



Arab Labor Organization

Arab Institute For Occupational Safety and Health Damascus

Regional CIS Centre

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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.





Training course on (*Measurement of Heat at workplace*) Damascus 26-29 May 2009







Other Training Courses/2009



★ **OSH in the refineries.**

★ **OSH in waste water treatment.**

★ **The role of trade union in activation of international OSH conventions.**



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 104 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.**
- **Environmental Monitoring in the Workplace 2007**
- **Biological Monitoring 2007**
- **OSH in Waste water systems 2007**





Produced Guides 2009



★ **Safety Colors and Signs.**



★ **Stress at Workplace.**



★ **Occupational poisoning/ Lead and Compounds.**





منظمة العمل العربية
المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية
دمشق

الحوادث الصناعية الكبرى



(دليل استرشادي)

منشورات المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية
دمشق 1999



منظمة العمل العربية
المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية
دمشق

المواد الكيميائية الخطرة والضارة بالصحة

- تصنيف
- تعريف
- كثافة

(دليل استرشادي)

منشورات المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية
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معايير ومعايير ومؤشرات
التعرض المهني

(دليل استرشادي)
1999



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دمشق

الدليل العربي الاسترشادي لجدول الأمراض المهنية

منشورات المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية
دمشق 2002



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)

A vertical strip of six diamond-shaped icons on the left side of the slide, each depicting a different occupational safety and health hazard: a worker with a crane, a worker with a brick wall, a worker with a hammer, a worker with a saw, a worker with a power drill, and a worker with a hammer and nails.

- Toxicology

- Using, Storing and Transporting
Chemicals

- Vibration

**(Chapters 33, 61, 50 from the ILO
Encyclopaedia of OSH, 4th edition).**



Produced posters

★ The Institute produces annually **educational posters** dealing with different topics in OSH.



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مواد سامة



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مواد مشتعلة

منظمة العمل العربية - المعهد العربي للصحة والسلامة المهنية بدمشق



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مواد متفجرة

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والعيون والرأس

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يجب ارتداء
قبعة قاسية (صلبة)

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سقوط الأشياء

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إشعاع غير مؤين

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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.





Collaboration and Coordination

- ★ The institute has good relations with the following concerned bodies:
 - Arab national centres for OSH.
 - NGO 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.





Co-organized Activities



★ Workshop on Safe Management of Chemicals, Damascus 23-26 November 2009, (**OSH Arab Institute and UNEP**).

★ Workshop on the environmental and health ramifications of the implementation of MEAs, SAICM and other relevant systems of hazardous chemicals and waste in the Arab Region, to be held in Damascus 26-29 October 2009, (**Arab League, UNEP, ISESCO, ILO and OSH Arab Institute**).



منظمة العمل العربية



اللجنة العليا للسلامة
والصحة المهنية



مملكة البحرين
وزارة العمل

المؤتمر العربي الثالث للسلامة والصحة المهنية 2008



**The 3rd Arab Conference of OSH
(4-6 November 2008)**

**Towards OSH Enhancement Culture
Manama- Kingdom of Bahrain**

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 Third Arab Conference of Occupational Safety and Health
(Towards Occupational Safety and Health Enhancement Culture)
 (4-6 November 2008)
 Bahrain Conference Center - Crown Plaza Hotel

3. **الممارسات Practices**: ان فرصة ممارسة ما يتم تعلمه سيسهل التعلم فمثلا عند تعلم المهارات المتعلقة بالتركيب الصحيح لجهاز التنفس المحمول شخصيا فيجب ان يسمح للمتعلمين من التعرف عليه بأنفسهم.

4. **العلاقة بالتجربة العملية Relationship to practical experience**: يكون التعلم سهلا متى استطاعت مواد التدريب التعليمية وبسهولة من الارتباط بتجربة الأفراد المعنيين بالبرنامج. أي كلما كانت الامثلة المستعملة، قدر الامكان، مرتبطة بالعمليات الصناعية المعروفة من قبل هؤلاء الأفراد كان الامر المحصل



رئيسة
 صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن سلمان آل خليفة
 رئيس الوزراء الموقر



تنظم وزارة العمل بالتعاون مع منظمة العمل العربية المؤتمر العربي الثالث للسلامة والصحة المهنية
(نحو الارتقاء بالسلامة والصحة المهنية)
 ٦-٤ نوفمبر ٢٠٠٨
 مركز البحرين للمؤتمرات - فندق كراون بلازا





(4-6 November 2008)

Bahrain Conference Center - Crown Plaza Hotel



Safety and Health





**CIS Centres Regional Meeting in the Arab
States*

Damascus, Syria (21-22 November 2007)





Ibrah m Beit El Mal
Director
WHO-Syria

Dr. Sameera Al-Fuwajje
Director SAFEWORK
ILO

Dr. Mahmoud Ibrahim
Director
OSH Institute ALO

Dr. Ahmad Khalaf
Director for Workers' Health
ILO









The objectives of the Meeting were to:



★ Strengthen constituents' capacity in accessing, producing and disseminating /exchanging OSH information at the national and regional level.

★ Emphasize the importance of the creation and development of National CIS Centres in those Arab Countries that do not have one at *present*.

★ Enlarge the CIS Centres network and reinforce national and regional capacities in efficiently producing and using OSH information.

The Participants



The Meeting was attended by representatives of the Labour Ministries/OSH Departments or Heads of CIS Centres from the Arab States. Thirty (30) participants from 17 countries (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen) attended the Meeting.





Opening Speeches

The Meeting was opened by Mr Khalaf Alabdulla, Director-General of Syrian Social Insurance Institution, Dr Sameera Al-Tuwaijri, Director of ILO-SafeWork and Dr Mahmoud Ibrahim, Director of the OSH Arab Institute (ALO).





The opening speeches focused on the active role of CIS in increasing the effectiveness of OSH knowledge management in the world by pooling the experience and information resources of National OSH information Centres. They also focused on the role of the OSH Arab Institute as a Regional Centre in the Arab region, which has the same objectives as CIS.



The first session dealt with the original role and traditional activities of CIS. The presentation by Ms Annick Virot (CIS Centres Coordinator) discussed the requirements needed to establish a CIS Centre, focusing on the differences between National and Collaborating Centres.





my presentation on the OSH Arab Institute (Regional Centre) stressed that being a Regional Centre imposed additional responsibilities towards CIS Centres in the Arab region, and required more effort. It also required the establishment of a well-designed and functional Website, in order to enable the Regional Centre to fully play its role as a Regional information Centre.

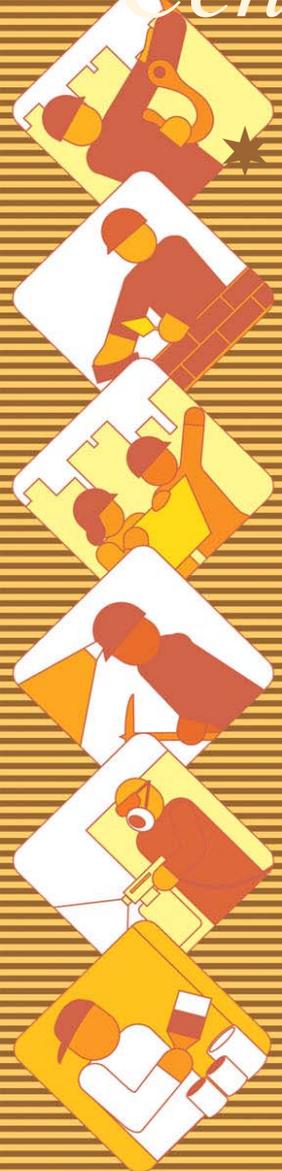




Presentations by some CIS

Centres

★ The second session was designed for presentations by existing CIS Centres. Such presentations were made by the representatives of National CIS Centres in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. They focused on their main activities as information Centres, as well as their OSH services at the national level. The contact person in charge of the Collaborating Centre in Yemen showed his Centre's experience, and underlined its educational role through its training activities and its publications.





Work Groups



★ Following these presentations, countries were divided into two working groups to discuss the following subjects:

★ Setting up a CIS Centre.

★ ILO world-wide Web resources.

★ Networking.

★ Developing a collaborative strategy



Recommendations

- The Second CIS *Centres* Regional Meeting in the Arab Region would be hosted by the OSH High Institute in Libya in November 2008.
- CIS National or Collaborating Centres will be set up in some Arab States. Primary candidates are: Libya, Saudi Arabia, Iraq (National Centre) and Bahrain (Collaborating Centre).





- A Website for the OSH Arab Institute of the ALO (Damascus) will be set up. This site will be a powerful tool to link existing CIS National or Collaborating Centres in the Arab Region and with the rest of the world, as well as allow efficient information exchange and retrieval in the Region. It will also avoid duplication of work.





- Appropriate OSH information will be shared on a regular basis with all relevant parties. Such exchange will enable governments, workers and employers to have access to practical solutions for workplace problems. Typical information that can be shared is legislation or training material, as well as information on National OSH institutions (CIS collaborative database).





- ★ - A suitable database in Arabic will be set up. This database will contain information on OSH services and indicators, with a strong component on statistics of work-related accidents and diseases.
- ★ - New members of CIS Centres will be exempted from paying fees for CISDOC-TEXT, during the first year.



- ILO-SafeWork/CIS will provide assistance to CIS Centres in order to promote the establishment of National or Collaborating Centres, for example, by sending these Centres free ILO publications. It will also use its good offices to encourage easy and free access to all information in the field of OSH on the sites of other National Centres around the world.





★ - The importance of updating and developing the *ILO-OSH Encyclopaedia* is recognized and CIS Centres are requested to send CIS Headquarters their comments and other input in this regard.

★ - The ILO should provide suitable support to translate the *ILO-OSH Encyclopaedia* into Arabic, because it is a reference publication of high scientific value. The need to make it available to all concerned parties in the Arab States is also stressed.





- The effective role of the ILO in promoting and developing various labour issues in the Arab Region was recognized, including on OSH, as were the good efforts of the OSH Arab Institute in enhancing OSH services in Arab countries.





- The ILO is asked to increase the number of its projects and activities in the Arab Region in order to improve national OSH situation, emphasizing the value of mutual coordination concerning this challenge shared by the ILO and ALO.





Website of the Institute

<http://www.beta.iosh.org>





Thank you