

Fact Sheet



IOHA was formed in 1987 as an association of national occupational hygiene organisations. There are currently 34 member organisations representing 30 countries, and around 20,000 occupational hygienists.

34 Member organisations: 31 Countries: c.20 000 occupational hygienists

- American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
- American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
- Association of Hygienists of Argentina (Asociación de Higienista de la Republica Argentina, AHRA)
- Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH)
- Belgian Society for Occupational Hygiene (BSOH)
- Brazilian Association of Occupational Hygienists (Associação Brasileira de Higienistas Ocupacionais, ABHO)
- British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS)
- Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists CRBOH (Conseil Canadien d'Agrement des Hygiénistes du Travail, CCAHT)
- Colombian Association of Occupational Hygiene (Asociación Colombiana de Higiene Ocupacional, ACHO)
- Colombian Society of Occupational Hygienists (Sociedad Colombiana de Higienistas Ocupacionales, SCHO)
- Dutch Occupational Hygiene Society (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Arbeidshygiëne, NVvA)
- French Occupational Hygienists Society (SOCIETE Francaise des HYgienites du Travail or French Occupational Hygienists Society)
- Finnish Occupational Hygiene Society (Suomen Työhygienian Seura, STHS)
- German Society for Occupational Hygiene (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Arbeitshygiene, DGAH)
- Hong Kong Institute of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (HKIOEH)
- Indonesian Industrial Hygiene Association (IIHA)
- Italian Industrial Hygiene Association
- Japan Occupational Hygiene Association
- Japan Association for Working Environment Measurement (JAWE)
- Korean industrial Hygiene Association (KIHA)
- Macedonian Association of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health
- Malaysian Industrial Hygiene Association (MIHA)
- Mexican Industrial Hygiene Association (Asociación Mexicana de Higiene Industrial – AMHI)
- New Zealand Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS)
- Norwegian Occupational Hygiene Association (Norsk yrkeshygienisk forening, NYF)
- Occupational & Environmental Health Society of Singapore
- Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI)
- Polish Association of Industrial Hygienists (Polskie Towarzystwo Higienistów Przemysłowych, PTHP)
- Spanish Association of Industrial Hygiene (Asociación Española de Higiene Industrial, AEHI)
- Southern African Institute for Occupational Hygiene – Certification Board (SAIOH-CB)
- 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)
- Vietnamese Industrial Hygiene Association (VIHA)

IOHA has a permanent secretariat (at BOHS in the UK) and an Executive Committee consisting of a President, a President-Elect, a Past-President and a Secretary/Treasurer. Currently these positions (in 2015-2016) are filled by Karen Niven (UK) Doo Yong Park (KOREA), Jimmy Perkins (USA) and Ruth Jimenez (SPAIN).

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). We hold two Board Meetings a year and an International Scientific Conference every 2-3 years. The last conference took place in the UK in April 2015 and the next conference will take place in the USA in 2018.

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 2016 – 2020 Strategy please visit the Strategy page on the IOHA website or click [here](#).

IOHA is very resource-constrained; we have very limited finances and manpower. However, we do believe that IOHA does 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.

Karen Niven IOHA President 2015-2016