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IOHA Newsletter & Technical Updates

The International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) represents the global community of occupational hygienists. The IOHA is an association of occupational hygiene organisations from across the world, all of which are dedicated to the discipline and application of the inherent principles of occupational hygiene. The IOHA 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.

Special international auxiliary session at American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition (AIHce) – making a difference in global environment, health and safety (EHS)

During the American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition in Minneapolis, USA, in May this year, several globally-focused groups collaborated to conduct a special auxiliary session on global interests. Speakers included Chris Laszcz-Davis and Nancy McClellan from the Occupational Hygiene Training Association, Peter-John 'Jakes' Jacobs from IOHA, Rich Hirsh from the Developing World Outreach Initiative (DWOI), Garrett

Brown from the Maquiladora Health & Safety Support Network, Marianne Levitsky from Workplace Health Without Borders, and Kathy Murphy and Tom Fuller from the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). During the session, many ongoing outreach and collaborative projects were discussed, in addition to strategic plans for future activities.

IOHA Board member receives American Industrial Hygiene Association Distinguished Service Award at AIHce 2019

The Distinguished Service to AIHA Award recognises distinguished service in the advancement of industrial hygiene and unique technical contributions to the aims and goals of AIHA nationally. During Tom Fuller's time as Chair in 2018, the International Affairs Committee (IAC) received the Soaring Star Award for ongoing excellence by a committee. During that time, the IAC created the Micro-Grant Subcommittee on Emerging Economy Projects Fund that coordinates the distribution of awards for outreach and capacity building. These funds are available to individuals and organisations; the application portal is

MESSAGE FROM THE IOHA PRESIDENT

This edition of our IOHA newsletter, the *Global Exposure Manager*, marks the first edition with Tom Fuller and Gill Nelson at the helm, who no doubt will make a formidable team in putting together good content for you and keeping you informed of the latest happenings within the global occupational/industrial hygiene community. The IOHA is also set to launch its new website soon, and we are excited to bring you fresh content and provide you with a platform where you can become involved in global occupational hygiene initiatives, and actively participate in the global drive for healthy workplaces.

As I write to you, I am sitting in a remote location in an African country, working on an occupational hygiene sampling project. Time away from family and loved ones is never easy and it makes me realise that the work of

the occupational hygiene professional can be challenging at times. However, seeing how humans improvise and are able to overcome obstacles in remote settings, away from the creature comforts of city living that we all take for granted, is truly amazing. It makes me once again realise that to have a career that affords us the opportunity to help make a difference in workplaces across the globe is special. We can help save lives!

I would like to remind you of our upcoming IOHA Conference in October 2020 in Daegu, Korea, and look forward to seeing you there.

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IOHA Board member receiving Distinguished Service Award 2019 from AIHA President, Cynthia Ostrowski

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currently open until 31 December 2019 at: <https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/VolunteerGroups/Pages/AIHA%27s-IAC-Micro-Grants-Subcommittee-on-Emerging-Economy-Projects-Fund-Review-Protocol.aspx>.

European Network for Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH) representative speaks at two AIHce sessions

At the 11th International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) International Scientific Conference in Washington, D.C. in September 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IOHA and ENETOSH. As a result of the collaborative agreement, an ENETOSH representative attended and presented at the AIHce in May 2019. Lester Claravall from the Oklahoma Department of Labor presented a paper on the state's child labour programme in an educational session entitled 'Global Child Labor - A World of Issues and Dilemmas'. He also

discussed ENETOSH activities and collaborations in another Conference session on 'Global Occupational Safety and Health Education and Mainstreaming Collaborations'.

IOHA Board meeting at the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) Conference in Brighton, UK

The most recent IOHA Board meeting was conducted on 31 March 2019 at the BOHS Conference in Brighton, UK. The Conference brought together researchers, practitioners, regulators and IOHA members from around the world to discuss the very latest in issues that affect health at work.

Please refer to the Calendar page on the *Occupational Health Southern Africa* website (www.occhealth.co.za) for details of conferences and other events. IOHA 2020 will be held in Daegu, Korea, 17-22 October 2020. The Conference submission portals for professional development courses, symposiums and special lectures are currently open, and close on 31 January 2020. The submission portal for podium sessions and posters will close on 28 February 2020. The abstract submission portal for the 2020 World Congress on Health and Safety at Work, in Australia, is also now open.

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Special international session at AIHce in Minneapolis, USA, in May 2019

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Some of the IOHA Board members and staff attending the annual BOHS Conference, April 2019 (L to R) – Philip Hibbs, Walter Spieler, Tom Fuller, Jake Jacobs, Dave March, Retha van Niekerk, Andrea Hiddinga, Miilja Koponen, Rene Leblanc

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