

Institut **N**ational de **R**echerche et de **S**écurité

for the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases

Foundation

- ✓ 1947 by the French National Health Insurance Fund for Salaried Employees (CNAMTS)
- ✓ 1968 INS becomes INRS

Legal status

- ✓ Non-profit association under the Act of 1 July 1901
- ✓ Joint board of directors (9 representatives of the trade unions and 9 representatives of the employers' federations) and a Scientific Commission (20 independent experts)

Purpose: occupational risk prevention

Preserving health and safety at work,
developing prevention solutions for the benefit of
all companies and employees covered by the French
general social security scheme

(17.5 million people employed and nearly 2 million plants insured)

Funding

- ✓ Balancing **subsidy** allocated by CNAMTS's Occupational Accident and Disease Commission
- ✓ Origin: **National Fund for the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases**
(funded by company contributions)

Resources

Budget:

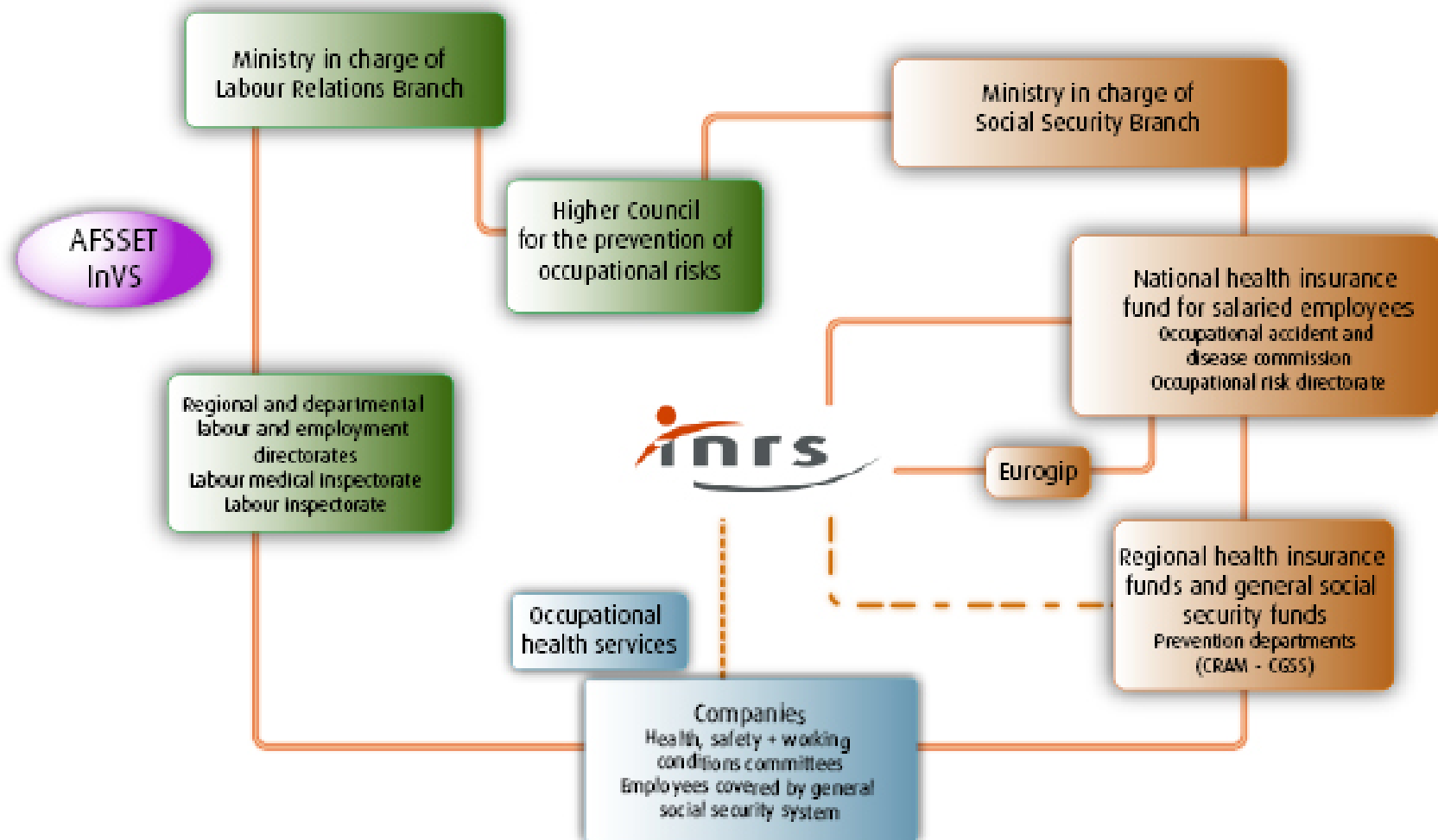
80.4 M€ spent in 2006

Human resources:

660 staff members

(212 employees in Paris and 448 in Lorraine)

At the heart of the French occupational risk prevention system



Missions

- ✓ Identify occupational risks and hazards
- ✓ Analyse their consequences
- ✓ Research how to control them
- ✓ Teach and disseminate prevention means

Means of action

- ✓ Research and studies
- ✓ Assistance
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Information and Communication

Activity break-down



Research projects and studies

42 % of INRS activities

150 research projects and studies in 3 areas

- ✓ accidents and working conditions: 25%
- ✓ chemical risks: 54%
- ✓ physical risks: 21%

Research projects and studies

Means of action

- ✓ Programming and conducting occupational health and safety studies, project-based coordination, exploitation of results
- ✓ Scientific and technical intelligence, expertise, scientific and technical investigations
- ✓ Design and validation of prevention aids, methods and processes
- ✓ Scientific and technical publications, symposia

Assistance

31 % of INRS activities

35,000 questions per year

(guidance or answers by telephone, longer term actions or interventions requiring the implementation of specific equipment)

17,000 requests for documentary assistance

Assistance

Means of action

- ✓ Technical, medical and documentary assistance
- ✓ Preparation of prevention guides, databases
- ✓ Participation in drafting standards and reference texts
- ✓ Tests, measurements and analyses, especially at the request of CRAM-CGSS insurance funds
- ✓ Control of chemical products, inspection of hazardous machinery and protective equipment
- ✓ Mission undertaken for: CNAMTS, CRAM-CGSS, Eurogip, Ministries, companies (CHSCT)...

Training

- ✓ **11% of INRS activities**
- ✓ **160 sessions organised**
- ✓ **2,106 trainees received in INRS**
- ✓ **200,000 pupils trained in schools**
- ✓ **9,600 training modules**

Training

Means of action

- ✓ Design and organisation of prevention training courses
- ✓ Distance learning
- ✓ Trainers training, teaching assistance
- ✓ Prevention training in education
(in partnership with State education)
- ✓ Design of teaching aids and tools

Information

- ✓ 10% of INRS activities
- ✓ Catalogue of 410 publication titles and 189 posters, i.e. 3.5 million documents distributed per year
- ✓ 108 audiovisual and multimedia products
- ✓ 3 periodicals
(Travail et Sécurité 90,000 copies, Documents pour le Médecin du Travail, Cahiers de Notes Documentaires-HST)
- ✓ Website
(23,000 visits/day, 18 million documents downloaded in 2006)
- ✓ Electronic Newsletter

Institutional cross-disciplinary projects

Means of action

- ✓ Multidisciplinary approach aimed at solving occupational health and safety problems
- ✓ From knowledge acquisition to prevention actions: problem analysis and solution development

Institutional cross-disciplinary projects

Topics

- ✓ Asbestos and fibres
- ✓ Occupational cancers
- ✓ Waste and recycling
- ✓ Back problems
- ✓ Biological risks
- ✓ Organisational risk
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Stress
- ✓ Road risk

DOCUMENTATION DIVISION

- Pluridisciplinary team
- Main activities:
 - Constitution and updating of a documentary fund
 - Operation of this documentary fund:
 - Documentary products
 - INRS-BIBLIO, INOR, EPICEA databases
 - Documentary assistance

DOCUMENTARY FUND

- Collection, management and exploitation of french, foreign and international documents on technical, medical, legal and economical aspects of the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases.

DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTS

- INRS-BIBLIO
 - <http://www.inrs.fr/inrs-biblio>
 - 58 000 references,
 - 3000 new references/year
 - 53 % in french, 42 % in english
- Also available on website :
 - INOR : Around 400 french and foreign research institutes
 - EPICEA : 15 000 descriptions of occupational accidents

DOCUMENTARY ASSISTANCE

- Operation of documentary fund to satisfy external assistance requests
 - Question-answer service
 - 16, 000 questions per year
- Internal assistance
 - Participation to institutional cross-disciplinary projects
 - Participation to training sessions
 - Participation to edition activity (website, periodicals, brochures...)

INRS WEBSITE

<http://www.inrs.fr>

- Reference website on OSH (official, validated information)
- Freely accessible information
- 75 % of visitors are OSH professionals
- More than 7 million visits / year
- Current reflection on English version of website