



The Chartered Society for
Worker Health Protection

Update June 2016

BOHS events

BOHS Annual Conference, Glasgow, 26 – 28 April 2016

Was a great success bringing 400 professionals together exploring workplace health interventions. Papers and speakers are available from the BOHS website www.bohs.org . Also available via You Tube are the Ignite session presentations focusing on a range of topics short sharp and to the point.

Occupational and Environmental Exposure of the Skin to Chemicals, (OEESC), Manchester, 19-21 September 2016

Now open for booking: <http://oeesc2016.org/>

Exposure Control and Containment, Liverpool, 12 – 13 October

This will be the second joint conference between BOHS and the Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland. This event is now open for booking and arrangements can be found via the events section of the BOHS website, www.bohs.org .

Workplace Health Conference Abu Dhabi (WHPC 2016)

Once again off the back of two successful conferences in 2014 and 2015, BOHS will be leading the WHPC conference in Abu Dhabi. Bringing together international speakers and local regional experts we are aiming to take the learning in occupational hygiene and workplace health to the next step. The conference is being supported by IIRSM, CIEHF, AIHA and we are hoping to secure one more lead supporter. The website is now live www.whpc-me.com . Can we please encourage you to spread the word to those who maybe interested.

Breathe Freely



- In 2016 we have collaborated with IOSH and HSE with a 3-way presentation focusing on silica. This will continue and we further establish positive relationships locally in regional branches and also centrally.
- We ran a one day Conference in Glasgow on 27th April for Construction Managers and had a fantastic attendance for this event.
- Hi standard, free self-assessment tool launched.
- We are running more roadshows in conjunction with Speedy, through June and are looking at further regional meetings.
- A roadshow on the 27th of July.
- Now focusing on the next steps of the campaign and how to branch this out to other groups and sectors. Some really positive opportunities coming our way.
- Construction leader's qualification in the planning.

To see information about the campaign visit www.breathefreely.org.uk

New website launched and Head Office appointments

After months of consultation and testing this spring we launched our new website www.bohs.org, the new site has been given a new look and direction in order for users to find what they need be it members of the society of visitors looking for information on workplace health.

In 2016 we have made a series of new appointments to our head office staff to further strengthen our organization and support our membership and the profession as a whole.

Annals of Occupational Hygiene

Our Chief Editor has undertaken a strategic review of the journal and will be publishing this review in due course in order to increase its scope and benefit the workplace health community.

For full contents including many free access papers visit <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

FAAM – Faculty of Asbestos Management

At OH2016, we launched our plan to start a faculty focusing on asbestos management as we believe there is a gap for professionals in this area. We are currently advertising for a project manager.

More to follow, if you are interested please get in touch.

BOHS Strategy

BOHS has just launched a new 5 year strategy – 2016 – 2020.

Our values are unchanged from the previous five year strategy and as a Society, BOHS will remain:

- a science-based organisation
- impartial and trustworthy
- committed to improving health at work
- committed to sharing information
- the guardian of competency within the occupational hygiene profession.

Strategic themes for 2016 to 2020

With an overarching goal of becoming the leading partner for worker health protection by 2020, the 2016 to 2020 strategy has been built around the following five thematic objectives:

- raising awareness of occupational hygiene
- increasing understanding of occupational hygiene
- extending the influence of BOHS
- improving competence standards, recognition and access
- ensuring a sustainable future and trusted reputation for BOHS in the UK and internationally.

The five new strategic themes are in many ways, analogous to those of the previous five-year strategy, in keeping with the evolutionary approach of the new strategy which develops rather than reinvents the Society's direction for 2016 to 2020.