



President's Report (2006/2007)

20 September 2007

In conjunction with the Executive Council, I have prepared this report and am pleased to present it to you. This report summarizes the major activities of the HKIOEH in the year starting September 2006.

For the professional development of our members, HKIOEH continued to hold the one-day conference. Since it was the 5th year after the establishment of the legislation on the prevention and control on occupational diseases in China, we invited Dr. Hang Hon-lin, head of Guangdong Province Hospital for Occupational Diseases, as our guest speaker to talk on his experience on the development of “Strategies and Regulations in the Prevention of Occupational Diseases”. Six technical papers on various fields in occupational and environmental hygiene were presented. The conference was well received by about 60 participants. This conference has been approved by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) for CM points.

HKIOEH also held three technical seminars last years. Mr. Tim Lee talked about the design of a biosafety facility; Mr. Danny Fok talked on laser safety management; and Mr. Samuel Ng talked about confined space in marine scenarios. The seminars were co-organized with the Industrial Centre of Hong Kong Polytechnics University and, for the laser safety management seminar, also with the Hong Kong Radiation Protection Society. Technical visits to the Hong Kong Observatory and to a factory that manufactures sport gears in Shenzhen were held for members to share their expertise on occupational and environmental hygiene.

Members of HKIOEH also serve the community of Hong Kong through various public duties during the year. I am a member of the Hong Kong Radiation Board. Miss Tammy Lo is the member of Advisory Committee on Occupational Health of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC). Mr. Percy To and Mr. Ralph Lee represents HKIOEH to sit on the Property Management and Cleaning Service Safety and Health Committee and the Container and Wholesaling and Retailing Service Safety and Health Committee of the OSHC respectively. To promoting occupational hygiene in workplaces, Mr. Percy To delivered two talks on kitchens safety in Fu Hong Society. Two more talks are also arranged in coming October.

In 2006, we participated in the public forum on review of air quality objectives. In September 2007, we participated in consultation on the regulation on medical devices.

On international cooperation, British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) invited HKIOEH to nominate a representative to be a member of international qualifications sub-committee of the Faculty Examination Committee. Certified Industrial Hygiene Examination Board is looking for the opportunity to hold the coming examination in China with our assistance.

Regarding our membership, seven new applications were received in the past year. Five granted full membership while two applicants received Associate Membership. One Associate Member was upgraded to Full Member.

Overall, I am glad that the Institute has developed satisfactorily both locally and internationally, and has fulfilled its mission in the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all EC members for their time and efforts and all members for their supports.

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