The Newly Established “AIA Forum”
A new dawn for OH in SA

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History of the OH AIA

- **Initialised during mid 1980s**
  - Initiative of Tim Curtis from the DoM, due to technical and manpower shortages
  - AIAs to be an “extension” of the DoM and reports produced to be legal document that could be used in a court of law as evidence.

- **Pre 1993 (MOS Act; Act 6 of 1983)**
  - Mandatory services of the AIA included in certain Regulations
  - First AIAs certified – corporate and private
  - Information Brochure 1
  - DoM/AIA committee established
  - Formal SABS 0259 certification imposed on AIAs – which failed (withdrawn)
History of the OH AIA

- **Post 1993 (OHS Act; Act 85 of 1993)**
  - More AIAs certified under DoL
  - Amendment of Information Brochure on OH AIAs
    - Stricter/better defined specifications and requirements
    - All OH AIA Personnel to be registered with professional certification body (IOHSA that now became SAIOH)
History of the OH AIA

- The Dark Ages 2000 - 2013
  - Many more AIAs certified under DoL
  - Price and Turf wars
  - No unity – every AIA for himself
    - Lets be honest – it was a bit chaotic
  - SAIOH became the “representative” for the OH AIA at DoL Liaisons forums
History of the OH AIA

The darkness before the New Dawn – 2012 to 2015
- DoL unilaterally imposed SANS/ISO 17020 accreditation on all OH AIAs to be implemented by September 2014
- Catching OH AIAs by surprise
- No unity, no unified approach, panic and chaos – every AIA goes and invents his own wheel
- And DoL/SANAS only speaks to SAIOH
Establishment of “AIA Forum”

• The New Dawn – 2015 to today
  ➢ Realisation that AIAs must become organized – fist attempts not gaining traction
  ➢ Finally!
    ✓ First Official “AIA Forum” Meeting on 26th February 2016 – Overwhelming interest was confirmed and broad purpose and objectives of the Forum were discussed (physically attended by 28 AIAs).
    ✓ AIAs were encouraged to officially join the “forum” at R1,500.00 per AIA
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- Second Official “AIA Forum” Meeting on 15th July 2016:
  - Announced that a Non Profit Company will be registered – confirmation that we are serious.
  - 3 Directors were appointed (PvD, DvdH, JvR)
  - Received more insight into the SANAS accreditation process, requirements and rules
Establishment of “OHAIA Association”

“AIA Forum” Board met on 8 September 2016:

- Registration of NPC “Association for Occupational Hygiene Approved Inspection Authorities”
- Elected a 4th Director (JDR B)
- Draft Documents:
  - MOI
  - Membership Registration Requirements/Rules and Registration Process
  - Membership Application Form
  - Mission
  - Vision
  - MOU
Establishment of “OHAIA Association”
The main objective of the *Association for Occupational Hygiene Approved Inspection Authorities* is to promote, represent and protect the interest of Occupational Hygiene Approved Inspection Authorities.
The “OHAIA Association” shall:

- Provide a supportive platform for all Types of Occupational Hygiene AIAs at all levels, for sharing information, challenges and experiences;
- Stay abreast of and disseminate information on the latest advances in the field of Occupational Hygiene, including changes or proposed changes in legislation and other standards;
- Constructively engage with governmental departments and non-governmental organisations that may have an interest in or impact on Occupational Hygiene and Occupational Hygiene Inspection Services;
- Constructively engage with any other organisation that could affect the Occupational Hygiene AIA, its roles and function;
The “OHAIA Association” shall:

- Network with other professional bodies in the field Occupational Health and Safety;
- Expect from its members to comply with statutory requirements and standards, as far as the mandatory functions and duties of Occupational Hygiene AIAs are concerned as well as compliance with the DoL Requirements for Approved Inspection Authorities;
- Require from members to comply and adhere to the rules of the Association;
- To provide meaningful input and constructive comments on policies, instructions, rules and legislation imposed by governing bodies such as DoL, SANAS and SAIOH, that may affect the AIA, its employees and the Industry it serves;
The “OHAIA Association” shall:

- To actively participate in drafting of OH related policies, instructions, rules and legislation;
- To seek formal recognition, collaborate and regularly meet with all parties with a mutual interest in OH and/or governing any aspect of OH, or providing OH and related services;
- Convene regular meetings with all its members to address current issues;
- To grow membership and to anticipate and inform members regarding developments and technical matters that may affect AIAs and the OH service industry and to respond on behalf of the Association’s members;
- To act on behalf of members with reporting or discussion of grievances raised by members, governmental departments and non-governmental organisations that may have an interest in or impact on Occupational Hygiene and Occupational Hygiene Inspection Services.
OHAIA Association – Future Actions:

- Finalize registration of the NPC with the CIPC/DTI (and also NPO with DSOCDEV, and PBO with SARS)
- A meeting with registered members will be scheduled soon, to officially adopt the MOI
- Develop a Website
- Start (rather continue) working for and on behalf of the OH AIAs

But:
OHAIA Association – Future Actions:

• We need your support!

Every OH AIA should become a member

- Registration Fee for 2016 is capped at R1,500.00 per AIA and you will pay NO Membership fee for 2016

- Annual Membership fees will only be levied from 2017 onwards.
Contact the OHAIA Association:

- Membership Application Forms can be requested from and general enquiries directed to:

  aiaforum1@gmail.com

Also if you want to enquire about the banking details should you feel the urge to make a cash donation, for Tax incentive purposes