

Welcome to the tenth 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](mailto:info@iosh.co.uk)

## The real human costs of the fashion industry

In the wake of Bangladesh's worst ever industrial accident, IOSH supported a series of global events and initiatives to highlight working conditions in fashion industry supply chains. Fashion Revolution Day, 24 April, marked the first anniversary of the Rana Plaza building collapse in Dhaka, when more than 1,100 garment workers died and a further 2,500 were injured. In May IOSH co-hosted a roundtable discussion in Parliament to raise public awareness, attended by politicians, key figures in the fashion industry, retailers and campaigners

**For fuller details, see**

[www.iosh.co.uk/News/Fatal-factory-collapse-must-be-wake-up-call-to-improve-health-and-safety-of-supply-chain-workers.aspx](http://www.iosh.co.uk/News/Fatal-factory-collapse-must-be-wake-up-call-to-improve-health-and-safety-of-supply-chain-workers.aspx)



Campaigner Bianca Jagger told IOSH of her concerns about how our clothes are produced

## For better conditions across the continent

In April IOSH participated in the invitation-only EC conference in Brussels on working conditions to gather views on what should be included in the next EU OSH Strategy. The 300 delegates comprised the EC, Ministers and senior officials from EU countries, EU institutions and the ILO, representatives of employers and trade unions, academics and OSH practitioners. The conference was chaired by László Andor, the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

## Managing in the upturn

IOSH was invited to give a presentation at a conference in Dublin in May. Entitled *Managing OSH in the economic upturn*, the conference gave IOSH an excellent platform to promote the business case for health and safety, and in particular IOSH's Life€ Savings campaign, to more than 150 senior practitioners and business leaders across Ireland

**More information on the campaign at**

[www.iosh.co.uk/About-us/What-we-are-up-to/Life-savings/Ireland-Life-savings-campaign.aspx](http://www.iosh.co.uk/About-us/What-we-are-up-to/Life-savings/Ireland-Life-savings-campaign.aspx)

## In the news

- The launch of IOSH's UAE branch in April was widely covered. UAE outlets included the *National*, *Al Ittihad*, *AmelInfo Online* and *Al Watan*. Branch Chair Maisaa Nasrallah appeared on CNBC Arabia TV
- IOSH collaboration with other organisations in Health and Safety Week 2014 was covered widely online, with hits on *Finance Yahoo*, *PR Newswire*, *digital journal* and the *International Business Times*
- Leading fashion industry magazine *Drapers* was among those reporting on IOSH's parliamentary reception on ethics and sustainability in fashion
- An IOSH-funded research project by Loughborough University on the health and safety impact of nanotechnology gained coverage in leisure and local publications
- In May, the launch of IOSH's West Wales Branch received good local coverage, including an article in the *Western Telegraph*, quoting both branch chair Tom Cullen and networks officer Nathalie Müller

Read the latest coverage at [www.iosh.co.uk/News.aspx](http://www.iosh.co.uk/News.aspx)

## Helping to develop a global standard

Practitioners, auditors and industry, ILO and union representatives have submitted 1,300 comments on a proposed global standard for organisations to create their own health and safety management systems. IOSH attended a week-long international meeting in Casablanca in April to review these submissions. Once finalised, the ISO 45001 standard will be promoted in most countries by the respective national standards bodies. With Category A Liaison status, IOSH attends committee meetings as an observer and is actively involved in the standard's drafting group, which has representation from 45 countries

## Sharing OSH knowledge in Mauritius

IOSH has donated publications, technical guides and other OSH-related resources to a new OSH Research and Documentation Centre in Mauritius, set up on International Labour Day (01 May) by the Ministry of Labour. The IOSH contribution follows a visit from IOSH Vice President Andy Lo to meet local members and Ministry of Labour representatives. The Ministry said its rationale for the initiative was to provide workers, employers, trade unionists, researchers and students with an accurate and extensive source of information on the world of work

## Measure safety – but before accidents happen

In Hong Kong there were 9,907 injuries and 196 deaths in work-related accidents in 2012, as well as 280 cases of occupational disease. Speaking in April, new Hong Kong Branch chair Allen Wan said risks could be reduced if employers used proactive measures, such as process safety indicators, 'what if' analyses, performance-tied incentives and contractors' performances. "Many enterprises are using accident or injury rates as an indicator for measuring safety performance, but the traditional performance measure can only provide a post-accident indicator that is reactive," said Allen. "The most effective indicators measure not only failure, but also the status and effectiveness of controls in the workplace"



How effective are controls in the workplace?

## IOSH launches a branch in the UAE

IOSH's new United Arab Emirates Branch will help government and businesses cut work-related accidents and ill health. Branch chair Maisaa Nasrallah said: "We are fortunate to have an environment with an ever-growing skyline. But extensive developments bring occupational health and safety challenges and the UAE recognises opportunities to improve the situation." With over 400 members, the UAE network is one of IOSH's biggest branches overseas



Maisaa Nasrallah, Chair of the UAE Branch

## Warm welcome for West Wales Branch

More than 80 people, including local business representatives, attended the launch of IOSH's West Wales Branch at Bridge Innovation Centre, Pembroke Dock. Speakers covered a range of topics, from asbestos management to tattoo parlour safety

## Arrival of new resource for OSH research

IOSH's new online OSH Research Community has a dedicated website providing a free resource for work, study and professional development. This initiative brings together experts to collaborate, share knowledge, peer-review and find funding opportunities. There's even an area for students to showcase their projects. IOSH is now calling on researchers to join the growing community by uploading live and completed research projects to the site

For more information, visit [www.oshresearch.co.uk](http://www.oshresearch.co.uk)

## Making a splash

Conservative MP for Waveney, Peter Aldous, joined East Anglia Branch members in a training event which simulated a helicopter ditching into the sea, highlighting the risks faced in rescues offshore. IOSH invited the MP after a discussion on offshore safety at an IOSH parliamentary reception. He said, "Offshore safety is hugely important and it's vital that workers get the training they need, to increase chances of survival if something goes wrong on the way to the platforms. Today's emergency training has been extremely useful, and it was fantastic to meet with members of the IOSH East Anglia Branch"



East Anglia Branch Chair Andy Bagworth, IOSH President Elect and branch member Ian Harper, and Peter Aldous MP: ready to ditch

## In Parliament

- The Deregulation Bill reached the Report Stage, and a number of MPs highlighted IOSH's concerns regarding Clause 1, on exempting certain self-employed workers from health and safety law
- IOSH worked with Baroness Young to host a successful roundtable event in Parliament in collaboration with Fashion Revolution Day and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ethics and Sustainability in Fashion – MPs, celebrities and retailers discussed health and safety in the garment industry in Bangladesh, one year after the Rana Plaza collapse
- Ian Lavey MP tabled Early Day Motion 1329, drawing attention to the anniversary of the Bangladesh Accord on Fire Safety and highlighting IOSH's work in this area
- Lord McKenzie of Luton (Lab) asked a question about the commercialisation of the Health and Safety Executive, to which the Government replied by confirming that there was "absolutely no question of privatising the HSE"

## A healthier platform

IOSH member Emma Roberts was runner-up in the first annual Oil & Gas UK Health Award, for 'positive effects from steps to actively improve the health of the workforce'. She had organised a successful health-related event for IOSH's North East of Scotland Branch. Emma, area operations health and safety advisor for BP's North Sea Bruce platform, worked with BP's occupational health team and others to develop an interesting and interactive agenda for the event

## Vice-Presidents sought

IOSH is looking for two members to join the existing team of Vice-Presidents to represent IOSH for three years from the AGM in November 2014  
**Nominations by noon, 17 July – details at [www.iosh.co.uk/vp](http://www.iosh.co.uk/vp)**

## Go buy the book

IOSH has entered into a partnership with publisher Routledge, part of the Taylor & Francis Group. Since April, IOSH's books, on topics ranging from health and safety management to corporate social responsibility, have been given wider exposure to the academic market through Routledge's website  
**To view the catalogue, visit [www.routledge.com](http://www.routledge.com)**

## HSE chief meets IOSH Singapore Branch

Health and Safety Executive Chair Judith Hackitt CBE visited IOSH's Singapore Branch in April to give a talk on 'globalising safety'. She was guest of honour at the branch's annual general meeting, where she spoke to more than 50 members on cultural influences on occupational safety and health attitudes and behaviours. Branch Chair Darren Brunton said: "There are not many, if any, IOSH international branches that can say the Chair of HSE UK has been present at their AGM. The importance of this for the Singapore Branch was shown by the number of delegates in attendance." Members and guests had come from several countries, including Singapore, the UK, Australia, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia



IOSH Singapore Branch Chair Darren Brunton with HSE Chair Judith Hackitt CBE

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