



Fact Sheet

IOHA was formed in 1987 as an association of national occupational hygiene organisations. There are currently 38 member organisations representing 35 countries, and around 18,000 occupational hygienists.

38 Member Organisations: 35 Countries: c.18 000 Occupational Hygienists

Association of Hygienists of Argentina (AHRA)
Sociedad Argentina de Higiene Ocupacional (SAHIO)
Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH)
Belgian Society for Occupational Hygiene (BSOH)
Brazilian Association of Occupational Hygienists (Associação Brasileira de Higienistas Ocupacionais (ABHO)
Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists CRBOH (Conseil Canadien d'Agrément des Hygiénistes du Travail, CCAHT)
Colombian Association of Occupational Hygiene (ACHO)
Scho Sociedad Colombiana De Higienistas Ocupacionales (SCHO)
Finnish Occupational Hygiene Society (Suomen Työhygienian Seura, STHS)
French Society of Occupational Hygienists (Societe Francaise des Hygiénistes du Travail (SOFHYT)
German Society of Occupational Hygiene (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Arbeitshygiene (DGAH)
Asociación Guatemalteca de Salud y Seguridad Ocupacional (AGSSO)
Hong Kong Institute of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (HKIOEH)
Central Industrial Hygiene Association
Indonesian Industrial Hygiene Associations (IIHA)
Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI)
Italian Industrial Hygiene Association
Japan Occupational Hygiene Association (JOHA)
Japan Association for Working Environment Measurement (JAWME)
Korean industrial Hygiene Association (KIHA)
Malaysian Industrial Hygiene Association
Mexican Industrial Hygiene Association (Asociación Mexicana de Higiene Industrial (AMHI)
Dutch Occupational Hygiene Society (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Arbeidshygiëne (NVvA)

New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS)
Norwegian Occupational Hygiene Association (Norsk yrkeshygienisk forening (NYF)
Asociación Peruana de Higiene Ocupacional (APEHO)
Industrial Hygienists Association of the Phillipines (IHAP)
Polish Association of Industrial Hygienists (Polskie Towarzystwo Higienistów Przemysowych (PTHP)
Occupational & Environmental Health Society of Singapore
Southern African Institute for Occupational Hygiene
Spanish Association of Industrial Hygiene /Asociación Española de Higiene Industrial (AEHI)
Swedish Association of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (Svensk Yrkes- och Miljöhygienisk Förening (SYMF)
Swiss Society for Occupational Hygiene (Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Arbeitshygiene – SGAH, Société Suisse d’ Hygiène du Travail (SSHT)
Taiwan Occupational Hygiene Association (TOHA)
British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS)
American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
Vietnamese Industrial Hygiene Association (VIHA)

IOHA is based in the United Kingdom and is registered at the UK Companies House. IOHA has an Executive Committee consisting of a President, a President-Elect, a Past-President and a Secretary/Treasurer. Currently, these positions (in 2020/21) are filled by Professor TP Fuller (UNITED KINGDOM), Norhazlina Mydin (MALAYSIA), Rene Leblanc (CANADA) and Nathalie Argentin (FRANCE).

Each member association designates one person to serve on the Board (IOHA does not place a time limit on this position and prefers a long-term appointment). IOHA holds two Board Meetings a year and an International Scientific Conference every two to three years. The last conference took place in the USA in September 2018. The next conference will take place in Korea September 2021.

The IOHA provides the occupational hygiene profession with an international voice through its recognition as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) by the ILO (International Labour Organisation) and the WHO (World Health Organisation). IOHA is working (via ILO & WHO) to raise the profile of occupational hygiene worldwide and to show that we can offer a cost-effective way to reduce the burden of illness and disease in workplaces around the world. IOHA also co-operates with the work of other international organisations such as ICOH (International Commission on Occupational Health) and IEA (International Ergonomics Association).

IOHA’s vision is a safe and healthy working environment for all. IOHA’s mission is to enhance the international network of occupational hygiene associations that promotes, develops and improves occupational hygiene worldwide, providing a safe and healthy working environment for all. The strategic goals are:

- 1. Promote occupational hygiene**
- 2. Improve occupational hygiene capabilities and practice**

3. Effective networking and knowledge management

4. Robust governance

For more information about the IOHA 2021 - 2025 Strategy please visit the Strategy page on the IOHA website.

IOHA is resource-constrained; and have limited finances and manpower. However, IOHA believes they provide considerable value by encouraging and developing international consensus on key occupational hygiene issues.

IOHA is concerned that there appears to be a perception in the developed world that occupational health and safety issues have largely been beaten. The demand for undergraduate studies in occupational health is diminishing and several universities have stopped offering courses. At the same time, perhaps due to globalization and the export of “dirty” industries, the occupational health challenges facing the Third World are increasing rapidly.



The dark blue coloured areas on the map show those with member organisations of IOHA. As you will see, there are still very many areas of the world where occupational hygiene is not recognised or organised. It is in these same areas where there is the greatest need for effective and professional occupational health services.

IOHA is addressing that need for training by support of OHLearning.com which is especially designed to transfer occupational hygiene knowledge and skills to where they are most needed.

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