

IOHA 2024 International Scientific Conference

Uniting Occupational Hygiene professionals at a Global Scale to Protect Worker Health

The [Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland \(OHSI\)](#) and the [British Occupational Hygiene Society \(BOHS\)](#) are delighted to extend a warm invitation to all professionals and stakeholders in the field of occupational hygiene to actively participate in the triennial [Scientific Conference of the International Occupational Hygiene Association-IOHA 2024](#).

Scheduled to take place from the 9th to the 13th of June 2024 in the vibrant city of Dublin, Ireland, the conference's theme is 'Protecting workers from health hazards: Advancing in this changing world.'

This much-anticipated event aims to bring together a diverse spectrum of professionals, including occupational hygienists, public bodies, policymakers, academic scientists, and researchers from associated sectors. It seeks to facilitate a robust platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences, with a primary focus on promoting occupational hygiene and safeguarding worker health protection globally.

Occupational hygiene is the preventative part of occupational health, i.e., the science of protecting worker health to prevent serious work-related illnesses such as cancer, asthma and communicable diseases.

Dr. Alison Connolly, Chair of the Scientific Committee for IOHA 2024, expressed her enthusiasm about the conference, stating, "I am delighted to Chair the Scientific Committee for IOHA 2024. I would like to thank the whole occupational hygiene community for an overwhelming response for our abstract call and the whole committee is already working tirelessly to arrange a brilliant programme for the conference, including excellent keynote speakers, an engaging scientific programme, and for memorable social events."

The conference programme promises a rich array of activities such as plenary sessions, keynote lectures, parallel talks, workshops, poster presentations, networking opportunities, and social functions.

Nuala Flavin, Chair of the IOHA Organising Committee and Former President of the Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI), said "It is a great privilege to chair the Conference Organising Committee for IOHA Dublin 2024. This is the first time this conference has been hosted in Dublin, Ireland, and we plan to have an outstanding event with excellent scientific content, together with practical presentations delivered by working, experienced occupational hygienists."

The IOHA 2024 conference in Dublin promises to be an essential gathering, encouraging collaboration and knowledge exchange to ensure the advancement of occupational hygiene and the protection of worker health.

Samantha Connell, President of IOHA emphasized: "Advancing in this changing world" is a timely and relevant theme - IOHA2024 will be *the* platform for OH professionals from around the globe to come together, learn from each other and move forward as a profession. The scientific and

organizing committees are doing a fantastic job to ensure a world class program. It is encouraging to see two of our member organizations working together to make the event happen.”

OHSI President Shara Smith, also commented: “The OHSI is delighted to jointly host this international event in Dublin. The conference will bring practising occupational hygienists up to date with the latest research across a wide range of topics, through attending professional development courses, workshops and talks. We aim to motivate key government policymakers, employers and workers globally to bring about improvements in the protection of workers from real-world health hazards.”

BOHS President, Alex Wilson, added “There are a wider and more diverse range of sessions, professional development courses and other activities than we have seen at an IOHA Conference. It really emphasises how much health at work has become an increasing focus across the globe, the continuing challenges and the opportunities to make a difference. This is the essential forum for scientific research to impact real-world practice and for those involved in workplace health to learn how they can have bigger impact.”

For more information on the conference and to book your place, please visit

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