



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

AND

**THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE
ASSOCIATION**

2015

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The National Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health (NIOEH) and The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) agree to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of scientific cooperation in the field of occupational and environmental health as follows:

I. Purpose:

The overall goal of this collaboration is to strengthen the occupational and environmental health capabilities of NIOEH in the areas of research, participatory trainings, exchange of information on occupational safety health issues and producing educational material in collaboration with the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

II. Objectives:

1. Organize joint conferences on occupational health and safety in Vietnam to which AIHA will, minimally, provide use of its name and/or logo and input to program development; official representation to be sent on "as able" basis.
2. Bilateral participation in conferences. AIHA will help promote, find speakers and send delegates as feasible.
3. Provide assistance for conference presenters - subject to abstract approval. AIHA will assist in issuing invitation letters and provides a discounted registration rate for conference attendees as per international developing nation's list.
4. Exchange knowledge on occupational and environmental health and safety issues.
5. Join research and publication of occupation health studies. As applicable, AIHA will assist and connect NIOEH to different agencies or association members who are working or doing research in these fields.
6. Share, consult or mentor on exposure limit settings, adoption and development. This will be carried out by volunteer members.
7. Coordinate or introduce affiliated group members to work with NIOEH to provide updated information/knowledge via publications, trainings and workshops to deal with the health and safety challenges including:
 - Indoor air quality assessment (sick building syndrome, building related illnesses, second-hand tobacco smoke)
 - Evaluating and controlling environmental lead exposure
 - Occupational disease prevention (cancer and non-communicable diseases)
 - Radiation effects (electromagnetic fields, microwaves)
 - Hazardous waste management
 - Ergonomics
 - Worker's compensation laws
 - Heat and cold stress prevention

III. Scope

The parties agree that the areas of cooperation covered by this MOU shall be determined mutually by the parties and may include the following:

1. Jointly organize and conduct training courses in NIOEH – Vietnam – AIHA to provide, at a minimum, input to program development and assistance in locating subject matter experts to present; note that AIHA will likely be unable to cover costs associated with training, including expert travel, etc.
2. Promote exchange of scientists for specific training and research projects
3. Publish research findings in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals, assuming findings are approved through usual approval processes.
4. Exchange research information on newly emerging or re-emerging occupational health concerns.
5. Assist NIOEH laboratories in starting the AIHA accreditation process and Quality Assurance procedures (IHLAP and ELLAP accreditation designations) for laboratories performing chemical analysis of industrial hygiene and environmental samples.

IV. Contact points:

AIHA and NIOEH shall respectively designate a contact point for liaison and coordination of the cooperation.

V. Financial Responsibility

AIHA and NIOEH will be responsible for their own respective travel and personnel costs as well as any other incidental costs incurred in conducting the collaborative efforts. If there are joint projects in fields of mutual interest, the financial provisions for these projects will be defined separately.

VI. Implementation period:

This agreement will be valid for three (3) years starting from the day it is signed by the leaders of the cooperating parties.

Toward the end of the first implementation period (during the third year), a progress review meeting will be organized to evaluate the implementation of collaboration, and to guide the preparation of the next Collaborative Agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of:

**The American Industrial Hygiene
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