August 10, 2015  
**Subcommittee-chairs:** AnnMarie Dale; Sean Gallagher; Daniela Colombini, Francesco Violante  
**Appointment date of subcommittee-chairs:** August 10, 2015  
**Secretary (optional):**  
**Appointment date of secretary:**

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<th>Reporting Year</th>
<th>Work Group / Executive Members (please provide name, affiliation and full address of each person)</th>
<th>Current Membership - no. of members - names of members (if possible)</th>
<th>Activities accomplished for the reporting year 2015. (be sure to include an overview of paper presentations at the IEA World Congress 2015 and papers contributed to IEA-endorsed scientific journals; please also report about possible collaboration with ISO, WHO or ILO)</th>
<th>Activities planned for the following year 2016</th>
<th>Support requested from IEA Executive Committee, Standing Committees or other Technical Committees for the following year 2016 (in the form of management support, resources or other types of support services)</th>
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| 2015           | • Website & Communication Subcommittee– AnnMarie Dale, USA  
• Tools Subcommittee– Sean Gallagher, USA & Daniela Colombini, Italy  
• Program Subcommittee– Francesco Violante, Italy | • 34 members on LinkedIn MSD TC site | A meeting of the MSD TC was held at the IEA Conference in Melbourne on August 10, 2015 with approximately 25 people in attendance.  
1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Silverstein.  
2. Wendy Macdonald, Owen Evans, Barbara Silverstein, David Rempel and Daniela Colombini were thanked for their many hours of work reviewing abstracts for IEA 2015. | • Engage TC members through LinkedIn site to participate in PREMUS and plan IEA 2018.  
• Add ‘MSD Risk Assessment Tools’ to IEA MSD TC website. | • Assistance with updating IEA MSD TC website.  
• Cooperation with IEA2018 Program Committee on structure and content of meeting. |
3. David Rempel was elected as Chair of the TC.

4. Barbara Silverstein was thanked for her service as past Chair.

5. Ann-Marie Dale agreed to be the Website and Communication subcommittee chair. One duty to invite TC members to join a MSD TC LinkedIn site to make communication and planning for the TC easier.

6. Sean Gallagher and Daniela Colombini agreed to be the Tools Subcommittee co-chairs. The purpose is to build a list of tools for assessing both physical and psychosocial MSD risk factors to be published on the IEA MSD website. The list should include tools for which there are peer-reviewed publications that evaluate reliability and predictive validity. The website will include brief summaries of the tools and list important references.

7. A Science and Program Subcommittee was established with chair Francesco Violante to develop topics and promote
submissions of symposia and papers to IEA 2018. There was a discussion of topics to promote at the TC meeting and these topics included: review of validity and reliability of risk assessment tools; evidence based ergonomic analysis and interventions; new technologies for assessing physical risk factors; designs of studies for demonstrating intervention effectiveness; MSD case definitions.

8. TC Chair David Rempel, will be responsible for updating the IEA MSD TC web page.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Since the IEA Conference the following has been completed:

1. The initial review of the literature by the Tools Subcommittee has been completed (Gallagher and Colombini)

2. The IEA MSD TC website has been updated (Rempel)

3. A LinkedIn Site for the MSD TC has been created and now has 32 members (Dale and Rempel)

4. The MSD TC Science &
Program Subcommittee chair has discussed the recommendations from the TC meeting with the IEA 2018 Planning Committee (Violante).

Have you held a TC meeting at the IEA 2015 World Congress in Melbourne? **Yes on August 10, 2015**

Annual reports are due by November 30, 2015. Please e-mail your completed annual report to c.schlick@iaw.rwth-aachen.de.

Thank you!!

Christopher M. Schlick, STP chair