


Occupational Hygiene Practice in Singapore



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Environmental Health Society
TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE HEALTH
OF ALL AT WORK

ANOH Launching Ceremony
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Occupational & Environmental Health Society, Singapore

- ▶ The Occupational and Environmental Health Society is a not for profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of occupational and environmental health in Singapore.

Our Mission Statement : To promote and advance the health of all at work.

- ▶ OEHS has been affiliated to the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) since 2013
- ▶ Involvement in various technical and leadership committees eg SPRING (local standards agency), WSHC (Workplace Safety & Health Council)
- ▶ Members : Occupational Hygienists, Occupational Health Physicians, HSE Professionals



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Occupational Hygienists in Singapore

- ▶ Background of OHs
 - ▶ Generally possesses a technical degree (science/engg), overseas graduate/post-graduate degree in OH
 - ▶ May have completed OH related modules in NUS (MPH program, MSc - SHE Technology)
- ▶ Health Risk Assessment, OH Sampling, Training, Confined Space Gas Testing, Incident/Accident Investigation, Office Ergonomics, etc



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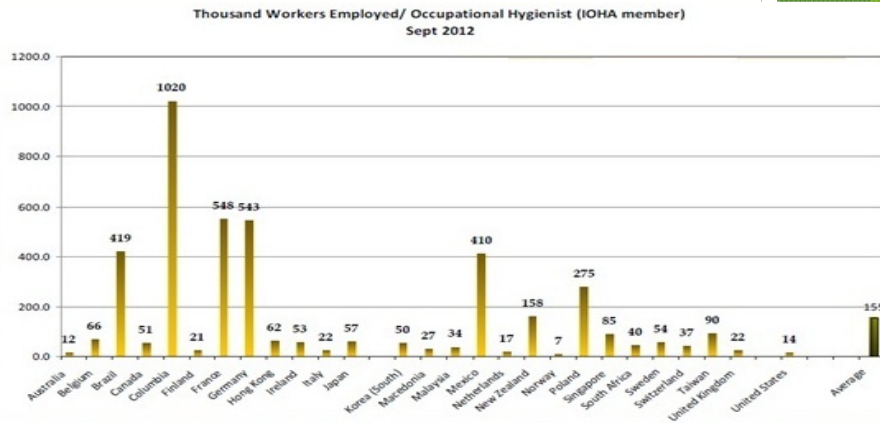
- ▶ Member of one of the overseas professional societies - AIHA, ACGIH
- ▶ Member of one of the local professional societies - OEHS, SISO, SLP
- ▶ Currently, Singapore has no registration/certification for IHS
- ▶ About a dozen CIHs - AIHA
- ▶ Estimated 30 practising OHs
 - ▶ governmental, private (consultancy / manufacturing)
 - ▶ one hygienist/85,000 workers




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Registration/Certification Scheme for OHs

- ▶ Administered by the OEHS with support from Ministry of Manpower
- ▶ Recognition of OHs as a professional
- ▶ A robust standard of assessment for registration of OH professionals
- ▶ Continual learning and education
- ▶ Others: Networking, raising the image of IHs, promoting IH as a career

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Launching Ceremony of Asian Network of Occupational Hygiene (ANOH)
3 November 2014, Impiana KLCC, Kuala Lumpur

