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HISTORY OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IN BRAZIL

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OH history = 3 phases

1. slave labor
2. immigrant labor
3. industrial labor



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SLAVE LABOR

- Indians could not be enslaved
- Slave labor from Africa (by Portugueses)
- Sugar cane / coffee plantations
- Cost of maintenance



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IMMIGRANT LABOR

- Issues discussed by Doctors (1870-1900):
 - a) "of the cigar and snuff factories"
 - b) "of the candle and soap factories from Rio de Janeiro and the health of their workers and neighbors"
 - c) "professional intoxication by lead"
- Economic crisis in Europe (1875)
- Cost of slaves x immigrants
- Work: 60 hs/week
- Work force : 33% women



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INDUSTRIAL LABOR

- 1st. "OD" = cholera, plague and yellow fever
- 1910 – "Madeira-Mamoré" – Devil's Railroad (malaria / ancylostomosis = deaths)
- 1920 – Mr. Jorge Street
- 1939 – Law of Work Accident
- 1940 – Consolidation of the Works Law
- 1959 – ILO Recommendation 112



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IMPORTANT FACTS

- 1966 – FUNDACENTRO
- 1968 – ANAMT
- 1972 – OH SERVICES
- 1974 – OH POST-GRADUATION COURSES
- 2003 – ICOH CONGRESS / IGUASSU FALLS



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