



Bridging Gaps in OH Development, Opening New Horizons

Welcome Message



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President of IOHA 2021 Conference
Organizing Committee

We recently came up with a decision to host 2021 conference under the virtual platform from 11 to 15 September 2021. For the virtual conference, a wide range of current topics in OH fields and COVID-19 in workplace issues will be discussed in keynote speeches and symposium sessions. Various PDC courses will also be provided for delegates.

Please join us online with various benefits!

Thomas Fuller

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IOHA 2021 brings the opportunity to learn about the many different facets that have impacted occupational hygiene over the past year. Presentations and courses at IOHA 2021 will be sure to fill you in on everything that happened in Occupational Hygiene that you may have missed in your "hibernation" and isolation.

I hope you join us at IOHA 2021!

Featured programs

- » 9 Distinguished Keynote Speeches
- » 40+ Symposia & Special Lectures
- » E-Poster Presentations
- » PDC Programs
- » Podium Sessions
- » Side Meetings
- » Online Exhibition

Key Dates

- » Early-bird Registration
May 31, 2021
- » Call for Symposium / PDC / Special Lecture
March 31, 2021
- » Abstract Submission for Podium / Poster
April 30, 2021

Registration Fees

Category		Early-Bird	Standard	PDCs	
Regular	IOHA Member	USD 300	USD 380	General Participants	USD 150 4 hours
	Non-Member	USD 400	USD 500		
	Student	USD 150	USD 190	Developing Regions	USD 50 4 hours
Developing Regions	General	USD 150	USD 190		
	Student	USD 50	USD 60	Students	

Special Offer

PDC CO1 course is a limited offer to our first 150 participants for free of charge.

Code	Title
CO1	An Introduction to the Basic Principles in Occupational Hygiene OHTA PDC

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University of Puerto Rico industrial hygiene graduate students support the Spanish Certification Exam Development Task Force by translating the Occupational Hygiene Survey of Professional Practice and Consent Form

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In January, students from the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) graduate programme in industrial hygiene supported the IOHA Spanish Certification Exam Development Task Force by helping with the translation of two important project documents. These were the Survey of Professional Practice in Occupational Hygiene and the associated Survey Consent Form translations from English to Spanish.

The survey is being conducted to better clarify and document the activities of occupational hygienists who practise their profession in their nations and regions. The results of the survey will assist in the development of the certification exam, which is intended to verify competency in the various areas of practice in these same nations and regions, in the field of occupational hygiene.

Led by graduate student, Carla Dumas Vega, and supported by Prof. Sergio A Caporali Filho, the team of graduate students from the Medical Science Campus (UPR-MS) translated the six-page survey and one-page consent form, from English to Spanish. Other valued participants of this project included UPR-MS graduate students, Erika Gonzalez,

David Vélez Román, Alexis Ortiz Vega, and Antonella Lopez Rivera.

To coordinate the project, Carla created a special file drive so that the group could upload their progress during, what she termed, the 'Survey Translation Project'. On that drive, an itinerary was created with a deadline of one month. Each student on the project worked on the translation of the two documents from mid-January to mid-February. The group participated in periodic online reunions to equally divide and coordinate the workload. After each student submitted his or her designated parts, the documents were assessed and corrected to assure that the translation was well organised and concise. Dr Caporali partook in the final revision of the documents before the official submission to Dr Thomas Fuller and the Exam Task Force.

A special Thank You! to the students of UPR-MS Industrial Hygiene Program for their dedication and support to IOHA and the field of occupational hygiene (Thomas P Fuller, IOHA president)



**Back L to R: Carla Dumas Vega, Alexis Ortiz Vega, Antonella Lopez Rivera, David Vélez Román and Erika Gonzalez;
 Front: Prof. Sergio A Caporali Filho**

Photograph: courtesy of Carla Dumas Vega

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AIHA offers major discounts on education products for IH/OEHS professionals in developing economies

To expand awareness and promote the importance of industrial hygiene/occupational and environmental health and safety (IH/OEHS) education across the globe, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) offers digital versions of a series of [PDF publications](#) and [e-learning courses](#) at discounted pricing. Among the discounted products are the [AIHA White Book](#), the [Noise Manual](#), the [Basic Principles of Occupational Hygiene e-course](#), and many more. Use discount code DEVNAT to take advantage of this offer. Please note that the publications and e-learning courses are in English only.

AIHA announces Spanish-language workplace health resources

In January, the AIHA announced [Recursos en español](#), a comprehensive library of public resources written in the Spanish language, which promotes health and safety in workplaces and communities. This new reserve of documents and tools was launched shortly after the AIHA's announcement that the Back to Work Safely guidance documents, developed in response to COVID-19 business closures, were also available in Spanish. These two initiatives help the AIHA to get closer to fulfilling its mission: healthier workplaces and a healthier world; first, by making vital information about workplace health and safety accessible to close to 43 million people whose first language is Spanish; and second, by creating an opportunity to reach out to Spanish-speaking IH/OEHS professionals and communities, and expand our circle of collaborators throughout Latin American countries. Translating these resources is only half of the work; we need your help to let people know that they exist. Please [share them](#) with your colleagues to help make the world a healthier place.



AIHA announces Virtual AIHce EXP 2021

The AIHA has announced that the annual [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition \(AIHce EXP\)](#) will be held from 24 to 26 May 2021, as a virtual event, with [professional development courses \(PDCs\)](#) offered on 22, 23 and 27 May. The virtual conference will be packed with thought-provoking keynote addresses, practical case studies, and actionable education sessions related to COVID-19, as well as dozens of other cutting-edge OEHS topics, to help OEHS professionals like you stay up to date. Every [full registration](#) automatically comes with access to [AIHce OnDemand](#) session recordings, enabling you to catch up on sessions you missed or earn additional contact hours until 31 December 2021.

The virtual platform has multiple benefits, including seamless access to quality education; matchmaking with other attendees, exhibitors and sessions, based on participant interest areas; creative networking options; video presentations by poster presenters; and an extensive virtual exhibit, featuring video and written chat functions. [Register](#) before 15 April 2021 and use the code VIRTUALPRO for US\$100 off member and non-member rates for the virtual full conference, using this link: [AIHA University Risk Assessment Virtual Conference](#).

The Risk Assessment Virtual Conference kicks off on 6 April with an [introductory course!](#)

Learn the fundamental principles of risk assessment with two 2-hour sessions on 6 and 8 April 2021. Or learn more about internationally recognised industrial hygiene risk assessment processes, and communicating risks to decision-makers, with our [intermediate](#) or [advanced](#) courses. Can't make every session? With 60-day access to each session recording post-event, we've got you covered – [LEARN MORE](#)

Spotlight on a member country – Canada

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Canada was a founding member of IOHA in 1987. Occupational health and safety are well supported in provincial and federal regulations in Canada, although only a few provinces recognise the profession of occupational hygienist.

The Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists (CRBOH) promotes and registers the profession of occupational hygiene in Canada. Two levels of registration are provided: occupational hygienist (OH), and occupational hygiene technician (OHT). As of 2021, there are approximately 360 members: 300 OHs and 60 OHTs. For more information, please visit the CRBOH website at <https://crboh.ca/>.

Throughout Canada, many provinces have their own occupational health and safety associations, some of which are also local AIHA chapters.



There are several universities in Canada that offer Master's and Bachelor's degrees in occupational hygiene or occupational safety. Many colleges also offer technical degrees in occupational hygiene. However, graduating with a degree in occupational hygiene is not the only path to become a registered hygienist. Many professionals have university degrees in chemistry, biology, physics or toxicology, in addition to many years of experience, allowing them to sit for the CBROH exam.

The future is bright for the profession of OH and OHT in Canada, although we would like to see more provinces and the federal government increase their recognition of our profession in their regulations.