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Professional, Ethical and Effective Labour Inspection Worldwide:
Regional Alliances and Partnership

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What is IALI?

The International Association of Labour Inspection is the global professional association for labour inspection.

www.IALI-AllIT.org
120 members representing more than 100 member countries
Ratio Economically Active Population per Inspector

One inspector per number of workers

Industrial countries
Transition countries
MENA
Asia and the Pacific
Latin America
Sub-Saharan Africa

Source: Albracht; ILO 2006
IALI’s Action Plan for the Future - objectives -

1. IALI the professional association
2. IALI as influencer
3. IALI as partner
4. IALI as catalyst
5. IALI as facilitator and communicator
6. IALI as source of technical expertise
Three fundamental rules for a Labour Inspection system to be effective

1. **Effective Labour inspection systems need to be firmly attached to and strongly influence, the legislative and policy environment of their Ministry or Parliament.** Any disconnect between policy development and operational implementation will severely limit the effectiveness of the Labour Inspector.

2. **Developing robust systems for collection of data and recording and measuring inspector activities is fundamental to developing a sound strategic approach to Labour Inspection.**

Source: Michele Patterson
Three fundamental rules (cont):

3. **Credibility of the Labour Inspector arises from an ethical basis of operation.** The Labour Inspector and the Labour Inspection authority must demonstrate commitment to a code of ethics/integrity.
New Regional Sharing initiatives since 2008 – IALI as catalyst

- **September 2008:** *Sofia Agreement* – 13 countries of SE Europe: Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine. Formation of RALI
- **April 2010:** *Tunisia Agreement* - The formation of the *Association of Maghreb Labour Inspection* (North Africa): 5 countries
- **October 2010:** The HaLong Recommendations on *Labour Inspection Cooperation: across the 10 countries of ASEAN*
- **June 2011:** The Moscow Declaration: uniting the Russian Federation, CIS countries and Mongolia
Building Partnership with others

- **Alliances with other professionals:** eg MOU with International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)

- **International employer & worker organisations:** eg BWI, OSHA-Bilbao
Campaign of Labour Inspections in all EU-Member States and Campaign of EFBWW

Starting strong cooperation: Victims org., Labour Inspections, Trade Unions
The resolution adopted with a large majority (558 votes in favour - 51 against)

14th of March 2013. Strasbourg

- On the initiative of S&D Group vice-president Stephen Hughes, the European Parliament called to eradicate asbestos by 2028.
- The resolution calls for the implementation of a co-ordinated EU strategy to remove all asbestos.
- The strategy should include a screening and registration programme for public buildings contaminated by asbestos as well as a roadmap for its removal. It should also address the issue of waste. People should also be better informed about the risk of asbestos contamination in their homes.
- Strong cooperation EFBWW, BHI, Victims groups and IALI preparing the introductory report
Summary of the role of the OHS Inspector and OHS authorities

- **OSH authorities** **ISSUE** licenses and other administrative requirements
- **Labour inspectors** **are RESPONSIBLE** for overseeing all the practical compliance requirements
- **Only Labour Inspectors can ENFORCE** practical compliance with the ban on asbestos and the management of in-situ asbestos – preventing asbestos exposures
Summary of the role of the OHS Inspector and OHS authorities

• **COMPLIANCE** with OHS Law is ensured by Labour Inspectors who have responsibility for OHS (now ‘WHS’ in Australia)

• **OHS authorities** **DEVELOP** the standards in tripartite forums together with Australia’s employers and unions

• **OHS authorities** **LEAD** the coordination of whole-of-government approaches eg Asbestos Safety Action Plans
National Asbestos Guidelines, Rules and Code of Practice

France

Germany
National Asbestos Regulations, Codes and Guidance
Australia

Asbestos Code of Practice
For the Safe Removal of Asbestos

Asbestos Code of Practice
And Guidance
An Introduction

Asbestos Code of Practice
For the Management and Control of Asbestos
In the Workplace
(NoHSC: 2018 (2005))

Guidance Note
On the Membrane Filter Method for Estimating Airborne Asbestos Fibres
2nd Edition (NoHSC: 3003 (2005))
More workers die as a result of asbestos than as a result of work-related accidents.

But: recognition is refused in 80% of cases!!

2010: 3,7665 cases recorded, 721 were recognised and only 643 compensated

Source: Prof. Woitowitz
Global Ban of Asbestos

• „The soft-phasing out of asbestos is taking too long, is causing too much damage to health and too much suffering among those affected and is costing too much money. This soft transition must be replaced by an emergency brake, in other words a global ban on asbestos production and use.“

Heide Pfarr, Minister of State Hessen:in Albracht, „Challanges Asbestos“, 1991
Thank You
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