



SAIOH and our international partners

Dear SAIOH members, it has been some time since I have written to you and I trust that you are all well.

BACKGROUND

A number of countries throughout the world have formed occupational hygiene associations in an effort to develop and promote occupational hygiene within their borders. To further promote and develop occupational hygiene internationally, a number of these associations got together to form the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA). IOHA further formed a National Accreditation Recognition Committee (NARC), aimed at affording associations with member certification schemes the opportunity to attain international recognition of their schemes through application to the NARC, the subsequent submission of certification procedures, and the evaluation thereof against set criteria.

In 2006 SAIOH applied to have its certification scheme recognised. After the necessary evaluations were carried out by the NARC at their Board Meeting in Leiden, Holland, in September 2006, IOHA formally recognised SAIOH's certification process.

Associations need to reapply every five years to have their certification schemes reassessed. SAIOH went through this reassessment in 2011 and is due for a further reassessment in 2016.

SAIOH REPRESENTATION

Since becoming a member of IOHA, SAIOH has been represented by various persons. SAIOH IOHA representatives, to date, are:

• Rob Ferrie – Rob was the first SAIOH representative and

was also elected as, and served as, the IOHA President
• Deon Jansen van Vuuren – Deon followed Rob and was also elected as, and served as, the NARC Chairman
• Peter-John (Jakes) Jacobs – Jakes is the current IOHA representative, having taken over from Deon as of September 2015

SAIOH representatives serve a three-year term on the IOHA Board, which is extendable for an additional three years. Typical duties of the representative include:

- Representing SAIOH at IOHA Board meetings held twice per year, putting forward SAIOH's opinions as needed
- Actively participating in working groups established by IOHA in an effort to promote occupational hygiene worldwide
- Putting into place memoranda of understanding with our sister organisations in an effort to add value to SAIOH members. Examples include access to publications and memberships of sister organisations at reduced costs
- Ensuring that member certification is recognised worldwide, affording SAIOH members the opportunity to practice occupational hygiene globally
- Creating a platform for international assistance and cooperation within the occupational hygiene sphere

SAIOH, through its representative, needs to assist IOHA in helping to attain its vision and mission, which are set out as follows:

Vision: A safe and healthy working environment for all.

Mission: 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.



IOHA Board representatives at the Board meeting held on 26 April 2015 in London

WHY BELONG TO IOHA?

We live in a "global village". With technology and research moving along as fast as they are, IOHA provides the ideal platform to network and provide SAIOH members with access to the latest information and trends regarding occupational hygiene. Through mutual recognition, SAIOH members are also afforded the opportunity of having their certification as occupational hygienists recognised by participating member schemes, globally. Affordability in becoming a member of international associations such as the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is now a reality as a result of international networking.

Through our international partners, SAIOH has been able to put a MoU in place with the United States' National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). SAIOH is also currently working on MoUs with other sister organisations, and hopes to have these in place within the foreseeable future.

REMAINING RELEVANT INTERNATIONALLY

I attended two recent IOHA meetings: the IOHA Board meeting held in London in April 2015, where I was officially

introduced by Deon Jansen van Vuuren as the incoming SAIOH representative, and a meeting held at the AIHA conference in Salt Lake City in June 2015. At both these meetings I realised how important it is to remain relevant internationally. One needs to be relevant not only as an individual, but also as an association. Society relies on us to ensure sound competency within the occupational hygiene space. Both local and international companies have this expectation when employing a SAIOH certified occupational hygienist. We need to have the most up-to-date information and research available. This needs to happen through active engagement with our international partners which is what I hope to build upon during my tenure as the IOHA representative. My wish is to enhance the value you get from SAIOH through improved international engagement and partnerships.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or comments in relation to the above, please forward these to me at peterj@saioh.co.za

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