

Report of BOHS activities since the last NOSHC meeting in March

IOHA2015

BOHS hosted the IOHA (International Occupational Hygiene Association) conference in London at the end of April. The four-day event was the largest conference BOHS has ever organized and was generally deemed to have been very successful. Over 700 delegates from 47 countries attended the conference. There was a Keynote Speaker to open each of the sessions with a series of parallel technical sessions on a broad range of topics.

Launch of Breathe Freely Campaign

The Breathe Freely Campaign was launched by BOHS on Worker Memorial Day (28th April 2015) at the Merchant Taylor's Hall in London. It was attended by 140 invited guests. Those attending represented the construction companies, trade associations, professional bodies, unions, the media and the occupational hygiene community.

Speakers included Professor David Fishwick, Consultant Respiratory Physician at the Centre for Workplace Health, University of Sheffield, Clive Johnson, group Head of Health and Safety with Land Securities, Laurence Waterman OBE of Park Health, Mike Slater, then President, BOHS and Simon Clark, a mesothelioma sufferer, who is supporting the campaign to do what he can to prevent others suffering in the same way that he is.

The campaign is aimed at reducing respiratory ill-health in the construction industry. The website contains resources and guidance as well as a management standard.

There are a number of events taking place around the country over the next few months and details of these will be found on the website as they become available.

The Breathe Freely website can be found at <http://www.breathefreely.org.uk>

BOHS five-year strategy (2016-2020)

BOHS is finalizing its strategy for the next five years. It will be publicized towards the end of the year.

These are the highlights of the last few months. Please feel free to drop me an email if you would like any further information.

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