



Report from the meeting of the IOHA Board

23 May 2010, Denver, USA

The meeting was held at the AIHce 2010 in Denver, Colorado, USA and was chaired by Dr Danilo Cottica (President). IOHA Board Members from AIHA, the Australian, Brazilian, Canadian, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Southern African, and Taiwanese organisations were in attendance. The President gave a warm welcome to representatives from the British, French, Hong Kong, Norwegian and Swiss organisations who were attending in place of their Board Member. Sandi Atkinson from the Secretariat was in attendance and apologies for absence had been received from the Finnish, German, Irish, Malaysian and Swedish organisations.

IOHA 8th International Scientific Conference

Mr Cavallo of the Italian Industrial Hygiene Association presented an update to the Board on the progress of the organisation of this conference to be held in Rome, Italy on 28 September to 2 October 2010. The full programme can now be viewed on the conference website and bookings can now be made at www.ioha2010.org.

IOHA 9th International Scientific Conference

Unfortunately a representative from the Malaysian Association, who will be hosting this event were unable to attend the meeting. The conference will mark the 25th anniversary of IOHA and will be held at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) Convention Centre, Malaysia in 2012. The Conference will be preceded by Professional Development Courses.

The 10th IOHA International Scientific Conference will take place in 2014 and each member organisation of IOHA has been invited to make a bid to host this conference.

Membership

Mr Tresider of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene and also chair of IOHA's National Accreditation Recognition (NAR) Committee, reported on his progress with finding contacts within China, Singapore and the Philippines. He will be exploring with them their potential in setting up their own occupational hygiene association and ultimately becoming members of IOHA. He will be supported and assisted by representatives from the Hong Kong Institute of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene.

National Accreditation Recognition (NAR) Scheme

Mr Tresider was very pleased to announce, following the approval of the President, the French Society's accreditation of their certification scheme. The President, Dr Cottica presented the French representative Marianne Bigot with their Certificate of Recognition.

The Board recognised the reappointment onto the NAR Committee of Mr Jansen van Vuuren as the South African representative.

Collaboration with WHO

Mr Zalk the IOHA Envoy to WHO attended the meeting and gave an update of the current activities he is involved with on behalf of the IOHA Board. Specifically his involvement in the WHO Network Global Plan of Action 2 – Healthy Workplaces. Mr Zalk who is also a member of the WHO/ILO International Technical Group will be running the 6th International Control Banding Workshop during the IOHA conference in Rome.



IOHA Position Papers

IOHA's position on Control Banding <http://www.ioha.net/controlbanding.html> and IOHA's position on REACH implementation <http://www.ioha.net/news.html> are now published.

OHLearning.com

Steve Bailey and Roger Alesbury gave a presentation to the Board demonstrating the recently launched international training modules website www.OHLearning.com. This project has been partly funded by IOHA and the Board were very impressed with its successful outcome and congratulated Roger and Steve and their team of volunteers on an excellent job well done!

IOHA Lifetime Achievement Award 2009

The Board are very pleased to announce the award will go to two very deserving winners this year. Brian Davies of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene and Trevor Ogden of the British Occupational Hygiene Society.

Both winners have accepted their invitations to present at the IOHA scientific conference in Rome, Italy in September 2010.

Farewell to Tom Grumbles (AIHA)

This was the last meeting for Tom Grumbles (AIHA) and Past President of IOHA, who now retires from IOHA after six years of dedicated service. The Board thanked Tom for his service and welcomed the new AIHA representative Lindsay Booher

IOHA Third Annual General Meeting

The IOHA Board held its third AGM immediately after the close of business of the Board Meeting on Sunday 23 May 2010.

The business of the meeting, chaired by the President, Dr Danilo Cottica, included accepting the minutes of the second AGM, re-appointing the auditors and the election of a new President-Elect. There was only one nomination for the position of President-Elect, Noel Tresider (Australia) who was declared President-Elect for 2010-2011.

Having declared the meeting closed, Dr Danilo Cottica handed the Association's gavel over to Luc Hamelin (Canada), who will be President of IOHA for 2010-2011.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 27 September 2010 in Rome, Italy at the IOHA conference.