

Uniting Occupational Hygiene Professionals

Dublin To Host IOHA Conference



The Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) are privileged to jointly host the 13th IOHA International Scientific Conference.

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The Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland and the British Occupational Hygiene Society is calling on all occupational hygiene to participate in the triennial Scientific Conference of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) 2024, which takes place for the first time in Dublin on 9-13 June.

Taking place at the Aviva Stadium, the conference aims to bring together a diverse spectrum of professionals, including occupational hygienists, policymakers, academic scientists, and researchers from associated sectors.

The four-day event will seek to facilitate a robust platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences, with a primary focus on promoting occupational hygiene and safeguarding worker health protection globally.

Occupational hygiene is the preventative part of occupational health, i.e., the science of protecting worker health to prevent serious work-related illnesses such as cancer,

asthma and communicable diseases.

Dr Alison Connolly, Chair of the Scientific Committee for IOHA 2024, thanked the occupational hygiene community for an overwhelming response for the abstract call. “The whole committee is already working tirelessly to arrange a brilliant programme for the conference, including excellent keynote speakers, an engaging scientific programme, and memorable social events.”

‘Protecting workers from health hazards: Advancing in this changing world’ is the theme of the conference, and the programme will include plenary sessions, keynote lectures, parallel talks, workshops, poster presentations, networking opportunities, and social functions.

Nuala Flavin, Chair of the IOHA Organising Committee and Former President of the Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI), said “This is the first time this conference has been hosted in Dublin, and we plan to have an outstanding event with excellent scientific content, together with practical presentations by experienced occupational hygienists.”

The IOHA 2024 conference in Dublin promises to be an essential gathering, encouraging collaboration and knowledge exchange to ensure the advancement of occupational hygiene and the protection of worker health.

Samantha Connell, President of IOHA, said that IOHA2024 will be the platform for OH professionals from around the globe to come together, learn from each other and move forward as a profession. “The scientific and organising committees are doing a fantastic job to ensure a world class programme. It is encouraging to see two of our member organisations working together to make the event happen.”

OHSI President Shara Smith, commented: “The conference will bring practising occupational hygienists up to date with the latest research across a wide range of topics, through attending professional development courses, workshops and talks. We aim to motivate key government policymakers, employers and workers globally to bring about improvements in the protection of workers from real-world health hazards.”

BOHS President, Alex Wilson, said “There are a wider and more diverse range of sessions, professional development courses and other activities than we have seen at an IOHA Conference.

It really emphasises how much health at work has become an increasing focus across the globe, the continuing challenges and the opportunities to make a difference. This is the essential forum for scientific research to impact real-world practice and for those involved in workplace health to learn how they can have bigger impact.”

For further details and booking information visit www.ioha2024.org/.