

About us

The experts committed to the foundation have a long tradition of national and international activities in the OH field, working in a wide variety of academic, professional and educational functions. They showed leadership nationally and internationally in research, development, education and information in occupational health. Projects were completed in many countries in almost all continents, mostly working in international teams and in connection with international organizations such as WHO, ICOH, IOHA and EASOM.



International Advisory Board

The experts decided to join their forces in the new foundation in 2014. As we are a new startup and our working field is often international, we are forming an International Advisory Board to support the initiatives and to develop an international team of experts and institutes.

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**Center of excellence for
occupational health information and
education**



Healthy Work for all



Working conditions and health

Poor working conditions and poor education and information result in high rates of occupational and work-related diseases and injuries, including fatalities, and in low productivity and low work participation rates.

This is true both in high and low income countries. Policies and concrete measures should be in place to reduce the risks and to strengthen the human capacities preventing the losses of lives, health and working capacity, causing poverty for families and communities.



Occupational Health

Professional Occupational Safety and Health organizations and activities are needed to support workers, enterprises and communities in the improvement of working conditions and health.

Work participation of vulnerable groups such as people with chronic medical conditions, may need professional assistance as well.

However, the large majority of workers and enterprises don't have professional aid.

Appropriate online information and referral facilities for complex cases are often missing. In a number of countries well-educated primary and community health care is involved in providing basic forms of occupational health care. In this way primary health care can make the difference in favor of workers' health when experts are absent.

Mission of LDOH

The foundation LDOH, initiative of Dutch experts, has the mission to support the development of education and information facilities for Occupational Safety and Health experts, and for committed primary and community health care professionals and volunteers. So, we will contribute to meet the huge global need for good education, training and information. In this effort we want to join other initiatives in the overarching objective of Universal Health Coverage (WHO).

Strategy

As there is a shortage of well-educated professionals in the world, the foundation will contribute in the development and evaluation of new education and training programs and modern learning and information materials and facilities.

New ICT facilities and social media will give us so far unknown chances. We see it as a challenge to use new online opportunities optimally, often in blended forms: mixed with face-to-face contacts. International and interdisciplinary collaboration in these efforts is a must, given the scarce resources and the common challenges.



Activities

The foundation will start projects and activities to foster the mutual exchange of information, materials and experiences nationally and internationally. Building on existing activities of the committed experts, access will be offered to quality learning materials, tools such as guidelines, and information. Appropriate course programs and learning materials will be developed. The foundation will deliver train-the-trainers courses and will participate in related activities of others.

Collaborations, partners

We cooperate actively with universities, R&D institutes, schools for vocational education and continuous professional development, professional associations, social security bodies, sector and branch organizations, and social partners. Internationally, we collaborate with WHO, ICOH and WONCA, and plan to collaborate with ILO and ISSA. International and interdisciplinary collaboration is not a luxury, it is a must.