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The GoodNanoGuide is an Internet-based collaboration platform specially designed to enhance the ability of experts to exchange ideas on how best to handle nanomaterials in an occupational setting. It is meant to be an interactive forum that fills the need for up-to-date information about current good practices for managing nanomaterials in a work-related environment, highlighting new practices as they develop.

Who Should Participate

- Occupational safety professionals in companies, research labs and academia
- Researchers
- Government regulators
- Labor representatives
- Non-governmental organizations

About ICON

The International Council on Nanotechnology is an international, multi-stakeholder organization based at Rice University. Our mission is to develop and communicate information regarding potential environmental and health risks of nanotechnology thereby fostering risk reduction while maximizing societal benefit. For more information please visit <http://icon.rice.edu>.

Content

The GoodNanoGuide strives to provide information on all aspects of occupational safety reflecting a neutral point of view and current understanding of responsible practices regarding handling of engineered nanomaterials. Initially, the GoodNanoGuide will be restricted to material published by a reliable source. However, as the GoodNanoGuide develops and matures, it will endeavor to provide a forum for new and original good practice protocols in order to promote the sharing of information and knowledge among experts in the field. The GoodNanoGuide will work with and complement other information projects, including online libraries and encyclopedias. It is expected that over time the GoodNanoGuide may grow to encompass other issues involved with nanotechnology's development and that self-assembled groups of participants in the GoodNanoGuide may branch off to form process- or product-specific good practice forums.

Implementation Committee

The GoodNanoGuide will be steered by an Implementation Committee initially comprised of 10-12 individuals with expertise in occupational safety and/or Internet collaborative software and will include a range of nanotechnology stakeholders, including members from different societal and geographical interests. The GoodNanoGuide Implementation Committee will evaluate all requests for 'provider' rights to add contributions to the GoodNanoGuide. All providers and their contributions to the GoodNanoGuide will be identified by name. Unless approved by the Implementation Committee, the GoodNanoGuide will not post anonymous contributions.

How to Contribute

The GoodNanoGuide is currently soliciting examples of good occupational practices as well as occupational experts to serve on the Implementation Committee. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Kristen Kulinowski (kk@rice.edu) or Dr. David Johnson (drj@rice.edu).