



Improving Workers' Health Globally

Three million workers die every year due to work-related accidents and diseases ⁽¹⁾. Occupational risk factors include long working hours and workplace exposure to air pollution, asthmagens, carcinogens, ergonomic risk factors, and noise. The key risk was exposure to work related diseases – totally 2.6 million deaths. Circulatory diseases, malignant neoplasms and respiratory diseases rank among the top three causes of work-related death. Work accidents account for an additional 330,000 deaths.

Work-related diseases and injuries strain health systems, reduce productivity and can have a catastrophic impact on household incomes

The International Occupational Medicine Society Collaborative (IOMSC) is a medical and scientific voice on workplace health. See <https://www.iomsc.net/>.

Since its inception in 2013, IOMSC's membership has grown to include 52 occupational medicine societies in 46 countries representing more than 30,000 occupational medicine providers that impact more than one million workers throughout the world. It increases awareness of the value of occupational health and medicine, and provides an assembly for representatives of occupational medicine societies worldwide to improve worker's health by:

- Facilitating collaboration with the UN and global corporates.
- Researching and highlighting key issues such as heat stress and artisanal mining; and
- Promote the scale up of evidence-based occupational medicine (OM).

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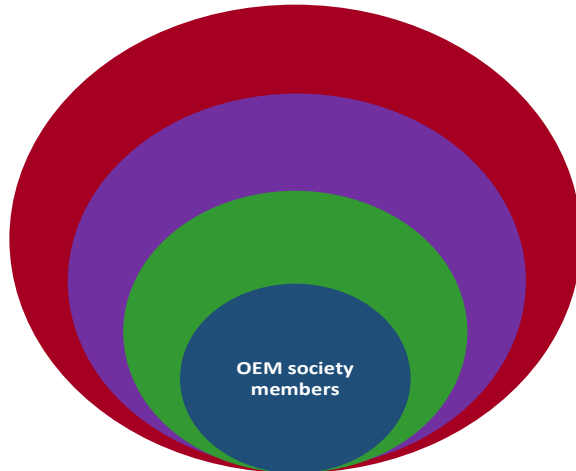
- Is the leader for OM societies worldwide, providing opportunities to gain and enhance knowledge and expertise.
- Provides tools and resources to emerging OM societies to educate their members to enhance the level of OM care worldwide.
- Practicing by what has been proven to work.

IOMSC recognizes the impact of prevention– reducing the burden of risk and illness in individuals and populations, improving the health and productivity of work forces, enhancing the vitality of national economies and, helping make the world a healthier and safer place.

Workplaces have a unique ability to improve health, and IOMSC serves as a valuable avenue to implementation with tools and resources as to best practice.

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¹ ILO, 2023. 3 million people die of work-related accidents and diseases



Occupational Health Professionals impact tens of thousands of employees and their families annually.

IOMSC's timeline is as overleaf and include:

- Occupational Health and Safety Thought Leaders meeting of CMOs, ILO, WHO, WEF leaders at ILO

headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland - 2025.

- 2025 NEBOSH funded [Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining project](#) in Zimbabwe, Uganda, Colombia and Brazil.
- Supporting training of three clinicians in a Diploma in Occupational Medicine
- Information, education, and awareness to reduce illnesses, injuries, and deaths.
- Development of a "Declaration on Health Care Professional Well-being" and "Statement of Principles and Value,"
- Input into the WHO's 13th Global Programme of Work which guided WHO activity for 2019-2023 and join the "WHO's Health in the World of Work Network".
- Convening Global Insights Webinars such as on
 1. Occupational Health Measures in the Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 at the Workplace
 2. Mental and Emotional Health in the Health Care Workforce During the COVID-19 Pandemic Era: A Global Perspective
 3. How Health Care Worker Safety Impacts Patient Safety During the Pandemic Era
 4. Leadership in Occupational and Workplace Health
 5. Occupational health challenges across the world (e.g., Africa, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia)
- Surveys on Global Trends, such as quantifying the reach of IOMSC globally and identifying modes of occupational medicine practice and key changes occurring in the workplace.

Following a strategic review, it wishes to enter an accelerator development phase, to fund raise to improve worker health. It welcomes funding from corporates and agencies on projects from its ILO event at the World Health Assembly week to heat stress [occupational heat-related](#) to advocacy and capacity building.

Support IOMSC as a Corporate

Benefits include:

- Sharing best practice via networking with senior Chief Medical Officer colleagues

IOMSC is a non-profit charity based in England and Wales.



- Keep to date with policy changes from the WHO and ILO etc.
- B to B opportunities within the OH community
- Send a representative to join its annual thought leadership meeting.
- Regular webinars

Corporate partnership funding of IOMSC is bespoke and could include:

- Sponsoring the annual Chief Medical Officer meeting – from partner support at \$20k to Lead Sponsor at \$40k
- Keep to date with policy changes from the WHO and ILO etc. - \$1k.
- B to B opportunities within the OH community via a specific reception - \$10k
- Send a representative to join IOMSC meetings - \$1k.
- Regular webinars - \$3k
- I heed scholarships - \$4k.

Founder member core support, to accelerate impact of IOMSC to provide:

- Capacity development to occupational medicine societies in resource poor settings
 - Education and training - with a global OH course for health professionals in poor resource settings
 - Advocacy as to the value of OH throughout the UN and Bretton Woods system
 - and
 - Policy and on the ground implementation e.g., regarding heat stress and artisanal mining
- \$150k per year**

IOMSC has a corporate partnership policy and currently has in-kind staff support from SOM (UK) and ACOEM (US) and an Executive Committee of occupational health clinicians from across the globe. For more information, contact Julie Ording, jording@acoem.org or nick.pahl@som.org.uk

ROADMAP OF IOMSC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

