

BOHS report for POOSH May 2015



On 28th April BOHS launched 'Breathe Freely', which aims to reduce the incidence of occupational lung disease amongst construction workers. This campaign aims to not only raise awareness that there is a problem which needs addressing, but also, provide the solutions. At the heart of the initiative is the Health in Industry standard which is a tool to help construction managers to understand how to control health risks properly. BOHS is leading on this, in partnership with Mace, Land Securities, Constructing Better Health and HSE.

For presentations and more information about the launch event, visit

<http://www.breathefreely.org.uk/launch-event.html>

And here's how you can get involved and support this initiative, if you haven't already – visit www.breathefreely.org.uk to do one or more of the following::

- Become an official campaign supporter - Supporters include: BSC, BSIF, IOSH, SGUK, Park Health and Safety; HSE are a partner.
- Help to spread the word and cascade the information and messages



We will be running a one-day Conference for Health and Safety Managers and Directors from the Construction industry on **10 November at Edgbaston, Birmingham**. In addition, over the coming months we will be holding Breathe freely Events across **the BOHS regions**.

Annals issue to mark Breathe Freely

A virtual issue of BOHS's scientific journal, Annals of Occupational Hygiene, has been published online to coincide with the launch of the Breathe Freely initiative. Entitled '*Respiratory diseases in the Construction Industry*', this collection of articles brings together the latest respiratory-related

construction industry research, and is completely open access so all the articles can be freely downloaded.

The special issue can be viewed here:

http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/annhyg/respiratory_diseases.html

IOHA 2015 in London, 25 – 30 April

700 international delegates attended this four day Conference which also consisted of an extensive exhibition.

Speaker presentations can be found at www.ioha2015.org/registration/.

BOHS Worker Health Protection Middle East Conference 2015, October 26-27, Abu Dhabi

BOHS will once again be partnering with Messe Frankfurt to run this event for the second year.

<http://www.whpc-me.com/registration.aspx>

Lead Supporters include IIRSM, CIEHF, AIHA

Supporters are: IOHA, BSC, BSIF, AIOH, ROSPA, FOM, HSE, SOM, NEBOSH, SAIOH,

Regional Events - Free to attend, open to non-members

<http://www.bohs.org/events/>

Woodworking Dust Exposure, Hazards and Control Regional Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2015, Ellesmere Port

12.00pm - 3.30pm

Free meeting on 'Woodworking Dust Exposure', this meeting covers respiratory hazards and risks.

- Dr Susan Hambling is the key speaker with a presentation about HSE's recent initiatives in woodworking dust exposures.
- Bill Williams to talk about dust filtration control and discharge arrangements.
- Dave Price - GexCon - Principle Engineer - talking about dust filter installations; their protection and the hazards of flammable dust and dust explosions.

<http://www.bohs.org/NWNWood/WorkingDustExposure/>

Clear and Concise Report Writing

Friday, May 15, 2015, Wolverhampton

2pm -5.00pm

<http://www.bohs.org/midandsrmreportwriting/>

Ergonomics

Friday 29th May 2015, Belfast

<http://www.bohs.org/NorthernIreland/ergonomics/>

Wednesday 3 June, 2015 Joint Regional Meeting with IOSH, Widnes Rugby Club

The main theme will be H&S behavioural cultures (Plan, Do, Check, Act)

<http://www.bohs.org/northwestandnorthwalesHandS/>

LEV Testing - Beyond the Basics

Wednesday 8 July,

Wolverhampton

<http://www.bohs.org/midlandsrmlEVtesting/>

External Events

BOHS will be exhibiting and providing speakers for the following events:

- Safety & Health Expo, Excel, London, 16 – 18 June 2015 <http://www.safety-health-expo.co.uk/>
- Health and Safety North, Bolton, 8-9 October 2015

The Annals of Occupational Hygiene

<http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/>

The latest issue is 59 volume 4

The Editor's Choice free access paper is:

Bias and Power in Group-Based Epidemiologic Studies of Low-Back Pain Exposure and Outcome – Effects of Study Size and Exposure Measurement Efforts

To mark world day for safety and health at work, OUP have made a series of papers related to this year's theme which is 'Join in building a culture of prevention on OSH', OUP have made a selection of materials on this year's theme freely available for you to read until 28 July:

<http://www.oxfordjournals.org/en/our-journals/medicine-and-health/world-day-safety-and-health-at-work.html>

Awards

Working For A Healthier Workplace – The Peter Isaac Award

Nominations are now open for this award, given for an outstanding contribution to the reduction of ill-health at work. The award can be made to an individual, team or organisation. The prize is £1000 to be used to subsidise attendance at any health and safety conference - also included is complimentary attendance at the BOHS Annual Conference and free BOHS membership for the individual (or a representative from the team or organisation).

Members of POOSH are invited to put forward nominations – see <http://www.bohs.org/aboutus/awards/>