Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)  
between  
the Southern African Institute for Occupational Hygiene (SAIOH)  
and  
the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS)

SAIOH and BOHS exchange this MOU with the aim of establishing a collaborative partnership between the two entities, which would encompass technical cooperation in a number of activity areas within the field of occupational hygiene, for example:

- Exchange of scientific information and publications i.e. making the SAIOH OHSA Journal available to BOHS electronically, as and when published, and welcoming BOHS submissions.

BOHS offers reduced price access to its research journal to SAIOH members via the 'International Partners' (IP) agreement.

- Cross-referencing and sharing of news articles and other on-line material, including free access articles from the official BOHS scientific journal, Annals of Occupational Hygiene.

- Mutual sharing of, and occasional inclusion in, the respective institutional / association newsletters.

- Agreement to display the institutional / association logos on the websites of the respective institution / association, with an electronic link to the respective entities.

- A request from SAIOH for BOHS to include information about SAIOH conferences on the BOHS page dedicated to conferences with international interest; SAIOH, in turn, will do the same for BOHS.

- Exchange of information as related to technical programmes in fields of mutual interest, e.g. worker exposure to crystalline silica and chemicals during hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), as this process of accessing oil and gas from shale formations has increased substantially in the past 10 years, and is in the initial stages in South Africa. e.g. BOHS ‘Breathe Freely’ campaign materials relating to respiratory disease prevention in the construction industry.

- Identification of occupational hygiene initiatives (e.g. practical occupational hygiene / occupational safety and health approaches in construction) which may lend themselves to joint collaboration between the two organisations, such as training courses, seminars, and conferences, where workplace safety and health are proactively addressed. Any potential initiatives are to be justified on a case by case basis.

- Identification of opportunities for transferring and promoting knowledge and findings in the field of occupational safety and health.
• Potential for the development of an exchange programme for visits by scientific personnel to the sites of the respective entities, with the ultimate aim of building capacity and expertise in occupational hygiene. The funding of any such activities would be the responsibility of the scientific personnel and/or their employers, and would be justified on a case by case basis. Currently, SAIOH builds capacity in occupational hygiene mainly by means of the following:
  o Hosting annual conferences on a national level
  o Co-ordinating the presentation of international occupational hygiene training through the OHlearning initiative
  o Hosting technical workshops in regions throughout South Africa where the latest occupational hygiene topics of interest such as nanotechnology are presented and discussed.

• The financial provisions, if and when required, for any areas of collaboration as detailed above, will need to be agreed upon by both BOHS and SAIOH, on a case by case basis.

Signed on behalf of the Southern African Institute for Occupational Hygiene (SAIOH)

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Date 03/02/2016

Signed on behalf of the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS)

Dr Adrian Hirst
President

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