



President's Word

2019 is almost upon us and it is time to reflect on 2018. We have had 15 new ROHs and 2 ROHTs join us this past year! Of course we are all aware of a potential “baby boomer” retirement effect on our ranks, possibly building over the next few years. We are prepared to counter this with increased promotional efforts from all members of our board in 2019. We will need help from the entire membership (holding at 350) in this effort, using grassroots initiatives like mentorship, and encouraging the recognition of our profession with everyone we meet from the younger generation to corporate and government representatives. We have the new CRBOH LinkedIn account (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4170867/>) to help with promotions. The Board has arranged with AIHA to include a few postings from ROH's on their IAmIH blog. You can see one of our own at: <https://www.aiha.org/publications-and-resources/TheSynergist/SynergistNow/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=160>, so our congratulations and thanks to Suzanne Wilde, ROH, for spreading the word.

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The design and purchase of new portable banners for conferences resulted in placing banner sets with Directors in Ontario, Alberta, Quebec and New Brunswick. Behind the scenes, much time was spent on updating our Policy and Procedure manual, and studying the complex issue of title protection and the collaborations with other organizations that we may need to start it. We worked with a marketing professional to develop a draft Powerpoint presentation that will be delivered to various audiences in 2019. We have renewed our NAR Certification status, as well as our trademarks for “ROH” and “ROHT”. We have also made great strides to ensure our new Wild Apricot online membership management system and WordPress website platforms are running in early 2019. The BODs have exhibited at venues including the Partners in Prevention Tradeshow in Mississauga May 2018, the AIHA-AB Local Spring Symposium March 2018, the NAOSH Conference in Edmonton May 2018, and presented at OHAO in Toronto Oct 2018. The BOD had three 2018 Face to Face meetings held in Calgary (February), Montreal (June) and Ottawa (November). CRBOH will have a booth at the 2019 AIHce in Minneapolis May 2019 and the AGM will be held at this event. A special thanks goes out to all volunteer committee members who have given their time to help us do all of these things, to essentially protect the public interest in Canada.

Merry Christmas and all the best, and my promise that 2019 will be a productive year with many achievements for our CRBOH.

Ken Keill



2019 Membership dues

It's time to renew your ROH or ROHT membership!

Payment due: January 31, 2019

A late fee of \$50 will apply after January 31, 2019

Members who have not paid their dues by the due date will not be in good standing with CRBOH and will not have voting rights and may lose their ROH or ROHT designation.

Online Payment - VISA, MasterCard, American Express

CCOHS Website

Podcasts – “Health and Safety To Go!” CCOHS produces FREE monthly podcasts designed to keep you current with information, tips and insights into the health, safety and well-being of working Canadians. CCOHS calls it "Health and Safety To Go" because you download and listen to the podcasts at your own convenience. Subscribe on iTunes so that you don't miss a single episode!

Harassment and bullying in the work place

Please find attached a link to a video completed by WorkSafe BC (it is a construction site but transferrable to any work environment/plant site). Very well done!

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/videos/bullying-and-harassment-in-construction/bullying-and-harassment-in-construction-its-personal?lang=en>

Retiring Soon or Giving Up Your ROH or ROHT Credential?

If you are retiring from the workforce or no longer working in the field of Occupational Hygiene, please complete the Retired Status form and submit to the Secretariat at secretariat@crboh.ca. This form is to be used by those retiring from the workforce or voluntarily resigning their ROH or ROHT designation. In both cases, the ROH or ROHT designation may no longer be used and your membership will be removed from the CRBOH roster.

We'd like to hear from you

You have news to share, have an interesting article you'd like to communicate. Send us your documentation and we will contact you.

Thanks.



Submit exam questions, get points

Do you need a few points to achieve Registration Maintenance? Take some time and submit a new question for our certification exam. It will give you an extra point!!



IOHA News

Two of the five objectives that were identified in the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan were to be visible and influential. In 2018, we made large steps in that direction. First, we partnered with the ICOH (occupational physicians) to prepare and present a statement to eradicate tuberculosis which was adopted at a special UN session in September in New York. We were then invited in October to participate at the first WHO conference on : *Breath clean air: everywhere, for everyone, Protecting workers from air pollution outdoors and indoors*. IOHA,s presence at these events proves the recognition of our profession and our expertise in occupational hygiene. Its by getting this recognition at high-levels that help to influence local governing organization and employers to promote and maybe one day regulate the profession of hygienist.



Global Exposure Manager (IOHA Newsletter)

The latest issue of the IOHA newsletter, Global Exposure Manager, is now available on the IOHA website here: <http://bit.ly/2KiCIYf>

In this issue

- IOHA to cast its net wide
- AIOH highlights silicosis 'tragedy'
- Malaysia begins SME industrial hygiene enhancement project
- IOHA hands out two awards in Washington
- Skin health surveillance – why, when and how?
- Collaborative training builds OH capacity to end TB in Southern Africa



CRBOH Remembers – Alice Hamilton Pioneer of occupational medicine

Alice Hamilton (February 27, 1869 – September 22, 1970) was an American physician, research scientist, and author who is best known as a leading expert in the field of occupational health and a pioneer in the field of industrial toxicology. She was also the first woman appointed to the faculty of Harvard University. Her scientific research focused on the study of occupational illnesses and the dangerous effects of industrial metals and chemical compounds. In addition to her scientific work, Hamilton was a social-welfare reformer, humanitarian, peace activist, and a resident-volunteer at Hull House in Chicago. She was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, most notably the Lasker Award for her public-service contributions.



CRBOH counts 284 (97 women) ROH and 68 (27 women) ROHT. We salute tremendous work done by women and encourage more of them to join our profession.



Alberta ASHSP News

On October 3, 2018, ASHSP President, ASHSP Treasurer, ASHSP Government Liaison & CSSE ASHSP Appointee met with the Ministry of Labour's Professional and Occupations Association (POARA) Registrar and Deputy Registrar to introduce the ASHSP and its mandate; The ASHSP has the application process to POARA registration mapped out into key steps and has completed steps 1 through 5:

- ✓ *Determine Scope for Inclusion (e.g. CRSP, ROH, ROHT)*
 - ✓ *Create the ASHSP*
 - ✓ *Establish Governing Body, Registration Committee, Practice Review Committee, and Disciplinary Committee*
 - ✓ *Create a Code of Ethics*
 - ✓ *Establish Experiential Training Program*
6. Establish Competency Testing
 7. Establish a Disciplinary Process
 8. Create a Professional Statute
 9. Establish Scope of Practice Protection



POARA stressed that ASHSP will have to increase membership (estimated number to be 1500). An applicant organization must demonstrate that they have a significant number of people as members to ensure that there is a membership base that will support the operational costs of the College, including a contingency fund. The Canadian Occupational Safety magazine wants to hear your thoughts on regulating the OHS profession! Please take the time to fill out this short survey so your voice is heard! Do you think the safety profession should be regulated?

<https://lnkd.in/gAxAX4e>

Unauthorized Use of CRBOH Credentials ROH® or ROHT®

Only those individuals who have passed the Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists (CRBOH) examination process, paid their membership dues annually and maintain their registration are entitled to use the trademarked Registered Occupational Hygienist (ROH®) or Registered Occupational Hygiene Technologist (ROHT®) credentials. These accreditations are trademarked by CRBOH and are to be used only when authorized by the Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists.

Individuals who have allowed their registration to expire due to nonpayment of annual dues, were unable to obtain the required maintenance points during the 5-year cycle, or those who have had their accreditation revoked by CRBOH are not entitled to use CRBOH credentials. Persons who have not successfully passed the examination process are not authorized to use CRBOH accreditation.

Individuals who use the CRBOH trademarked accreditation without authorization, will be contacted by CRBOH. A permanent record of unauthorized use is maintained by the CRBOH Registrar and Individual names will appear on the CRBOH public website for a period of three years.



Spotlight on University Students Work

Evaluation of Local Exhaust Ventilation System Use in British-Columbia Construction

(by Shalinda Shafie, Master's student from UBC)



Respirable crystalline silica (RCS) is a hazardous form of silica that is associated with the increased risk of serious respiratory diseases such as silicosis and lung cancer. CAREX Canada ([https://www.carexcanada.ca/en/silica_\(crystalline\)/](https://www.carexcanada.ca/en/silica_(crystalline)/)) estimates that approximately 380,000 Canadians workers are exposed, 54% of whom work in the construction industry. Local exhaust ventilation (LEV) systems are recommended as a method of controlling RCS exposure but the effectiveness of their use in construction has never been evaluated.

UBC has teamed up with the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) to investigate the factors affecting the performance of a LEV system; focusing on portable “vacuum” systems used with common hand tools. To do this, we are using a combination of study methods that includes measurement of LEV air flow rates and dust levels, worker surveys and simulated tests.

Participants are recruited from constructions sites in the BC Lower Mainland and comprise of workers who use a LEV system while carrying out tasks such as drilling, grinding and chipping. This allows us to obtain measurements of LEV systems that are currently being used on construction sites. We also collect observational data about the age and general condition of the LEV system as well as the maintenance practices at each site. Data collected in the field will also be further verified by simulated tests in the laboratory. Finally, worker surveys will be used to characterise the level of awareness, knowledge and attitude of workers.

The end goal is to produce an educational program for workers, safety personnel and management that provides information on the characteristics of an effective LEV system as well as a recommended usage and maintenance plan.

If you're interested in finding out more about this study, please contact Shalinda Shafie (MSc candidate, UBC) at shalinda.shafie@ubc.ca.



Upcoming Events

January 22-24, 2019	Assembly of Manitoba Safety Professionals & Safety Services Manitoba OHS Conference Winnipeg, Manitoba	Safety Services Manitoba
February 4-6, 2019	Industrial Safety Seminar Regina, Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan Safety Council
February 5-6, 2019	THE Safety Conference Winnipeg, Manitoba	Construction Safety Association of Manitoba
February 21- 22, 2019	Alberta Health and Safety Conference Edmonton, Alberta	The Health and Safety Conference Society of Alberta
April 8-9, 2019	Western Conference on Safety Vancouver, British Columbia	Pacific Safety Center
April 9-11, 2019	Mining Health and Safety Conference Sudbury, Ontario	Workplace Safety North
April 15-16, 2019	Workplace Health & Safety Conference Halifax, Nova Scotia	Safety Services Nova Scotia
No Date Posted Yet	WCB Workplace Health & Safety Conference	WCB of PEI
April 30 - May 1, 2019	Partners in Prevention 2018 Toronto, Ontario	Workplace Safety & Prevention Services
May 1-3, 2019	Petroleum Safety Conference Banff, Alberta	Enform
May 5-11, 2019	NAOSH Week	North American Occupational Safety & Health Week
May 15-17, 2019	AQHSST Annual Congress Saguenay, Quebec	AQHSST
No Date Posted Yet	NLOHSA Safety Conference & Tradeshow Location TBA	Newfoundland & Labrador Occ Health & Safety Association
May 20-22, 2019	AIHce 2019 Minneapolis, MN	American Industrial Hygiene Association
June 9-12, 2019	American Society of Safety Engineers: Safety 2018 New Orleans, LA	American Society of Safety Engineers