



## **President's Report (2005/06)**

28 September 2006

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 2005.

In fulfilling our mission of promoting professional development of our members, HKIOEH continued to hold professional seminars on a variety of subjects in the past year. A one-day technical conference with the theme of "Current Issues in Occupational Hygiene" was held in conjunction with the Safety & Environmental Protection Office of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology on 25 March 2006. Eight technical papers were presented, with two plenary papers on health and safety concerns of nanotechnology and on the experience in occupational hygiene management in China, presented respectively by Dr. Samuel Yu and Mr. Barry Tang. The conference was well received by over 60 participants. This conference has been approved by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) for CM points. Another seminar on "Environmental Radiation Monitoring" was presented by Dr. B.Y. Lee of the Hong Kong Observatory on 7 July 2006, which was also well attended by members of our Institute, the Hong Kong Radiation Protection Society and the Industry Centre of Hong Kong Polytechnics University.

In order to encourage our members to sit for examinations leading to professional recognition, the Institute arranged for the American Board of Industrial Hygiene to hold their CIH examination in Hong Kong in October 2005. This provided interested occupational hygienists in Hong Kong a chance of sitting for the examination at a minimal cost.

Members of HKIOEH continued to 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). Dr. Edmund Hau represents HKIOEH to sit on the Property Management and Cleaning Service Safety and Health Committee of the OSHC.

A public seminar and a certificate course were held to promote the public knowledge of occupational and environmental hygiene. The certificate course on occupational hygiene was co-organized with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong and the public seminar on 8 Dec 2005 was conducted by Mr. Ralph Lee and Mr. TW Tsin on "Prevention of Avian Influenza". Both functions were well received by our targeted participants.

In terms of professional liaison between the Hong Kong hygienists and our counterparts in the Mainland, the Executive Council made a visit to the ShaoGuan Hygiene Bureau of Guangdong Province 16-18 April 2006. Besides exchanging professional views with our Mainland colleagues, delegates of the Executive Council were also taken to see the operations of two metal refinery plants, a clinic and a hospital for occupational diseases.

The Council has also received Dr. Jukka Takala, Director of Safe Work of ILO who visited Hong Kong in February 2006. Complimentary copies of ILO Encyclopedia of Health and Safety were distributed in our Technical Conference in March 2006.

On the international front, I as President of the Institute attended the annual conference of the British Occupational Hygienists Society, and the annual meeting of International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) in April 2006. Mr TW Tsin, President of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA), completed his term of Presidency of IOHA from 2005 to 2006.

Regarding our membership, three new applications were received and processed in the past year. Full membership was granted to one of them, while two applicants received Associate Membership. Two existing Associate Members were upgraded to full Members.

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 members' supports so that our Institute has successfully reached her 15th anniversary.

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