



Advancing Worker Health Protection

9th - 13th June | Aviva Stadium | Dublin

Call for contributions

Event site

The 13th IOHA International Scientific Conference will be held 9 – 13 June 2024 in Dublin, Ireland. The Occupational Hygiene Society of Ireland (OHSI) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) will jointly host this conference.

The conference theme has been confirmed as ‘Protecting workers from health hazards: Advancing in this changing world’. We want to make this a genuinely collaborative event with delegates from around the world actively contributing to the conference programme. We are therefore seeking ideas from anyone and everyone who is interested to share their work, their experiences, their thoughts and ideas with a global occupational hygiene audience.

Please note all abstracts will be published in a Scientific Journal.

There are several options for contributing to the conference:

• A talk

- 15 minutes to share some slides (or talk without them) on a topic of your choice. Could be a case study (solving a problem, evaluating an intervention), results of a research project, a review of the current knowledge in a particular area, an update on an initiative etc.

• A themed session

- You organise several speakers to talk about a particular topic or theme (one hour).

• A workshop

- Do you have an idea where you want input from peers and colleagues? Ideal for seeking views prior to starting a project or to seek feedback on results/outcomes and to plan next steps. Workshops should be planned as genuinely interactive and seeking input from delegates - 90 minutes.

• Professional Development Course (PDC)

- Are you a trainer? Do you have some tips and experience in a particular subject that would be of interest to occupational hygienists? Deliver a short training session - 3 hours.

• A poster

- A physical display of your work (printed A0 size on paper or fabric) that allows delegates to read your work in the refreshment and lunch breaks and allows you to explain your work in more detail on a one-to-one or small group basis. Ideal for those new to presenting, early phase ideas and those seeking collaborators, preliminary results and for directing delegates to large datasets via a website link or QR code. You will need to provide a pdf for the online programme (as well as a physical poster for the actual conference).

The call for contributions will open in **June 2023** and all ideas need to be submitted before **2 October 2023**. We will be using Oxford Abstracts for the submissions. Use this link to submit your idea:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/6236/submitter>

When submitting an idea, you will need to do the following:

1. Set up a free account in Oxford Abstracts (if you do not already have one). Please use an active email account that you check regularly for the account as we will use this email address to inform you of the progress of your submission and the next steps prior to the conference.
2. Provide
 - A short title that clearly and adequately describes what you want to present. If proposing a case study, start your title with “Case Study:”
 - Name all the contributors to the work that you want to acknowledge (this should be restricted to those who have had an active input).
 - Identify which of the contributors will present the work. Note the presenting author will be required to register for the conference by a fixed date else the contribution will be withdrawn from the programme. The presenter should also provide a brief biography (less than 50 words) and a photograph (you may use an institutional logo if you do not want to provide a photograph); these will be used in the online programme for the conference and helps with networking.
 - Describe the work or idea that you want to present in 250 words or less. There is no fixed format but please remember that the reviewers will choose contributions based on the relevance and quality of the proposals so explain clearly why the work was done (the worker health issue), what was done and how, what the results or outcomes were and the value of the work/outcomes to the future practice or knowledge of occupational hygiene. See the available template on the website for ideas on how to structure this
 - **Themed sessions – list the presenters and their topic/title**
 - **Workshop – describe the interaction proposed**
 - **PDC – give an agenda and key learning outcomes**
 - Identify a topic area for your contribution. This is to help the review committee assign the reviews to relevant people and to plan the programme – a list of themes and topics that fall under each is given below. If you are unsure, pick the topic you think most relevant.

Once you have submitted your contribution, you should receive an email confirmation and an ID number.

After the closing of submissions, all the contributions are assigned to reviewers who will score the contributions on relevance and quality criteria. They will recommend the most appropriate format for each contribution (whilst taking your preference into consideration). When complete, you will be informed of the outcome for your submission(s).

The presenters for those submission that have been accepted will need to register for the conference by a specific date in order for the programme to be designed. As we approach the conference dates, you will need to provide a copy of your presentation, workshop or poster (as a pdf) several weeks in advance in order to prepare the online programme.

Please note

All presenters identified in submissions are expected to register for the conference.

A discounted registration rate will be available to all accepted presenters; there will also be further reductions for student presenters (must be a student member of an IOHA member society) and presenters from low and middle-income countries (as per the OECD list).

The organising committee cannot offer bursaries or waivers for registration or any contribution to travel and accommodation expenses, these are the responsibility of the presenter to cover.

Many professional societies and funding bodies offer travel bursaries or grants and we recommend that you explore these if you require financial assistance.

Themes and topics

The Role of the Occupational Hygienist in the Future World of Work

- i. Emergency response preparedness
 - ii. Automation
 - iii. Gig economy
 - iv. Remote working
 - v. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
 - vi. Low and Middle Income Countries
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Information and Communication Technology & Digitalisation

- i. Artificial intelligence
 - ii. Big data
 - iii. Internet of Things
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Innovative technologies and monitoring

- i. New technologies
 - ii. Real-time monitoring
 - iii. Wearable sensors
 - iv. Low cost sensors
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Exposure assessment methodologies and applications

- i. Human biomonitoring
- ii. Indoor air quality
- iii. Physical Agents
- iv. Beyond respiratory exposure – ingestion, skin exposure etc.
- v. Qualitative/semi-qualitative exposure assessment
- vi. Modelling
- vii. Occupational exposure limits

Beyond Compliance

- i. Total Worker Health
- ii. Mental Health
- iii. Health and Well-being

Education, Communication and Outreach

- i. OH Education – innovative methods and technology, educating the next generation
- ii. Risk perception and communication
- iii. Science Communication
- iv. Public/communication
- v. Case studies

Chemical Regulations and Frameworks

- i. REACH, TSCA, Korea-REACH etc.
- ii. Influence of chemical regulations
- iii. Roadmap on Carcinogens
- iv. European Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals (PARC)