



President's Report (2007/2008)

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In conjunction with the Executive Council, I have prepared and am pleased to present to you this report. This gives a brief account of some of the major activities of the HKIOEH in the year 2007/ 2008.

On the part of professional development and experience sharing, the annual one-day Occupational Hygiene Technical Conference jointly organized with the Health, Safety and Environment Office of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, was held in March. Two keynotes on manual handling assessment tools and workplace lighting level assessment and five other technical papers on various fields in occupational and environmental hygiene were presented. The conference was well received by 67 participants. The conference has been approved by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) for one CM point. HKIOEH also either held by itself or co-organized with Industrial Centre of Hong Kong Polytechnics University, the Hong Kong Radiation Protection Society and Hong Kong Workers' Health Centre (HKWHC) three technical seminars and two technical visits. These were (i) Biosafety and clean room technology (Nov. 07, ABIH 0.5 CM Point); (ii) Heat stress monitoring (May 08) and (iii) The 2nd Mainland & Hong Kong Work Injury Prevention & Occupational Rehabilitation Symposium Hunan Province (June 08). Technical visits were (i) PET/CT in Queen Mary Hospital (March 08) and (ii) Kadoorie Farm Botanic Garden (June 08). It was unfortunately that the technical visit to 龍崗區疾病預防控制中心 originally scheduled in January and May 2008 has been postponed.

Members of HKIOEH continued to serve the community of Hong Kong through various public services and teaching during the year. Mr. S.T. Yip is a member of the Hong Kong Radiation Board. Miss Tammy Lo continued to sit on the *Occupational Health Advisory Committee* of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) while Mr. Ralph Lee and I represent HKIOEH to sit on the *Import/Export Trading, Wholesaling and Retailing Service Safety and Health Committee* and the *Property Management and the Cleaning Service Safety and Health Committee* of OSHC respectively. In promoting occupational and environmental hygiene in local

communities, I gave two talks on workers health and safety for Fu Hong Society (扶康會) in last November and conducted an occupational hygiene risk assessment in two factories for HKWHC. HKIOEH has also been approached by two local health and safety associations (IOSH and ISA) to explore the possibility of holding joint events in future.

On international cooperation, British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) invited HKIOEH to proof check face validity of the Chinese translated examination paper and to mark the examination papers. Mr. T.W. Tsin continued to represent HKIOEH to serve as the Board Member of International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) last year. Mr. Tsin, Mr. Yip, I and few other HKIOEH members attended the IOHA 7th International Scientific Conference in Taipei in this February and Mr. Tsin attended the Board Meeting on behalf of HKIOEH at the same time. To promote our Institute so as to increase our recognition among other international OHS associations and expand our contacts, Mr. Tsin and Mr. Yip also attended the 18th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Seoul, Korea in July. One fruitful result is that we are planning to invite Dr. Craig Bolikovac from United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNitar) to stop by in Hong Kong to give a talk on GHS in November when he goes to Beijing later this year.

With the help from Prof. J.L. Zhou and in a number of other occasions, HKIOEH has gained closer and more frequent contacts with a number of different district CDCs in Shenzhen City (疾病預防控制中心); Shenzhen Hospital for Prevention and Treatment of Occupational Disease (深圳市職業病防治院) and Guangdong Province Hospital for Occupational Disease Prevention and Treatment (廣東省職業病防治院). To represent HKIOEH, Mr. Tsin, Mr. Yip and I also attended a conference on trichloroethylene organized by 廣東省職業病防治院 and Department of Occupational and Environmental Health, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine (Nov 2007) and I attended The 2nd Mainland & Hong Kong Work Injury Prevention & Occupational Rehabilitation Symposium Hunan Province (June 2008) which event HKIOEH was a co-organizer. We are looking for more opportunities to promote occupational and environmental hygiene knowledge in Mainland China and organize for our members more technical visits to factories in China.

Regarding membership, we are happy to report that our family continues to grow with nine new members last year. Six of them were granted Full Membership, two

received Associate Membership and one received Affiliated Membership. One Associate Member was also upgraded to Full Member last year.

The “Registered address” in the Constitution has been changed to “Registered address shall be situated in Hong Kong” after the pass of its resolution in last year AGM.

The Executive Council is very glad come to a decision to confer Honorary Fellowship on Prof. Tak Sun Yu, Ignatius of the Chinese University in view of his contribution and accomplishment to workers health and safety protection in Hong Kong and Mainland China and his close affiliation with the Institute. We also confer fellowship to Mr. Danny FOK, one of our Executive Council members, for his long lasting contribution to HKIOEH.

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 lastly all of our members for your supports in the last year.



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