



IOSH update for POOSH meeting 8 June 2010

Consultations

- *Guidelines on scientific analysis in policy making* – in our response IOSH supported the need for the guidelines and suggested that criteria for including or rejecting evidence from analyses should be recorded and communicated; objective assessment of expert advisers; inclusion of a risk communication strategy to aid presentation of scientific concepts to lay audiences; and peer review of evidence.
- *Health and safety of learners outside the classroom (HASLOC) consultation* – we felt that improvement was needed for this document to meet its stated aims of being high-level and concise and also suggested the proposed resources be uploaded to one site.
- *A consultation document on a proposed Legislative Reform Order that will allow HSE to make regulations for the protection of animal health under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974* – in our response we agreed with the proposal, which we believe makes sound economic and practical sense and helps reduce the regulatory burden of working under three separate sets of regulations.
- *A consultative document on legislation to implement the Physical Agents (Artificial Optical Radiation) Directive* – our response suggested some improvements to the guidance leaflet, such as expanding the industry sector / activity based list to cover metalworking, entertainment applications, and some laser pointers; and including sources for information and training needs.

The IOSH responses are available at www.iosh.co.uk/condocs

Guidance

- *Global best practices in contractor safety*: we have updated and re-issued this joint IOSH-ASSE guide, which summarises best practices from the first 'InterConstruct' international conference.
- *Learning the lessons – how to respond to deaths at work and other serious incidents*: we have updated and reissued this guide, which covers the inter-relationship between HSE, Police and internal investigators and offers guidance to organisations on responding to serious work-related incidents.

The IOSH guides are free to download from www.iosh.co.uk/techguide

HSE collaboration

- *Respiratory protective equipment (RPE)* – following on from the second stakeholder meeting, IOSH has volunteered to Chair the sub-group on ‘wearability’ of RPE.
- *Accreditation of health and safety consultants* – as part of the HSE-funded feasibility study, IOSH has conducted a further survey of 1,001 UK SME business leaders, via a ComRes omnibus poll. CIEH is concluding its research into possible models and the two parts of the feasibility study will then be compiled into a report for HSE.
- *Local exhaust ventilation (LEV)* – the training of 50 IOSH members on the latest LEV guidance will be scheduled for later this year. IOSH attended a workshop at the HSE office in Manchester to discuss the possible formation of a new professional body, the Institution of LEV Engineers (ILEVE). This intends bringing together contributors from all parts of the LEV supply chain e.g. designers, manufacturers, suppliers, installers and testers, to help ensure common standards are applied throughout the system. There was unanimous support for this and discussion about whether it should be a free standing body or a sub-set of an existing body, such as Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers or Society of Operations Engineers.

IOSH research fund update

- *2010 call for bids* – this year’s was an ‘open’ call for bids and attracted 35 stage one applications for funding. The Research Committee has invited 7 projects to proceed with a second stage application.
- *Research programme* – Professor Robert Dingwall has been appointed as the IOSH research programme director. This is a contracted position for the duration of this specific research programme (approx. 3-5 years) for around one day a week.
- *Research summaries* – we now have 6 research summaries available on our website:
 - *The impact of expert health and safety advice – on company performance*
 - *The impact of health and safety management – on organisations and their staff*
 - *Safety culture, advice and performance*
 - *Factors affecting the supervision of safety*
 - *Measuring heat stress in industry*
 - *How supply chains influence health and safety at work*

- *Project summary* – there is also a development fund project summary *Workplace health issues – exploring the training needs of health and safety practitioners*

These reports (and also the full research reports) are freely available to download from www.iosh.co.uk/researchreports

IOSH development fund update

- *UK aviation airside health and safety DVD* – this project is to produce an airside safety (hazard spotting) DVD. Airports are divided into landside and airside, with the latter including all areas accessible to aircraft and auxiliary equipment e.g. runways, taxiways, ramps and tank farms. The DVD will be aimed at UK companies operating airside at airports to help train employees and visitors in airside health and safety requirements and hazard awareness.
- *Establish Networks and International Committee and associated panels* – following the Standing Committees' Review, funding was provided for a feasibility study on setting up this new standing committee and the supporting member advisory panels.
- *Safe Highlander 2010* – organised by the IOSH Inverness District, this project aims to give around 1,900 year-7 schoolchildren in the Highlands an appreciation of how health and safety can affect people in their daily lives. Inverness District members will provide safety talks to groups of escorted schoolchildren, over a 10-day event, on a 'mock-up' building site within a venue.

Lobbying activities

- IOSH's one-to-one meetings with MPs and Peers continue.
- The IOSH manifesto '*Creating a healthier UK plc*', outlining our policies on the health agenda; education; support for SMEs; and access to good advice, has been distributed to 200 of the most active Peers and a second distribution to 350 more is planned. We have also distributed copies to all new MPs in Westminster. Our manifesto has been posted on the PARN and DeHavilland websites.
- Following the December speech by the Rt Hon David Cameron MP (now Prime Minister), in which he announced that Lord Young of Graffham would be carrying out a review of health and safety on behalf of the Conservative Party, IOSH has had meetings with him seeking to influence and inform the direction of his review. Lord Young also delivered a keynote speech at the IOSH10 conference in Glasgow.

- PARN call for a government minister for professional bodies: IOSH was pleased to contribute to and support this initiative.

Other activities

- IOSH10: the IOSH annual conference '*Health and safety: making the case*' took place in Glasgow (24-25 March 2010). Hosted by Gavin Estler, it was another very successful and well attended conference, with the keynote address from Lord Young of Graffham and popular 'interview sessions' with Geoffrey Podger (HSE); John Crackett (E.ON UK); and 'in court: live' with 4 distinguished lawyers taking questions.
- IOSH Annual Honorary Vice President's lunch at the House of Lords took place on 20 May 2010, with around 90 guests from key organisations involved in health and safety, as well as invited Peers, and keynote addresses by John Holden (IOSH President) and Judith Hackitt (Chair of the HSE Board). As well as promoting our updated manifesto, we were pleased to provide copies of our latest [YouGov poll](#) of workers titled *Your job – your life: what people really think about health and safety 2010*.
- National Men's Health Week (14-20 June 2010): IOSH is again supporting the Men's Health Forum, which is staging a launch event on 14 June 2010 at West Ham FC ground for this year's theme 'promoting physical activity in men and boys'.
- Asthma Partnership Board: IOSH attended the meeting 11 May 2010 and was pleased to update the Board on our RPE and LEV work and our contribution to a recent article on this in Plant Engineer magazine.
- East Midlands Platform on Food, Physical Activity and Health: IOSH attended on 3 March 2010 and has now submitted a proposal designed to help improve the health and wellbeing of IOSH staff. The 'platform' is also an opportunity to promote the IOSH '*Working well: guidance on promoting health and wellbeing at work*' guide and to share good practice on health and wellbeing in the East Midlands.
- Safety and Health EXPO (11-13 May 2010): IOSH had a stand at the exhibition at which we provided presentations about continuing professional development, training courses and IOSH guides and tools.

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