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First INSHPO President a familiar face

The first President of the International Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organisations (INSHPO) is a familiar face to IOSH members – as former president of the Institution Paul Faupel CBIol MIBiol MIRM FIOSH RSP has been elected for the prestigious role.

Paul, Cambridgeshire County Council's Health and Safety Adviser, was appointed IOSH president from 2000 – 2002. It was during this time that discussions took place with Eddie Greer, former President of the American Society of Safety Engineers and Jim Allan, former President of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, on the formation of an organisation that would provide a global network for professional bodies representing generalist practitioners in OSH.

INSHPO has since formed and exists to bring together generalist professional safety and health practitioner organisations throughout the world in order to reduce, minimise or eliminate the exposure of humans to risks connected with work activities.

The objectives of INSHPO include promoting and developing the OSH profession throughout the world, promoting the exchange of OSH information among member organisations, encouraging the further development of OSH at a professional level and engaging with other bodies in the field of health and safety in areas of common interest.

On being elected first president of INSHPO, Paul said: "It is a great honour to have been recognised by my international peers in this way. It is a first for IOSH, a first for Cambridgeshire County Council and a personal first for me.

"It is a timely event to have established this network because colleagues in the related professions of Occupational Hygiene, Occupational Health, Ergonomics and Risk Management all have their own international associations.

"The health and safety profession needs to be operating in the same context to establish truly global standards of best practice in the drive to reduce the toll of death, injury, ill health and collateral losses associated with poor health and safety management."

IOSH chief executive, Rob Strange, said: "I'd like to express my warmest congratulations to Paul on receiving this great honour. Paul has played a major role in the establishment of and success of INSHPO and I am sure his appointment into such an important position will ensure INSHPO's continued success.

INSHPO members include:

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), America
Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, Canada
Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention (IFAP), Australia

Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), UK
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health Management (IOSHM), Mauritius
Safety Institute of Australia (SIA), Australia

Membership of INSHPO is open to generalist professional safety and health practitioner organisations throughout the world, but it is not open to individual practitioners.

For further information on INSHPO, please visit its website at www.inshpo.org
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Notes for Editors:

1. Established in 1945 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 2003, IOSH is Europe's leading body for health and safety professionals, representing over 27,000 members. Principally a UK-based body, it also has an increasing international profile, with members in more than 50 countries. An independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Institution regulates and steers the profession, maintaining standards and providing impartial, authoritative guidance on health and safety issues. IOSH provides a centre of excellence for professional standards; promotes awareness of the importance of health, safety and sustainability; advances research and disseminates knowledge; encourages, facilitates and leads communication of information, good practice and expertise; and supports and develops the competence of members.

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