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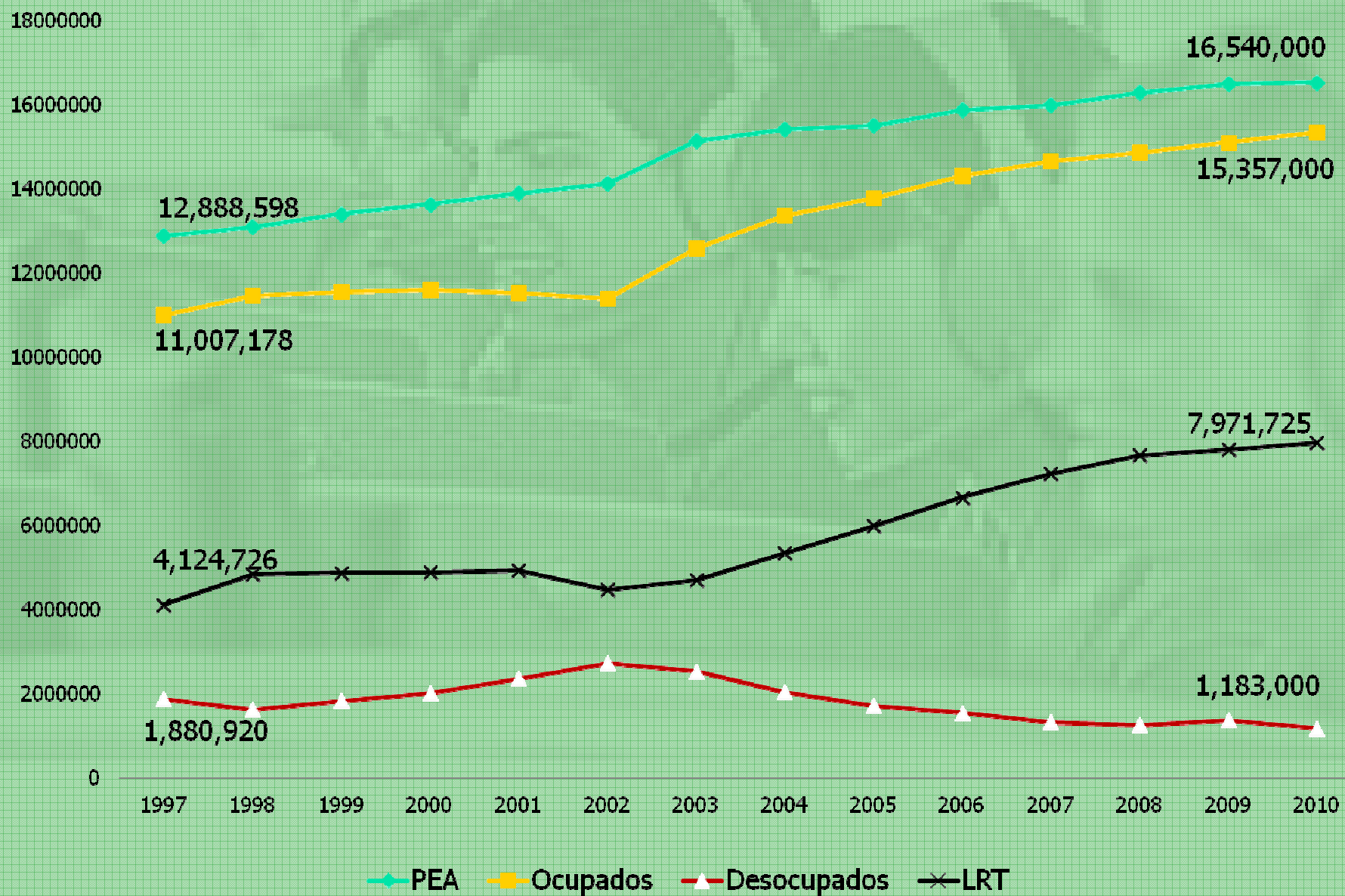
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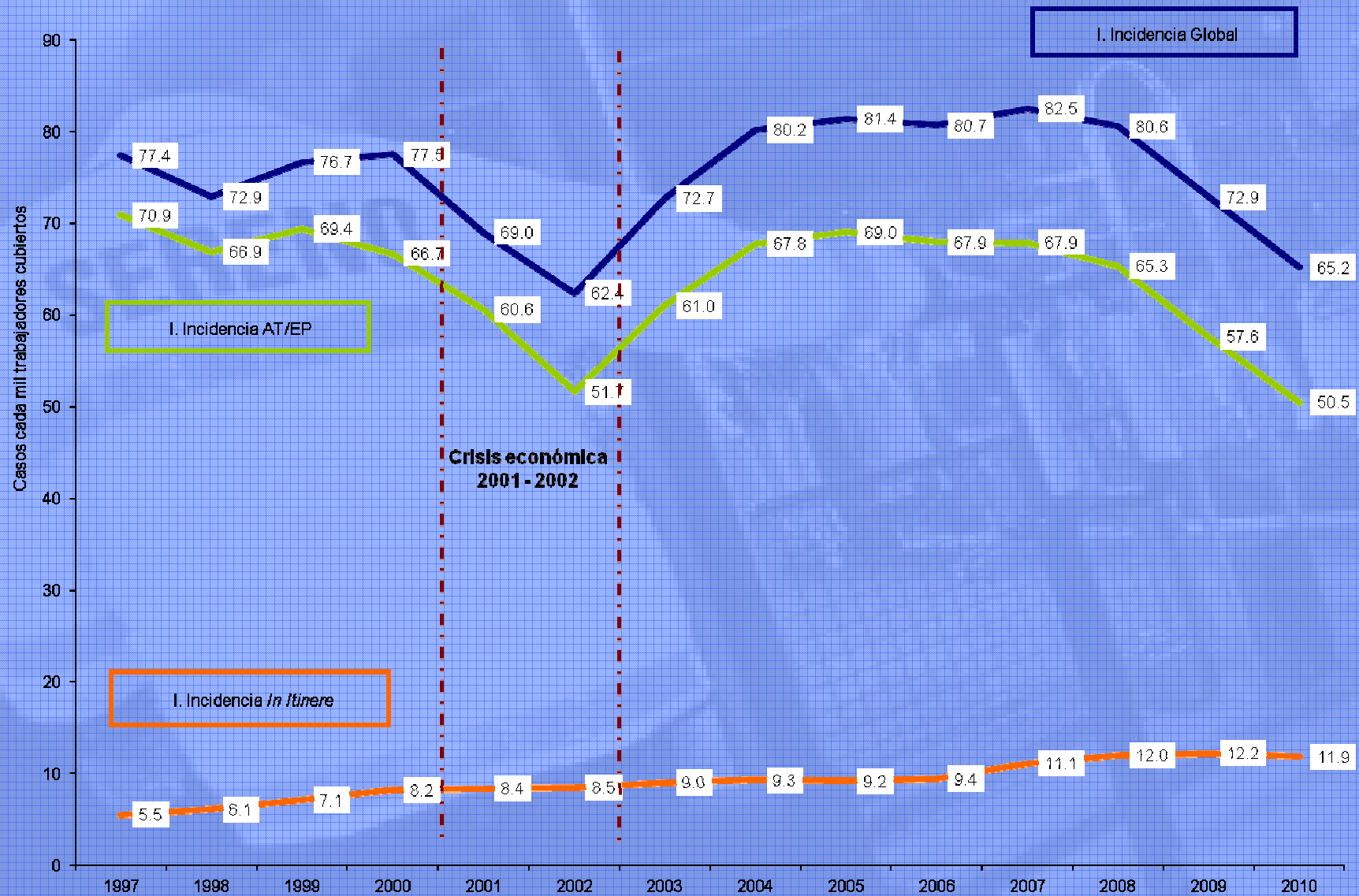
Issues to be covered:

- **The benefits of prevention: Results.**
- **Occupational Health and Safety National System: Development of activities.**
- **Conclusions.**

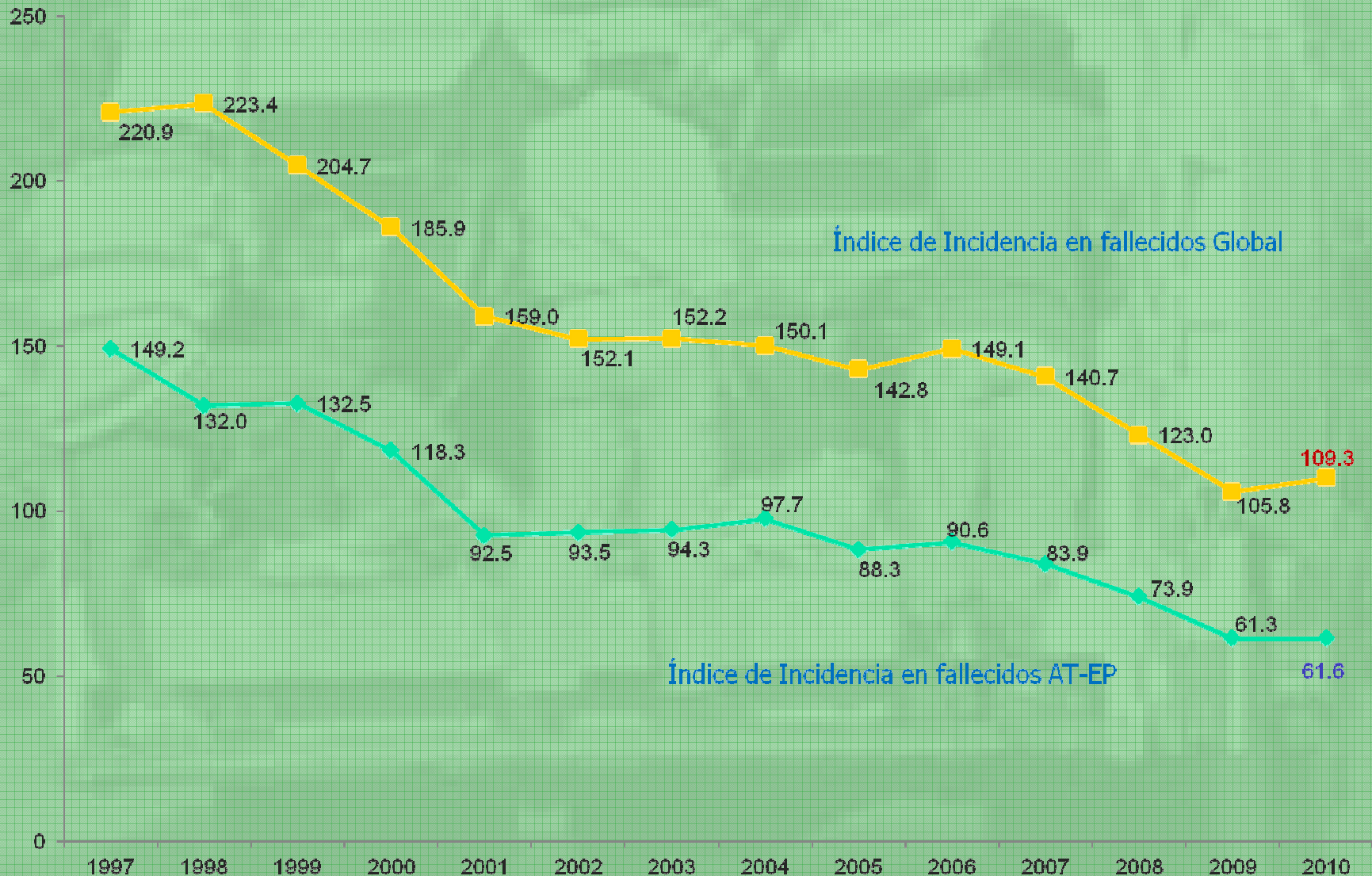
Occupational and social situation - Argentina. Period 1997-2010

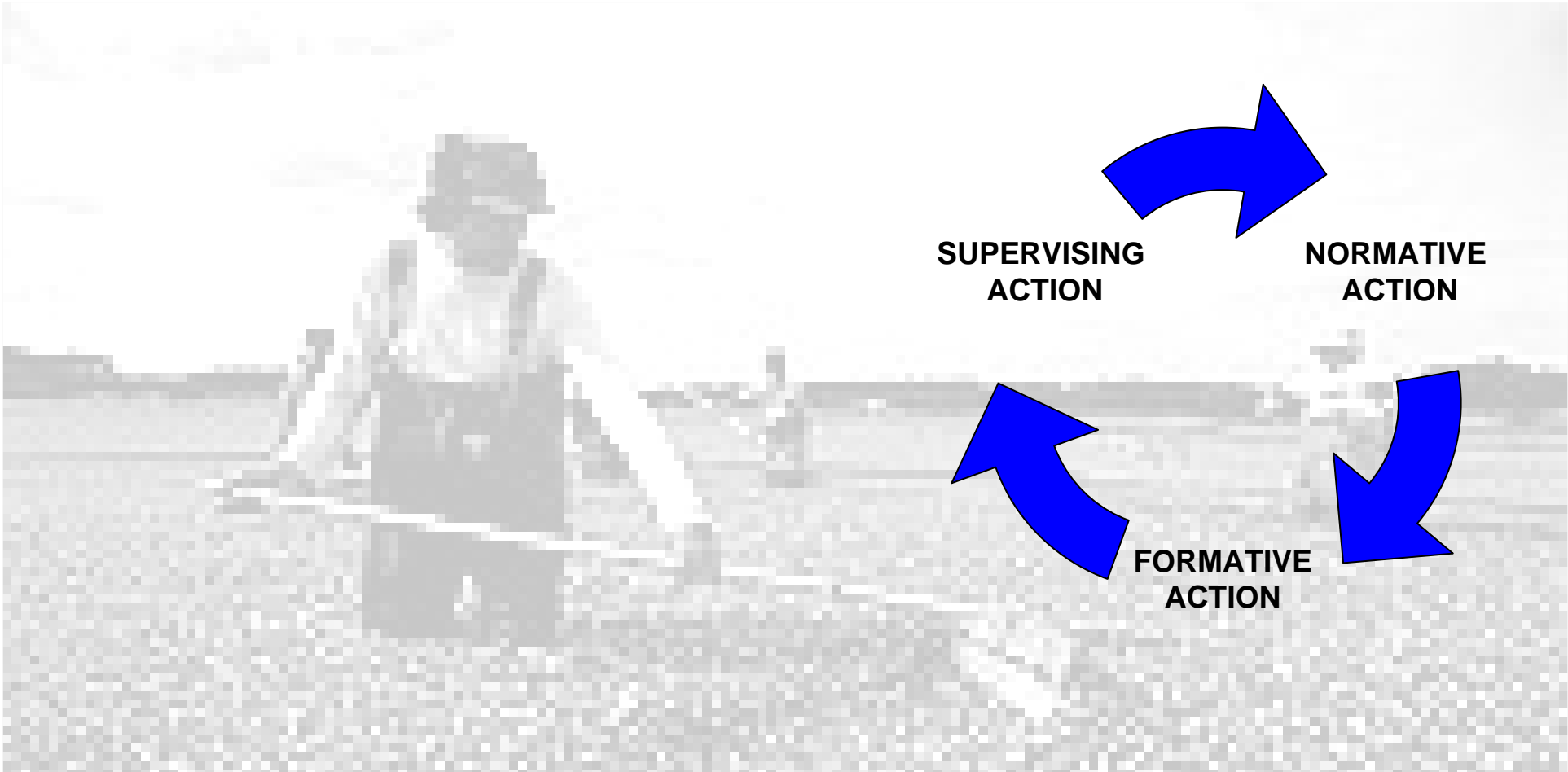


Global Incidence Index, AT-EP and In Itinere - Period 1997- 2010



Global Deceased Incidence Index and AT/EP (per million) Period 1997- 2010





National Occupational Health and Safety System: Actions Development



Normative Action, relevant instruments:

- Law 26.693: Agreement 155 of the International Labor Organization, on workers' health and safety and their 2002 protocol (08/26/2011).
- Law 26.694: Agreement 187 of the International Labor Organization, on occupational health and safety promotion (08/26/2011).



Normative Action, relevant instruments:

- Agreement for the implementation of the “Argentinean Strategy for Occupational Health and Safety”. Signed by the Ministry of Labor, the SRT, workers organizations: CGT y CTA and entrepreneur organizations : UIA, CAME y CGE-RA. (04/27/2011)
 - Agreement for the implementation of the “Ibero-American Strategy for Occupational Health and Safety”. Signed by Ministry of Labor, the SRT, workers organizations: CGT y CTA and OISS. (04/27/2010).

Normative Action, relevant instruments II:

- SRT resolutions to implement e-Government in the working risks system (since 2008).
- Occupational Diseases Registry (Res. 1389/2010 SRT) and Occupational Accidents (Res. 1604/2007).
- National Guidelines for Occupational Health and Safety Administrative Systems (Resolution SRT 523/2007 based on ILO guidelines “ILO OSH 2001”).
- Specific regulations on Occupational Health and Safety:
 - *Decree 249/2007 for Mining activity.*
 - *Decree 617/97 for Agro activity.*
 - *Decree 911/96 for Construction activity.*
 - *Res. 311/03 SRT for Cable TV sector.*

Normative Action, Targeted Programs for Control

By index of incidence and firm size:

- Firms with high sinister probability (50 or more workers) Res. 475/2011 SRT.
- Firms Manufacturing SMEs (11-49 workers) Res. 1/05 SRT.

By seriousness

- Reduction of deadly accidents, Res. 1721/04 SRT.

By activity

- Construction firms, Res. 552/01 SRT.
- Agro firms , Res. 552/01 SRT.

Other firms: Basic Group firms , Res. 552/01 SRT

E-Government: Affiliation Contracts between ART and Employer: Prevention-related aspects

Ideal instrument for the elaboration of a Risks Map at the National Level

The affiliation contract requires from Employer the following declaration:

- **Appendix I: Compliance state in the setting of the valid regulation**
 - Decree 351/79 (General).
 - Decree 911/96 (Construction).
 - Decree 617/97 (Agro).
- **Appendix I - A: Carcinogenic substances and agents**
- **Appendix I - B: *Difenilos policlorados***
- **Appendix I - C: Chemical substances to declare**



E-Government: reports on-line

- The reports are made on-line, through a netbook (also, may be uploaded through mobiles with internet access) and notified through electronic window.
- This allows guaranteeing information fluency and administrative cost reduction, by implementing the Digital Expedient progressively.

e-Government: System of complaints

Working Risk Insurance Providers (ART) report employers' failure to comply, which allows to:

ART

- Denuncia incumplimientos del Empleador

Empl.

- Por Ventanilla Electrónica, se notifica e intima a regularización inmediata de incumplimientos.

SRT

- Planifica inspecciones, a efectos de controlar grado de regularización y prevenir accidentes. Suspende y sanciona.

ATL

- Controla grado de regularización y aplica sanciones correspondientes (Multas, Clausuras)

Prevention





Supervising Action:

- Actions agreed between the National state through SRT and the Provincial States and the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.
- Cooperation agreements to strengthen the supervising capacity and to set goals in terms of employer control (with the whole 24 jurisdictions).



Supervising Action IV

SRT Inspectors on Health and Safety

- Standard suggested by ILO: One inspector per every 20,000 workers in transition economies.
- In Argentina: 1 every 23,500 (2010: 7.970.000 covered workers, 338 national and provincial inspectors)

Other factors linked to prevention control: 1510 Preventers from Working Risks Insurance Providers.



Towards a new cultural paradigm

The aforementioned can be contextualized, in terms of ILO's Agreement 187 (Article 1, Clause d), in a true **national health and safety culture**, in which the **right** to a healthy and safe working environment **is respected** at all levels, in which **governments, employers** and **workers** participate actively in the elaboration of initiatives aimed at ensuring a healthy and safe working environment, **through a system of well-defined rights, responsibilities and duties**, in which the **maximum priority is given to the prevention principle**.



Achievements of Working Risks System

- Access to cash and in-kind benefits timely.
- Reduction of the deceased index.
- Strengthening of supervising capacity in health and safety (ATL, National State).
- Increase of training and dissemination in working risk prevention by activity (unions, ATL, provincial inspectors, among others).

Achievements of the Working Risks System - Information System

- SRT is responsible for the construction, development and maintenance of a labor accident registry
- For the first time we have trustable statistics since 1996.
- The creation, analysis, dissemination of information is essential for public policy design and elaboration.

Achievements of the Working Risk System Communication System - Electronic Window

- Sets the reciprocal exchange of notifications, messages and information between ART, self-insured employer and SRT, that are necessary as part of the control and administration process.
- Upsides: promptitude, savings, simplicity, and efficacy in administrative processes.

Strengthening of Occupational Risks System

Development of a targeted prevention culture on four axes :

- Disseminating working risk prevention material – Increase of advertizing campaigns.
- Increasing the number and beneficiaries of training programs.
- Strengthening actors interaction: Agreements with provinces, international agreements, increase of inspectors, technology improvement.
- Standardizing the health and safety supervising policy (ATL - National State)



Conclusions

- In Argentina, we find notable reductions in the index related to the incidence of work-related accidents, occupational diseases and labor mortality.
- This progress is accompanied by measures that improve the conditions of the labor ambiance so that workers can have a better quality of life.
- All this is possible because the core of social and labor policy is to reduce unemployment and to apply measures that promote formal work.



**“For every man that loses his work dignity,
society falls in disgrace
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Thank you very much for your kind participation

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