



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING September 2018

1. Introduction

Representatives from the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) and the European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH) have been in discussion about potential collaborations on projects aligned with each organisation's aims and objectives. Further to these discussions, both organisations have agreed to work together and help nurture a mutually supportive relationship.

Both organisations would like to exchange ideas and viewpoints on a range of subjects, including potential areas for future bilateral co-operation. Both organisations hope this relationship will have an important and positive influence on developing a culture of prevention related to occupational safety and health (OSH) in Europe and globally.

2. Main aims and objectives

2.1 Aims of ENETOSH

ENETOSH, established in 2005, brings together OSH experts and education experts in Europe and worldwide. ENETOSH started with 13 members from 10 countries. Today the network consists of 90 members, thereof 78 institutional bodies (governmental, non-governmental, administrative and educational institutions, social partners) plus 12 individual members from 37 countries. ENETOSH is coordinated by the Institute for Work and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV).

ENETOSH aims to:

- mainstream OSH into education to boost the overall quality of education and to prepare the foundation for the development of a culture of prevention
- follow an integrative approach covering all levels of education and to promote the importance of a life-course approach
- promote a holistic approach taking the complete physical, mental and social wellbeing together with an ecological perspective on OSH and education into account
- raise the issue of competences for a culture of prevention on the agenda of policy makers
- share knowledge interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and internationally
- link to research in the field

The work of ENETOSH is organised by a limited number of Task Forces. ENETOSH is working together with European and international organisations like the European Agency for Safety and Health (EU-OSHA), International Labour Organisation (ILO), International Social Security Association (ISSA) and networks in the area of OSH and education.

2.2 Aims of IOHA

IOHA represents the global community of occupational hygienists. 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. From its creation in 1987, IOHA has grown to 35 member organisations, representing over 20,000 occupational hygienists worldwide. IOHA works to enhance the international network of occupational



hygiene associations that promote, develop and improve occupational hygiene worldwide, providing safe and healthy work environments for all.

The strategic goals of IOHA are to:

1. Promote occupational hygiene
2. Improve occupational hygiene capabilities and practice
3. Effective networking and knowledge management
4. Robust governance

IOHA provides the occupational hygiene profession with an international voice through its recognition as a nongovernmental organisation (NGO) by ILO and the World Health Organisation (WHO). IOHA is working (via ILO and 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. To achieve these goals IOHA collaborates with a variety of relevant international organisations and associations, including the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH), International Ergonomics Association (IEA), International Society for Respiratory Protection (ISRP), Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA), and Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB).

3. Scope for cooperation between the two organisations

3.1 Encourage, whenever possible, collaboration at worldwide level in the field of education and training in OSH

- Share information, experience and research findings on the principles, policy and practice of education and training in OSH
- Promote and facilitate the integration of high standards of competences in OSH in general education and professional training
- Support the dissemination and implementation of effective approaches and tools to improve education and training in OSH for entrepreneurs and for workers in small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Cooperate in developing proposals / strategies at both political and scientific levels, where this meets the objectives of both parties
- Consult each other over relevant issues of interest, with a view to maintaining professional standards in OSH and avoiding duplication of effort

3.2 Communication between IOHA and ENETOSH

- Each party to make available to the other their respective journals, magazines and other publications free of charge, or at preferential rates
- Each party to allow the other to use published material for which they hold copyright without further permission, but with due acknowledgements
- Each party to promote and facilitate the sharing of good practice and tools for companies, in particular for SMEs, public administration and educational institutions across Europe and globally.

3.3 Collaboration in events and meetings

- Keep each other duly informed of relevant meetings, events and activities
- Invite key staff and members to speak or take part in, as appropriate, meetings, events and activities
- Consider joint meetings, events and activities as appropriate



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Safety and Health

Both organisations will endeavour to cooperate, wherever possible, on any issues relevant to education and training in OSH at a European level and globally.

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