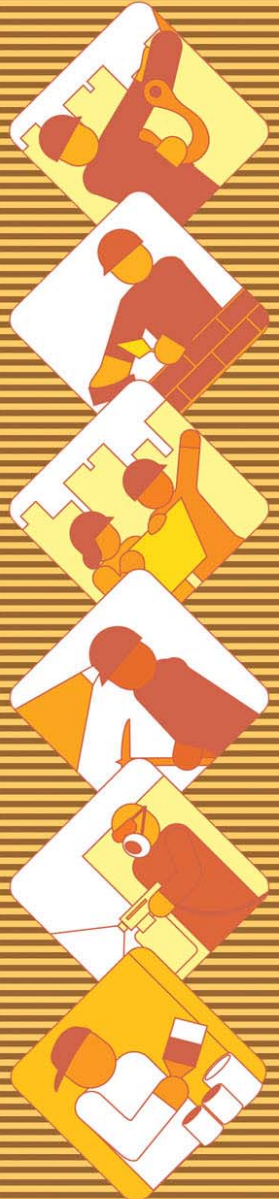




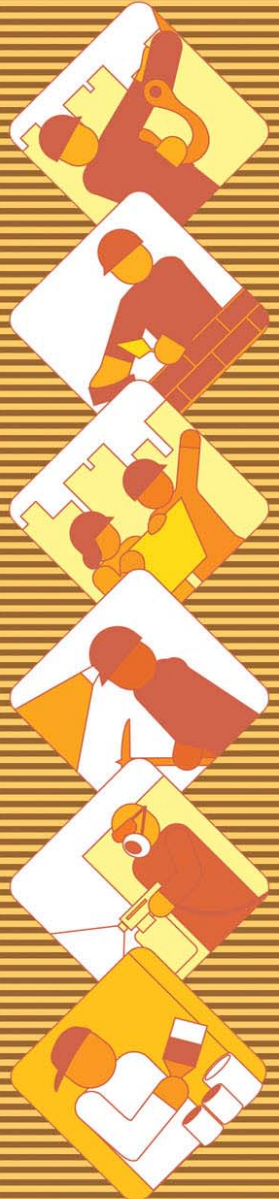
Arab Labor Organization

*Arab Institute For
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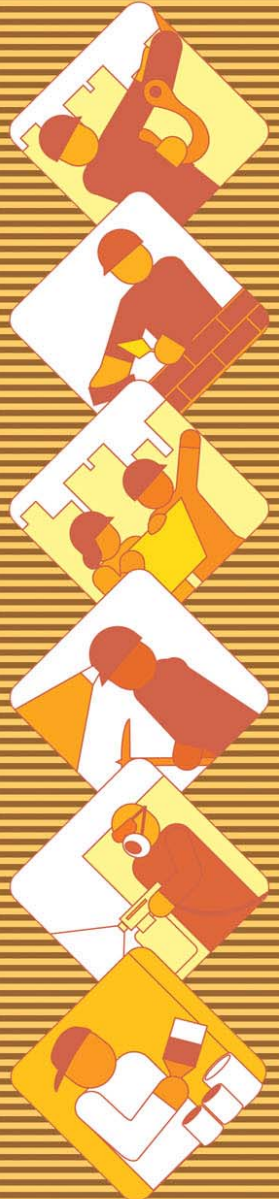
- ★ It is an executive institution subsidiary to the Arab Labor Organization (Arab State League).
- ★ It was established in Damascus/Syrian Arab Republic, in 1983, with the aim of implementing ALO policy in the field of OSH.
- ★ The actual work was started in 1985.





The Goals

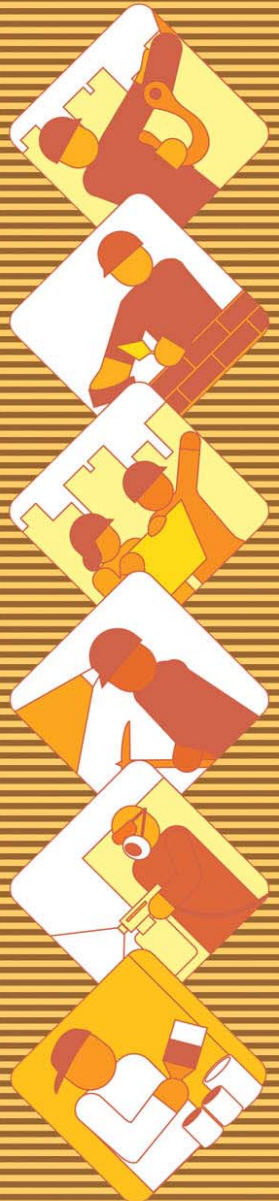
- ★ **Promotion of preventive awareness of three labor parties in Arab countries.**
- ★ **Continuous developing of technical powers for bodies engaged in working environment inspection, in Arab countries.**





The Functions

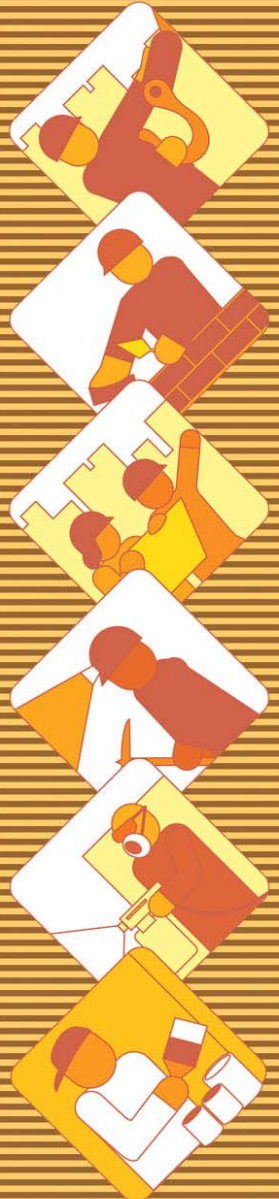
- ★ **Training**
- ★ **Education and publishing**
- ★ **Technical support and advice**
- ★ **Collaboration and coordination**





Training

- In the light of its annual work plan, the institute carries out many training courses in behalf of three labor parties in Arab countries.
- It has implemented this year (2007) about (6) training activities as follows:

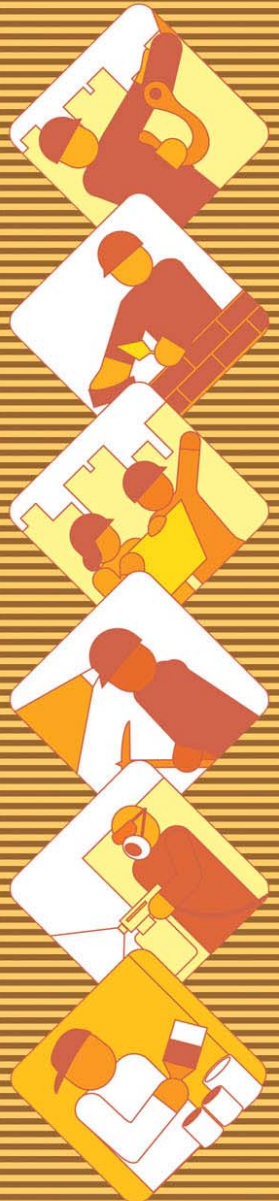




Training courses (2007)

- **OSH in the Construction Sector**, in behalf of labor inspectors in the **Egyptian ministry of manpower and migration**, Cairo (22-25 January/2007).
- **General Course on Occupational safety and Health** in behalf of **Kuwait Trade Union Federation/ Labour cultural institute**, Damascus (1-4 Mars/ 2007).





- General Course on **Occupational safety and Health** in behalf of **Egyptian Trade Union Federation**, Damascus, (15 -18/4/2007).
- Training course on (**sampling and Measuring of air pollutants in workplace**), for labor inspectors in the **institution of social insurance/ Syria**, Damascus (22-24 April /2007).



- Training course on (**Safe and proper management of Chemicals**) in behalf of **Egyptian society of occupational safety and environment development, Damascus (23-26 June/2007).**
- General course on **OSH** in behalf of **Syrian Trade Union federation, Tartous (1 – 3 July /2007).**



Education and Publishing

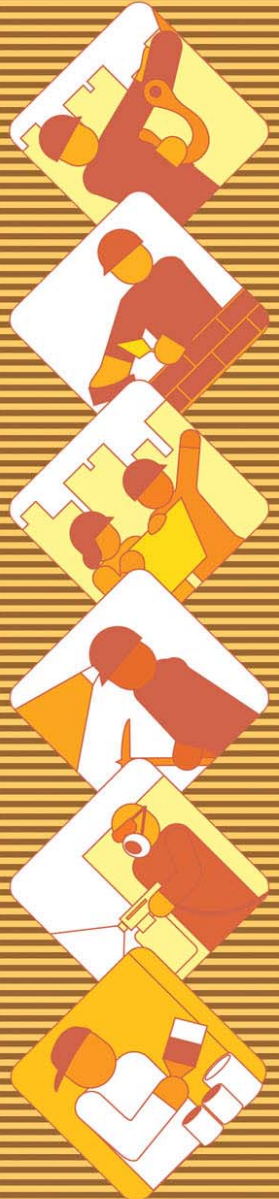
- Our institute plays a major role in enriching the Arab library with many publications in various fields of OSH, by means of:
 - **Producing** a lot of books, guides and periodicals depending on deliberate scientific bases using related international references (**total 92 publications**).
 - **Translating** many books of ILO into Arabic language (**total 12 publications**).
- It makes its publications accessible **free** to all interested bodies in the Arab countries.





Some produced guides

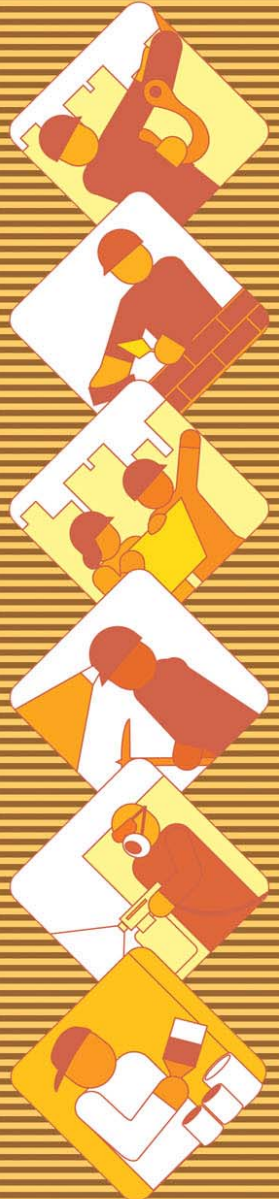
- ★ Hazardous Chemical Substances (classification, identification and labeling)/1998.
- ★ Statistics of Occupational Accidents and Diseases/1998.
- ★ Limits and Indices of Occupational Hazards/1999.
- ★ Major Industrial Accidents/1999.
- ★ Arab list of Occupational Diseases/2000.

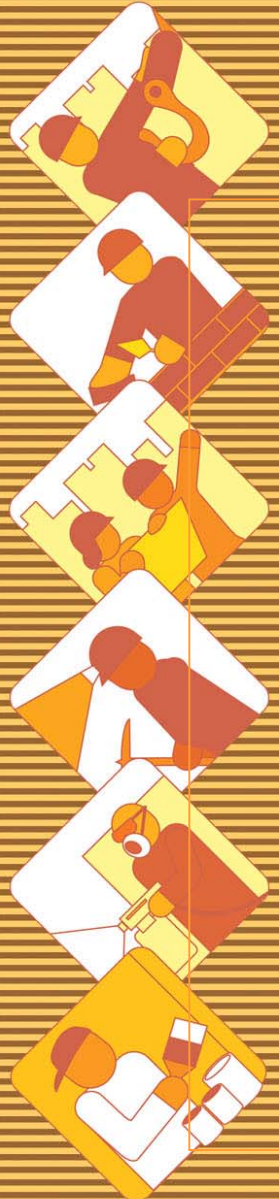




Produced Guides (2007)

- Environmental Monitoring in the Workplace
- Biological Monitoring
- OSH in Waste water systems



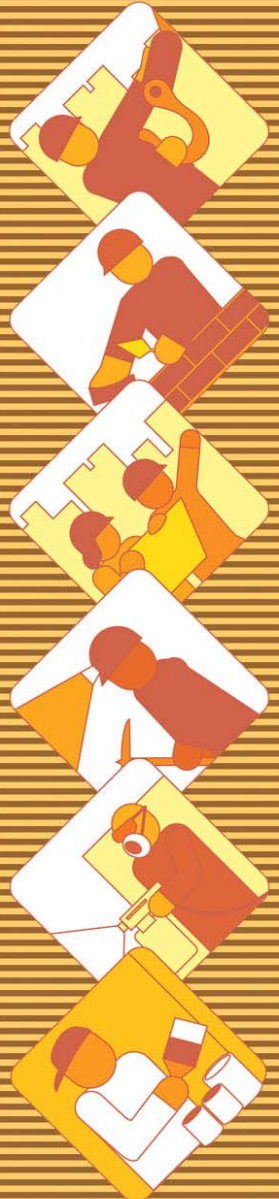


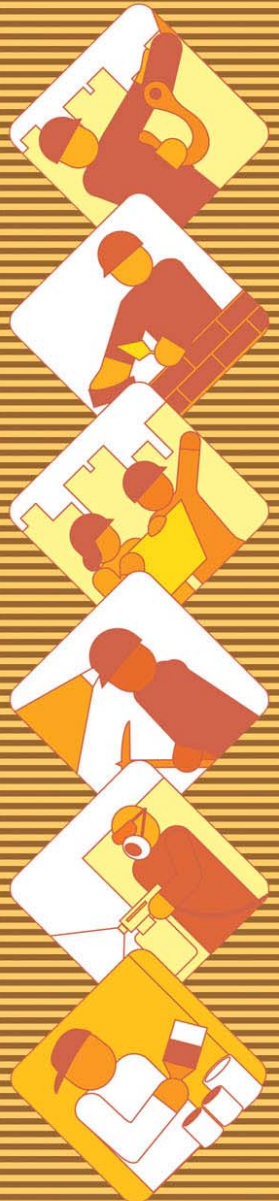
The Institute has developed this year **draft of the Arab law for OSH** based on the principles of the Arab policy for OSH.



Translated Publications

- ★ The Use of Lasers in the Workplace/1996.
- ★ Protection of workers from power frequency electric and magnetic fields/1997.
- ★ Visual Display Units: Radiation Protection Guidance/1998.
- ★ Ergonomic Checkpoints/2000.
- ★ Safety in the use of Radiofrequency Dielectric Heaters and Sealers/2001.
- ★ Safety in the use of mineral and synthetic fibres/2002.






- ★ Occupational Lung Diseases: Prevention and Control/2002.
- ★ Safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glass wool, rock wool, slag wool)/2003.
- ★ Alcohol and Drug Problems at Work/2005.
- ★ Safety and health in the nonferrous metals industries/2005.
- ★ Occupational Cancer: prevention and control/2006.
- ★ Ambient factors in the workplace/2006.



Translated Publications (2007)

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- Toxicology
 - Using, Storing and Transporting Chemicals

(Chapters 33 and 61 from the ILO Encyclopaedia of OSH, 4th edition).



Produced posters (2007)

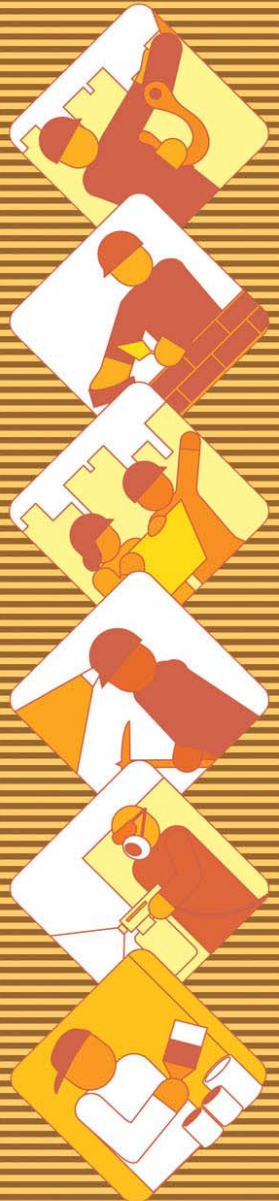
The Institute has produced this year (2007) *five educational posters* dealing with different topics in OSH.





Technical support and advice

The institute, within its available capacities, is always willing to grant technical advice to all parties and bodies concerned with OSH issues in The Arab Countries.

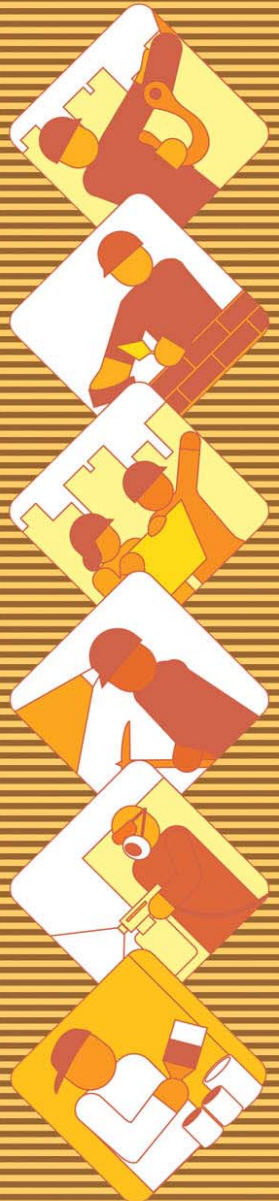




Technical support (2007)

The Institute has contributed this year (2007) in developing **eight draft resolutions on OSH** in behalf of **Ministry of Labor in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, regarding following topics:

- Rules and provisions of OSH.
- Medical care services for workers.
- Residences for workers in distant places.





- Identifying major hazards establishments.
- Preventing major hazards in establishments.
- Medical Examinations for Miners.
- Precautionary measures and rescue tools in mines.
- Regulation of women work.




Collaboration and Coordination

- ★ The institute has good relations with the following concerned bodies:
 - **Arab national centres** for OSH.
 - **NOG** in Arab countries.
 - **Arab, regional and international organizations** interested in general and working environment (**ILO**, **WHO**, **UNEP**).
- ★ We will make every effort to promote these relations in the interest of common goals.





Mutual Activities with ILO

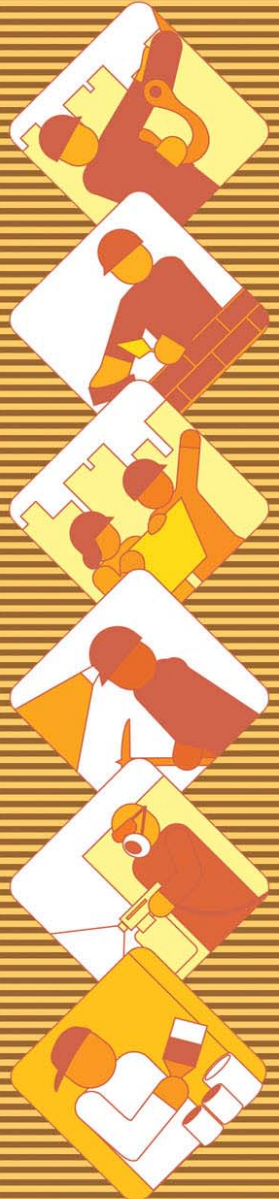


- Arab workshop on (**Child Labour: Hazards and Prevention**), held in collaboration with ILO (**IPEC**), Damascus (3 – 5 September/ 2007).

- Arab workshop on (**Major Accidents**), intended to be held in Damascus, (October 2007).



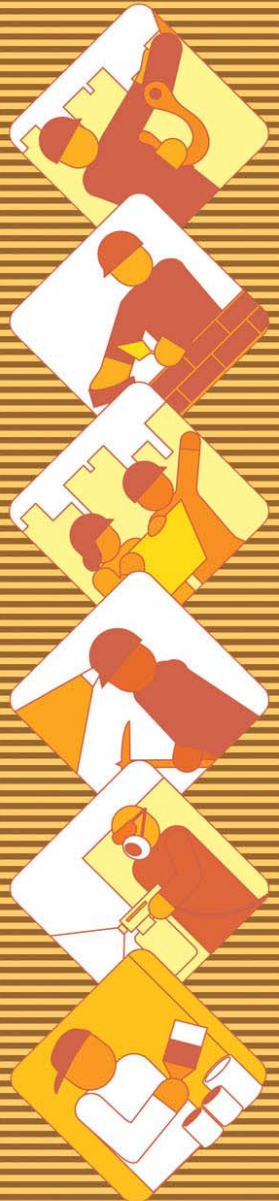
- Regional workshop on (**OSH Services Management in the Arab Countries**), planned to be held in collaboration with ILO's Regional office in Beirut (Damascus, 18 – 20 November/2007).
- First **Regional Meeting of CIS Centers in Arab Region**, planned to be held in damascus on 21 and 22 November/2007.





*Mutual Activities with **UNEP***

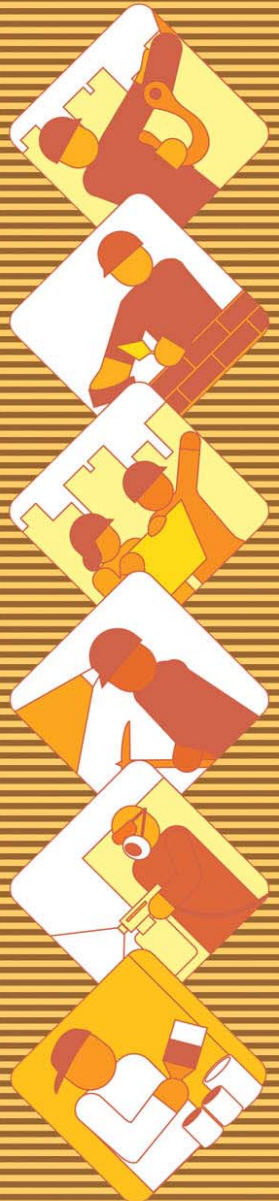
- Regional Workshop on (**Medical Wastes Management**), held in collaboration with **UNEP/ ROWA** in Bahrain (Damascus 7-9 January 2007).
- Arab Conference on (**Environment Pollution and Human Health**), held in Bahrain (20-21 Feb/ 2007).





Worth mentioning

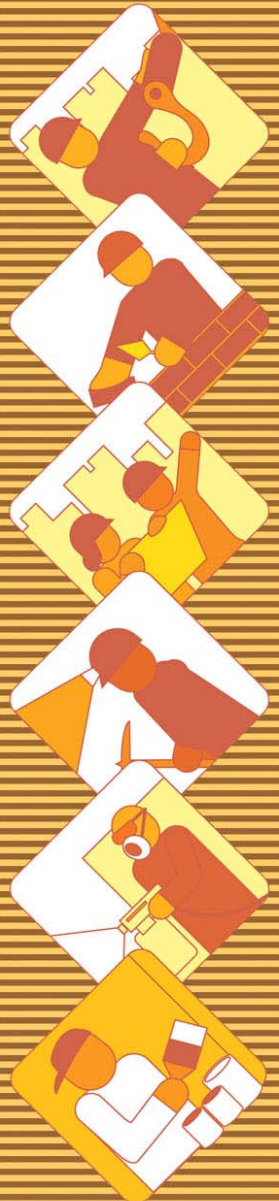
It is planned to hold The third Arab Conference on (**Protection of Working Environment**), in Bahrain Kingdom in collaboration with **Labor Ministry in Bahrain** (13 – 15 December/2007).





Proposals

- Facilitating the **exchange of information** between CIS Centers and making a proper way by which they can gain access to all required information.
- Attempt to providing **interpretation into Arab Language** in Annual CIS Meetings in order to promote large participation of Arab CIS Centers.
- Motivation the powerful International OSH Centers to provide **Technical Support to the Arab Centers.**





Thank you