

Welcome to the ninth issue of *IOSHinfo*, our quarterly review. *IOSHinfo* is designed as a five-minute round-up for busy people, giving you a quick overview of IOSH's headline news and information from the last three months. If you want to know more, just click on the links or drop us a line at info@iosh.co.uk

Paying the proper penalty

IOSH has welcomed tougher penalties for employers who fail to fulfil their duties in protecting employees from injury and illness. According to a new report, changes introduced under the Health and Safety (Offences) Act 2008 have led to more cases being tried in the lower courts, higher fines for convicted offenders and more custodial sentences for bosses who pay little regard to the welfare of their staff or the public. IOSH Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Richard Jones, said: "We welcome the government's review of the Act and the Minister's message that rogue employers who gamble with workers' health and safety will face stiff penalties"

Read more at:
www.iosh.co.uk/News/IOSH-backs-tougher-penalties-for-rogue-bosses.aspx

An A-listed agency

IOSH has secured Category A Liaison status with the International Standards Organisation for the development of a new international standard on occupational health and safety management systems – ISO 45001. IOSH will attend the next ISO meeting in Morocco

Lif€ Savings Ireland launched

Intelligent investment in health and safety management saves lives and money – that's the message IOSH got across to businesses, government and the media at the launch of Lif€ Savings Ireland in February, at Dublin Castle. The new campaign showcases the innovative work of IOSH members working in Ireland, where projects have produced savings of up to €2 million. The campaign was endorsed by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Richard Bruton TD. Health and Safety Authority Chief Executive Officer Martin O'Halloran gave a keynote on the business case for health and safety

For details and downloadable resources see:
www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavingsireland



IOSH Ireland Branch Chair Michelle Peate-Morgan: "Good occupational health and safety makes cost savings and helps growth"

In the news

- In December, the *Journal of Oman*, *Oman Tribune* and other national papers across the Sultanate covered IOSH President Tim Briggs's branch visit and his meeting with officials from the Ministry of Manpower
- *Construction Now* (Scotland), *Building Products*, *Oman Online*, *Building for Education* and other trade press journals reported on research commissioned by IOSH highlighting the need for designers to embrace digital construction tools
- In January, IOSH hosted a seminar at the Intersec exhibition in Dubai. The seminar was reported on City 7 TV News, in *Construction Week* (Middle East) and in numerous print and online publications
- Lif€ Savings Ireland launched with over 20 items of coverage in the national, regional and local press, and on broadcast channels – including the *Irish Independent*, *Business & Leadership*, *Health and Safety Review*, Spirit Radio and UTV Radio News
- *Business Information Portal* and *Start Up Donut* reported IOSH's warning to UK Prime Minister David Cameron of the effects of exempting self-employed workers from health and safety law, after he talked to the Federation of Small Businesses

Read the latest coverage at
www.iosh.co.uk/News.aspx

Getting the low-down on working at height

The Health and Safety Executive has revamped its advice on working at height, in plain language. Ten million workers are estimated to work at height in Britain every year, and falls are one of the main causes of death and serious injury in the workplace. IOSH Research and Information Services Manager, Jane White, said: "Health and safety information must reach those who need it – whether engineers scaling wind turbines or builders' apprentices using ladders in domestic settings – in the right format to be translated into knowledge and practice"

More details:

www.iosh.co.uk/News/IOSH-backs-working-at-height-regulation-revamp.aspx



More than a million British companies need to work at height

What's not to like?

IOSH has reached three social media milestones – @IOSH tweets hit the 15,000 mark, the IOSH LinkedIn Group celebrated its 13,000th member and IOSH's Facebook page surpassed 8,000 fans. Said IOSH e-Editor, Shaun Gibbons: "The growing importance of social media to organisations is well documented and it's only by embracing new changes in technology and communication that IOSH will continue to be ahead of the curve when it comes to social and digital best practice"

More details:

www.iosh.co.uk/News/IOSH-celebrates-three-social-media-milestones-in-a-week.aspx

Work-related accidents in Ireland – the facts

IOSH commented on new figures from Ireland's Health and Safety Authority which showed that there were 46 people killed in work-related accidents during 2013, compared with 48 in 2012. Michelle Peate-Morgan, IOSH Ireland Branch Chair, said: "Any fatality in the workplace is a tragedy. All are preventable and we are equally concerned about the rise in children dying in agriculture and the increase in deaths in the construction sector. IOSH members in Ireland are committed on a daily basis to preventing injuries, fatalities and illness in the workplace"

Shot in safety

Students from the National Film and Television School have won an award from IOSH's Thames Valley Branch. The annual award reflects commitment to health and safety issues in the film-making industry. The prize went to the team behind the film *The Escapist*, which was praised by the judges as a "creative, action-packed film, with impressive stunts", demonstrating that health and safety enhances a production, keeping a cast safe while retaining the 'wow factor'



Miranda Ballesteros and Sile Culley pick up their award, flanked by Graham Parker and Chris Stops of Thames Valley Branch

Executive decision

The Triennial Review of the Health and Safety Executive by the Department of Work and Pensions concurred with the views expressed in IOSH's evidence submission. It concluded that the HSE should be retained and continue as a non-departmental public body

Trainers put on the spot

IOSH has asked over 6,000 training providers to take part in a survey to help shape its plans for the development of health and safety training. IOSH Commercial Executive Director, Caroline Holden, said: "Our training providers' views will help us better understand them, their markets, expectations and the pressures facing their organisations"

More information from:
www.iosh.co.uk/news/looking-to-the-future.aspx

Nominations needed

IOSH has opened nominations for this year's Council elections. Twelve members will be elected to join after the AGM in November. Candidates must be proposed by two other members or a network. Completed nomination forms must be in by noon, 28 May. Email colin.gore@iosh.co.uk for a form, or call + 44 (0)116 257 3111

Safety and security integral to growth

IOSH hosted a major seminar at Intersec 2014, the world's meeting platform for the security and safety industry. The seminar at the event, held annually in Dubai, covered occupational health issues including noise exposure. Opening the seminar, IOSH Chief Executive Jan Chmiel said: "Workplace health and safety is of prime importance in a region which is in a period of sustained infrastructural and commercial growth"



IOSH Chief Executive Jan Chmiel emphasised the need for health and safety to be integral to industrial and business expansion

In Parliament

- In the second reading of the Deregulation Bill, a number of MPs quoted IOSH's concerns on clause 1, which exempts certain self-employed workers from health and safety law
- IOSH was invited to give oral evidence on clause 1 to the Public Bill Committee on the Deregulation Bill
- IOSH hosted a successful event in Parliament on behalf of the Inter-Institutional Group on Health and Safety, launching a policy paper on the business case for engineering in health and safety. Sir John Parker, President of the Royal Society for Engineering, gave a speech to MPs, business leaders and IOSH members

IOSH to push bike safety

IOSH has now secured two representatives on Transport for London's construction logistics cycle safety group. Between 2008 and 2011, 56 per cent of the cycling fatalities in London have involved large commercial vehicles, including a disproportionate number of construction vehicles



No truck with safety compromises

Project plans, please

IOSH's annual call for research proposals closes on 26 March. IOSH is looking for projects that map the OSH research landscape, engage practitioners as part of the research, or have a non-UK focus

More details at:
www.iosh.co.uk/About-us/Get-funding/Research-fund/Apply-for-funding.aspx

Reducing road risks in Eastern Europe

IOSH is encouraging members to support a scheme to cut road accidents in Eastern European countries, under its new accession countries initiative. The Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development are working in Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan as part of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety 2011–2020. The initiative aims to cut road deaths and injuries by 50 per cent, saving five million lives globally

For more information on the scheme contact:
liz@easst.co.uk

Changing channels for international work

IOSH's International Group has ceased to operate, as part of a re-think on how to address the global nature of the occupational safety and health profession. An international dimension will be part of each of IOSH's networks and business activities, and IOSH industry groups will have a much wider international remit

More details at:
www.iosh.co.uk/News/IOSH-lays-the-foundations-for-international-health-and-safety.aspx

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