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ENSHPO-AIAS-IOSH participation in Global Initiative on Safety Health and Well-being (GISHW) at 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo in Japan

For the first time in the 170-year history of World EXPOs, Occupational Safety, Health (OSH) and Well-being will be illuminated on the global stage as a key theme at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo in Japan. Since the “Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations” held in London in 1851, ‘world expositions’ have been held roughly every five years in major cities worldwide with the purpose of demonstrating the latest industrial and technological ingenuity, stunning design and creativity; peace-making and cultural exchange, and the sharing of knowledge and vision. Now, the theme of occupational health, worker safety and well-being has been drawn into

the heart of this occasion. Expo 2025 runs for six months from 13 April to 13 October in Osaka. Its overarching theme is designing a future society for our lives. The four-day OSH programme of events happens midway through, from 16 to 19 July 2025, at various locations on and around the expo site. The European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations (ENSHPO), with the support of its member organisations AIAS and the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), is delighted to be joining with representatives from around the globe to represent the profession, the professionals and the wider world of work.



All with a common goal to build a socially sustainable future society for all

Following the success of a Vision Zero Summit in Japan in May 2022, host organisation, the Institute of Global Safety Promotion (IGSAP), called for safety, health and well-being to be part of plans for Japan's World Expo 2025. This call to action was acknowledged and accepted by the profession with ENSHPO, alongside IOSH and IGSAP, the International Occupational Risk Prevention (ORP) Foundation and others joining to form the Global Initiative on Safety Health and Well-being (GISHW) at Expo 2025 and beyond.

GISHW members have a joint aim 'to improve the quality of work and life for the more than 8 million inhabitants of our planet'. Activity focuses on developing a programme of symposia for global OSH decision-makers, experts, scholars, professionals and individuals to learn and exchange the latest knowledge, ideas and perspectives, and public exhibitions and events. During the four days of the GISHW initiative in Osaka, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a Leaders Summit, a World Assembly, an Youth Congress (organised by the International Labour Organisation, ILO), an International Symposium, a Festival, an Exhibition and a Standardisation Forum. ENSHPO is aligning with global partners in the staging of the two-day World Assembly for OSH, HR and related communities, alongside contributing in other ways by running sessions across the Symposium. Activity will focus on:

- Leading an engaging World Assembly session on **OSH and Sustainability**. Bringing global thought leaders and professionals together to discuss alignment and differences; metrics and reporting. Delegates will be encouraged to develop their own understanding and highlight areas still needing focus to advance the profession.

- Co-organising a workshop with the International Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations (INSHPO) discussing **how the OSH profession is transforming with a keen focus on competency needs and cooperation**.

- Hosting a panel discussion on **the present and future of OSH professionals**, highlighting the challenges that employees and employers need to consider in the face of digitisation, sustainability, changes to policies and guidelines and the ever increasing need for reporting and transparency.

Established in 2001 under the umbrella of the European Agency for Health and Safety at Work (EU-OSHA), ENSHPO has played a vital role in bringing the voice of OSH professionals to the table, fostering cooperation across the region and promoting Safety, Health and Environment protection at work with decision makers and regulators.

For the GISHW initiative, ENSHPO is perfectly placed to be a leading voice due to the experience and expertise represented across its 16 member organisations and network of sponsors and supporters.



President of ENSHPO, Francesco Santi, comments

ENSHPO is proud to be an active partner in the GISHW initiative and play a key part in turning the focus of the world onto the safety of working people.

The theme of our symposium event is on the challenges and opportunities that workers and organisations are facing in this ever changing world and we will discuss how it is necessary for professionals to continuously update their experience, competencies and responsibilities and how individuals, workplaces, job roles and organisational structures may need to change to reflect the new world of work.

I am delighted I will be joined by Katerina Marozava (AIAS), Alfredo Tommasone (Hitachi Rail STS) and Anar Malikov (TCS).

For more details on the GISHW initiative at EXPO 2025 and beyond, visit

GISHW - Global Initiative for Safety, Health & Well-being