

**Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration between the
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
Department of Health and Human Services
of the United States of America
and the
National Institute for the Insurance against Accidents at Work
of Italy**

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of the United States of America, and the National Institute for the Insurance against Accidents at Work (INAIL), an Italian government entity (collectively, the "Participants") appreciate the importance of research and of new knowledge in preventing work-related diseases and improving workers' health for the benefit of each country's knowledge base. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is based on the common belief that heightened cooperation between the Participants relating to occupational health and safety is expected to contribute to improved individual and mutual needs. The Participants intend to continue the efforts originally initiated in November 2000 and renewed in June 2006 by the Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza del Lavoro (ISPESL)/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention (of which the research functions and staff have been merged into INAIL, according to the Legislative Decree 78/2010 and the Law 122/2010, and whose functions were originally chartered in 1933 and reauthorized in 1965 with the Decree of the President of the Republic 30 June 1965; #1124 'Frame legislation for Workers Compensation') and to continue to cooperate by using their collective efforts and expertise to advance the protection of workers and promote best practices to improve workers' safety and health.

1. Form of Collaboration

Collaboration between the Participants may consist of the following:

- a. Exchanging of information regarding respective national research plans and policies;
- b. Exchanging of information about research programs, good or best practices, and practical solutions;
- c. Conducting coordinated or collaborative research projects in areas of mutual interest;
- d. Organizing or participating in scientific symposia and conferences, and preparing scientific publications;
- e. Jointly conducting research to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions in workplaces to reduce illnesses or injury;

- f. Exchanging of research personnel or other appropriate support staff for capacity building or to conduct research; and
- g. Identification of other areas for mutual or coordinated research projects within the WHO Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers in Occupational Health, as both Participants are Collaborating Centers.

The Participants intend to work together to jointly develop a plan of action and discuss targets for the activities and initiatives covered in this MOC.

2. Liaisons

To facilitate the fulfilment of the intentions in this MOU, the liaisons for the Participants are:

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3. Resources

Each Participant intends to be responsible for its respective travel and personnel costs as well as any other incidental costs associated with the planned collaborative efforts. Nothing in this MOU constitutes a financial obligation or commitment of either Participant. All activities under this MOU are subject to the availability of funds, personnel and other resources. To the extent NIOSH expends funds and participates in activities under this MOU, it plans to do so in accordance with the applicable laws of the United States of America. This MOU is not intended to create obligations under the laws of Italy, the laws of the United States, or international law.

4. Discontinuation

This MOU may be discontinued by either Participant at any time, in which case the discontinuing Participant intends to provide the other Participant ninety (90) days prior written notice of the discontinuation of activities.

5. Modification

This MOU may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of both Participants.

6. Differences

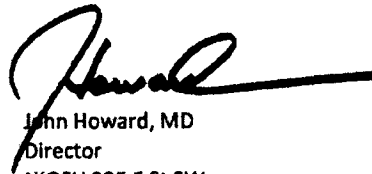
Any difference of opinion between the Participants concerning the interpretation or application of this MOU is expected to be settled by mutual consultation.

This MOU is intended to commence upon signature by both Participants and is expected to continue through December 31, 2021.

Signed in duplicate, in the English language.



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