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SAIOH – What's in it for me!

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- OHASA was established (1983) to promote the awareness of occupational hygiene as a discipline
- IOHSA was established (1993) to register occupational hygienists who meet appropriate standards of education and practical experience
- SAIOH (2000)



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- Occ. Hygiene Assistant – 301
- Occ. Hygiene Technologist – 91
- Occ. Hygienist – 146
- Members – 17

Total - 555



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SAIOH – What's in it for me

- Promotes the interests of occupational hygiene as a discipline or profession
 - Occupational Health Journal
 - National Safety Magazine

- Looks after the interest of its members

- Represent its members at various forums
 - Department of Labour
 - Department of Mineral Resources
 - DPSA
 - SA Bureau of Standards
 - Standards Generating Body for Occ. Health and Safety under SAQA
 - Etc.



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SAIOH – What's in it for me

- Takes up complaints from members about poor service delivery of government departments and organisations and vice versa
- Instrumental in establishment of the Approved Inspection Authority system
- Assist the Department of Labour in mentoring the members and ensuring high standards of practice



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SAIOH – What's in it for me

- Obtained international recognition of professional registration scheme (member of IOHA) which in its turn is recognised by the ILO and WHO
 - IOHA Newsletter

- Access to OHTA learning modules (www.ohlearning.com)

- Established a number of branches to facilitate closer involvement by members
 - Gauteng
 - Mpumalanga
 - Central
 - KZN
 - Cape West



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SAIOH – What's in it for me

- Arrange workshops and conferences to enhance the skills of occupational hygiene practitioners
 - Safeconex
 - SAIOH Annual Conference
 - Technical trips

- Annual Recognition to members

- Established a website that is used to promote SAIOH and the discipline and as channel of communication to its members and amongst members (www.saioh.co.za)

- Manages the quality control of professional registration of its members through the OHSAP affiliation (Board of Registration for Occupational Hygiene, Safety and Associated Professionals)



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