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From the National President's Desk



Dear Friends,

Wish you all Happy and Prosperous New year!

I am pleased to inform you that the IAOH along with governmental & non-governmental stakeholders is intending to initiate a bidding process for hosting the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) 2024 International Congress in India. Hosting this event will enhance our international image as a growing powerhouse, and as a centre of scientific and academic excellence committed to the health and safety of all its working population. India will also be acknowledged as a thought leader in the discipline of occupational health. Thanks to Branches for providing financial support for ICOH bidding.

You may be aware that ICOH elections have been announced and from India Dr. Shyam Pingle is contesting as candidate to serve as ICOH Board Member for the term 2018 – 2021. Request all ICOH members (in Good Standing) to give kind support and valuable vote for the ICOH board election. You may soon might have received your ballot paper from ICOH secretariat.

The main focus for the coming two years would be membership drive, establishing new branches and revival of dormant Branches, Basic Occupational Health Services (BOHS), ICOH Bid for 2024, OH projects in unorganised sector, digitization of IAOH data base, social activities and family get together.

It is a great pleasure to inform you that Indian Association of Occupational Health (IAOH), Pune branch will be hosting the 68th National Conference of IAOH, OCCUCON 2018 from 18th to 21st January 2018 at Suzlon Excellence Academy, Pune. The theme of conference is “**Synchronisation of Occupational Health & Safety at Workplace – A Key Compliance for Business Growth**”. OCCUCON 2018 comprising of workshops and main conference will offer an excellent platform for exchange of ideas through cutting edge sessions. We look forward for your positive and active participation.

Let us continue with the good work and practices set into place and approach occupational health activities in coming years with enthusiasm and zeal.

Jai IAOH.....

Dr. R.Rajesh

National President, IAOH (I)



Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

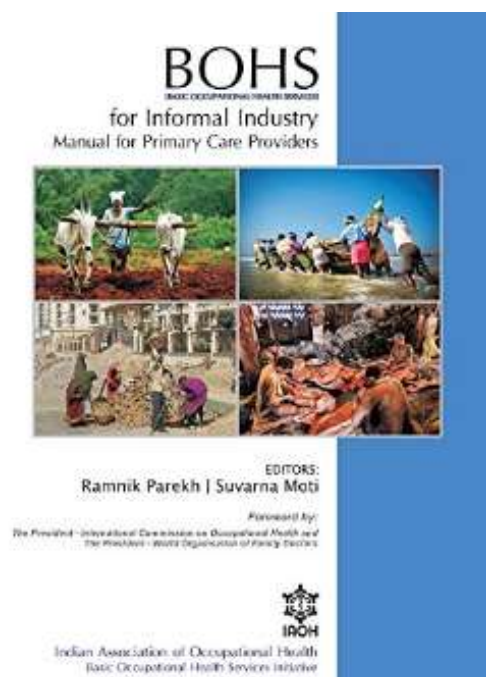
The recent death of farmers due to insecticide spraying on crops in Maharashtra, created a big uproar in the nation. It is indeed very tragic that inspite of sufficient knowledge about this occupational hazard, this tragedy had to unfold. Lack of awareness among farmers, carelessness & apathy of the pesticide manufacturers is indeed very appalling. Just as the responsibility of any accident or fatality has been made the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer of the industry by statute, this blame has to fall on the insecticide manufacturer and they should be brought to book. The manufacturers have to be responsible for the entire cycle of the insecticide from production to safe disposal.

This tragedy once again highlights the need for our IAOH fraternity to actively propagate the cause of BOHS especially in the unorganised sector. The Mumbai branch has taken a great initiative by sending a team of specialists to investigate the incident. More needs to be done.

Dr Chaitanya Gulvady

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(Buying strongly recommended.)



**Obituary:**

We deeply regret the sad demises of our beloved IAOH members:

Dr. Sandhya Shanbhag – (Mumbai branch)

Dr Ashok Bhajekar (Mumbai Branch),

Dr Vilas Bapat (Vadodara Branch)

IAOH JAMNAGAR BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORT

1) IAOH Family Get Together (Team Building)

- As a part of team building, family get together with Navaratri celebration program was organized on 8th October 2017.
- More than 80 persons enjoyed Garba program with dinner.



2) Basic First Aid Training for Workers

- Basic first aid training for the workers of unorganized sector organized on 14th October 2017.
- Training conducted for workers of Maxim Environmental Engineering Pvt. Ltd at Jamnagar.
- Workers were educated for practical basic first aid treatment covering bleeding, burns, choking, fracture, electrical shock, CPR, epilepsy, fever, chest pain etc.
- Approximately 50 workers attended the training.



ACTIVITY REPORT OF IAOH Mumbai branch

REPORT OF CME HELD ON SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017 AT ACRES CLUB

A CME was held jointly by IAOH Mumbai Branch and SL Raheja Hospital on Saturday, 23rd September 2017 at The Acres Club, Chembur, Mumbai. The CME was attended by 45 IAOH Members and 20 non IAOH Physicians. Dr Haresh Mehta spoke on Aortic Stenosis, Dr Prashant Nyati shared New developments in Pulmonology and Dr Prashant Chhajed gave the delegates an overview of Women's cancer. Delegates attending the CME were awarded one credit point by the MMC. The 2nd ECM was held at the same venue before the CME. CME was followed by dinner.



Caption: **Photo 3:** Delegates engrossed in session at CME jointly held by IAOH Mumbai Branch and SL Raheja Hospital on 23rd Sep 2017.

REPORT OF BOHS ACTIVITY AT YAVATMAL

Director Health Services - Maharashtra had requested members of the IAOH to conduct a survey and offer expert recommendations to help curb morbidity and mortality amongst farmers in Yavatmal District who are exposed to pesticide while spraying it on their crops. A team of four Occupational Health physicians IAOH Mumbai branch was formed to conduct this BOHS Activity.

The team consisted of:

1. Dr. Vandana Shinde - President IAOH Mumbai
2. Dr. Subita Patil – Executive Committee Member – IAOH Mumbai
3. Dr. Nikunj Desai – Joint Treasurer - IAOH Mumbai
4. Dr. Vaibhav Bhanawat - Executive Committee Member – IAOH Mumbai

It was one of the first assignments given by Department of Health, Government of Maharashtra to IAOH Mumbai Branch.

The team visited Yavatmal district on 27th and 28th October 2017 and interacted with various Government Officers, Health Officials and affected farmers; and collected data. Their report and recommendations will be handed over to Dr. Satish Pawar, Director Health Services , Government of Maharashtra shortly.



Caption: Photo 4: IAOH Mumbai Branch Team after interacting with Doctors from Govt Medical College , Yavatmal

Photo 5: Yavatmal Field Visit: BOHS Team interacting with Farmer Spraying Pesticide in Cotton field

ACTIVITY REPORT OF IAOH Tamilnadu branch

TOPIC : Dr. RAGHAVIAH MEMORIAL, ORATION SPEAKER: MR. B. SANTHANAM

Immediate Past Chairman, CII Southern Region & President, Flat Glass, South Asia, Egypt & Managing Director Saint-Gobain Glass India Ltd.

TOPIC: MANAGEMENT OF OSTEOARTHRITIS KNEE FROM PHYSICIAN PERSPECTIVE TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

SPEAKER: Prof. Dr. Sundar Subramanian, MS (ortho), FIGOF (Germany), Medical Director & Senior Consultant joint replacement & Tumor surgeon,

TOPIC: SALVAGE OF TRAUMATIC AND NON-TRAUMATIC LIMB INJURY

SPEAKER: Dr Sathish Manivel, MBBS, DNB, M.Ch. Consultant Plastic Surgery



17th September, 2017, Venue: Hotel Savera, Mylapore

TOPIC: LAP HERNIA MESH REPAIR - MOST PREFERRED METHOD

SPEAKER: Dr. Balaji Ravilla Baskaran, MS, MRCS (UK), Dip in Lap (France), FIAGES

Managing Director, Noble Hospital

TOPIC: EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF ORAL, BREST, GIT & GYNAEC CANCERS SPEAKER: Dr V S Ajay Chandrasekar, MBBS, MS (Gen Surgeon), DNB, MRCS, PGDHS, Dip Lap, FAMS, FIAGES, FIMAMS, M.Ch. (Surg. Oncology) Consultant – Surgical Oncologist & Laproscopic Cancer surgeon



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