



Arab Labor Organization

*Arab Institute For
Occupational Safety and Health
Damascus*



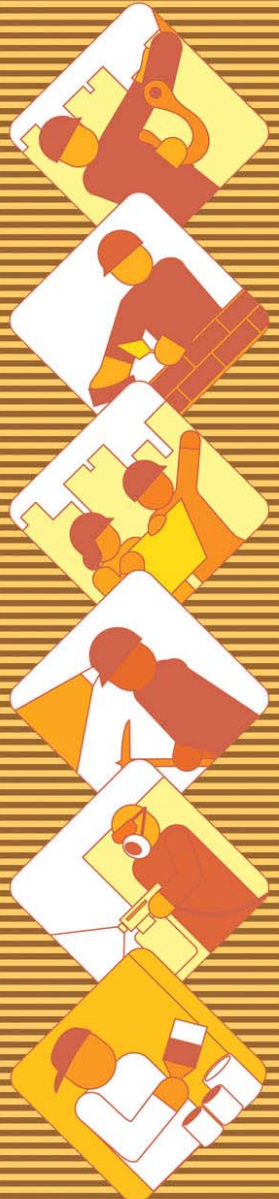


- ★ It is an executive institution subsidiary to the Arab Labor Organization (Arab State League).
- ★ It was established in Damascus/Syrian Arab Republic, in 1983, with the aim of implementing ALO policy in the field of OSH.
- ★ The actual work was started in 1985.



The Goals

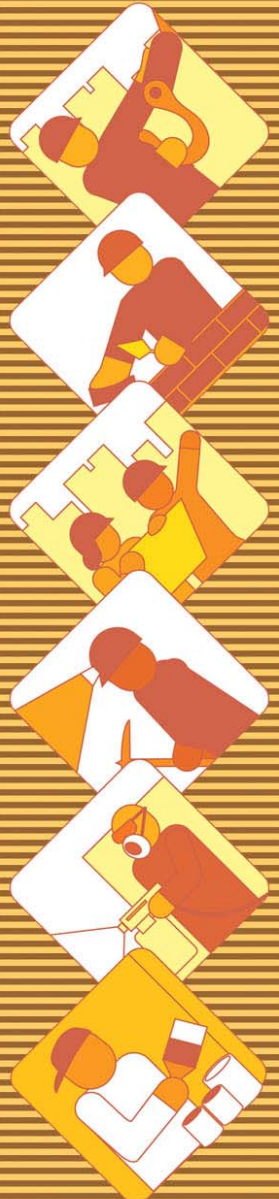
- ★ Promotion of preventive awareness of three labor parties in Arab countries.
- ★ Continuous developing of technical powers for bodies engaged in working environment inspection, in Arab countries.





The Functions

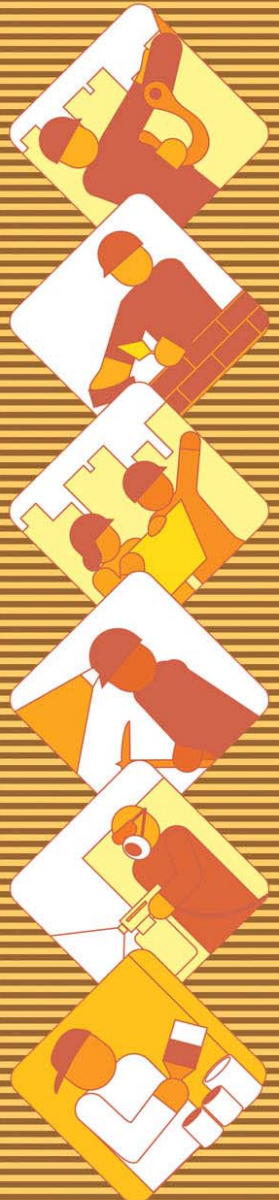
- ★ Training
- ★ Education and publishing
- ★ Technical support and advice
- ★ Collaboration and coordination





Training

- In the light of its annual work plan, the institute carries out many training courses in behalf of three labor parties in Arab countries.
- It has implemented at the last two years about (14) training activities as follows:

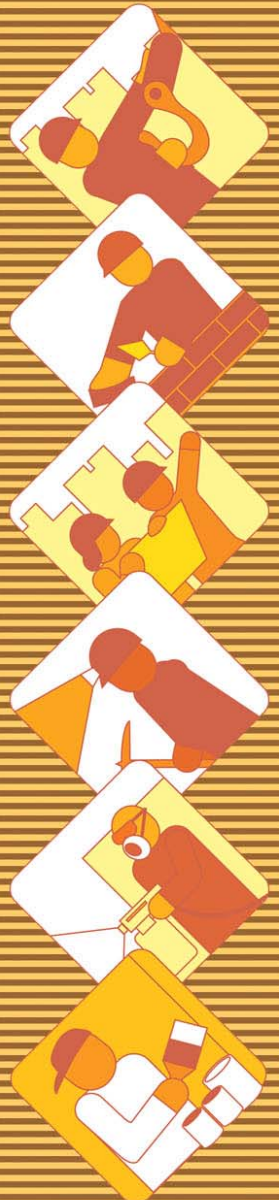




Training courses (2005-2006)

1- on the Arab level:

- ★ Protection of workers against **electrical hazards**, Damascus (5-7/4/2005).
- ★ OSH in the **agricultural sector**, Damascus (20-22/9/2005).
- ★ OSH in the **aviation**, Damascus (20-22/12/2005), held in collaboration with **Arab civil aviation commission**.





- ★ **Radiation:** Hazards and Prevention, Damascus (28-31/5/2006), held in collaboration with Arab atomic energy agency.
- ★ **Engineering hazards** in the workplace, Damascus (4-7/9/2006).



2- On the country level:

- General Course on Occupational safety and Health in behalf of Kuwait Trade Union Federation/ Labour cultural institute, Damascus (27/2 – 3/3/2005).
- General Course on Occupational safety and Health in behalf of High Institute for Workers Education in Libyan Republic, (12-15/3/2005).

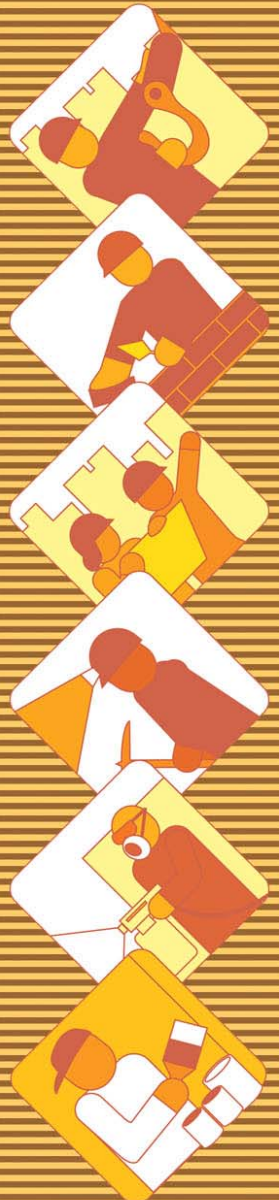




- **Statistics of Occupational Accidents and Diseases** in behalf of labor inspectors in **Egyptian ministry of manpower and migration**, Cairo (16-19/4/2005
- Protecting **worker women** against occupational hazards, in behalf of **Syrian trade union**, Damascus (9-11/8/2005).
- **Occupational Diseases: Prevention and Treatment**, in behalf of medical staff in the **institution of social insurance/ Syria**, Damascus (22-24/11/2005).



- **Chemical Hazards** in The Workplace, in behalf of Trade Union/Syria, Aleppo (10-13/7/2006).
- **Inspection of Working Environment**, for labor inspectors in the institution of social insurance/Syria, Damascus (27- 30/8/2006).



- OSH in the Construction Sector, in behalf of labor inspectors in the Egyptian ministry of manpower and migration, Cairo (5-8/11/2006).
- OSH and Human resources development, in behalf of The High Institute for Workers Education in Libyan Republic, Tarablous (11-16/11/2006)



Education and Publishing

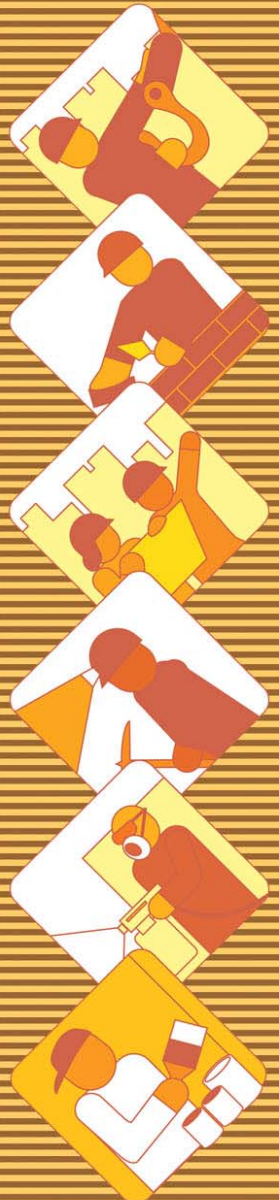
- Our institute plays a major role in enriching the Arab library with many publications in various fields of OSH, by means of:
 - **Producing** a lot of books, guides and periodicals depending on deliberate scientific bases using related international references (**total 89 publications**).
 - **Translating** many books of ILO into Arabic languish (**total 12 publications**).
- It makes its publications accessible **free** to all interested bodies in the Arab countries.





Some produced guides

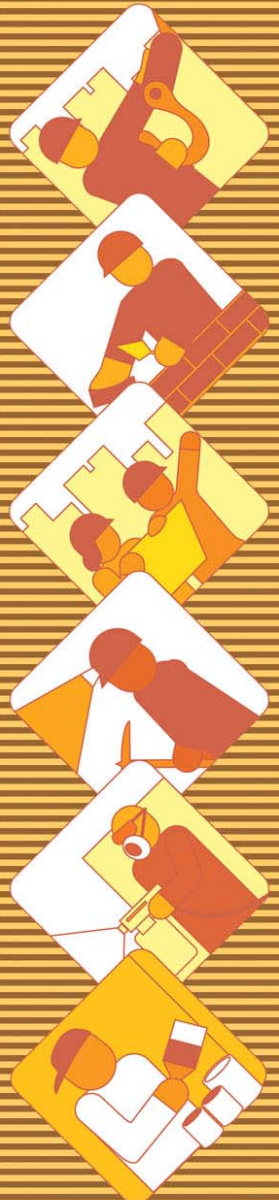
- ★ Hazardous Chemical Substances (classification, identification and labeling)/1998.
- ★ Statistics of Occupational Accidents and Diseases/1998.
- ★ Limits and Indices of Occupational Hazards/1999.
- ★ Major Industrial Accidents/1999.
- ★ Arab list of Occupational Diseases/2000.





Translated Publications

- ★ The Use of Lasers in the Workplace/1996.
- ★ Protection of workers from power frequency electric and magnetic fields/1997.
- ★ Visual Display Units: Radiation Protection Guidance/1998.
- ★ Ergonomic Checkpoints/2000.
- ★ Safety in the use of Radiofrequency Dielectric Heaters and Sealers/2001.
- ★ Safety in the use of mineral and synthetic fibres/2002.





- ★ Occupational Lung Diseases: Prevention and Control/2002.
- ★ Safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glass wool, rock wool, slag wool)/2003.
- ★ Alcohol and Drug Problems at Work/2005.
- ★ Safety and health in the nonferrous metals industries/2005.
- ★ Occupational Cancer: prevention and control/2006.
- ★ Ambient factors in the workplace/2006.

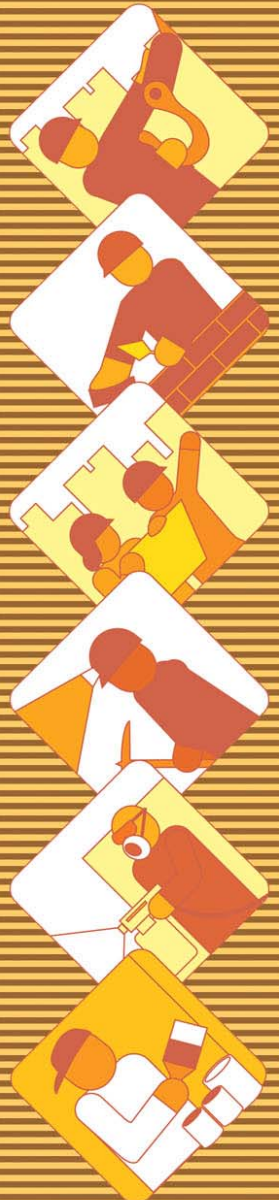


Technical support and advice

The institute, within its available capacities, is always willing to grant technical advice to all parties and bodies concerned with OSH issues in The Arab Countries.

It has contributed last year (2005) in developing:

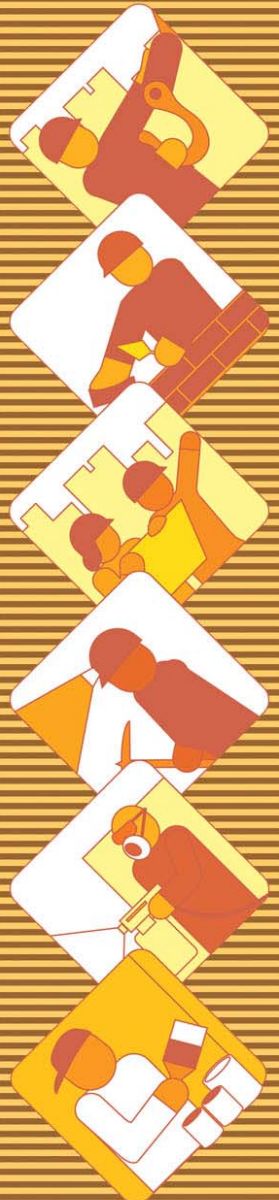
- draft of the Gulf policy of OSH
- draft of the unified Gulf law of OSH and its executive decisions.

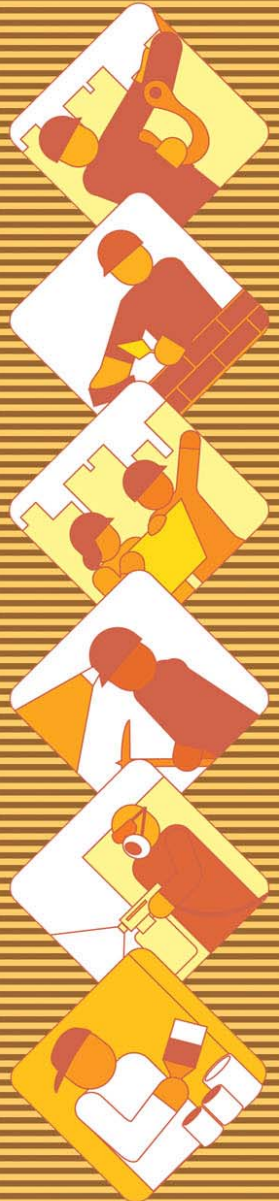




Collaboration and Coordination

- ★ The institute has good relations with the following concerned bodies:
 - Arab national centres for OSH.
 - NOG in Arab countries.
 - Arab, regional and international organizations interested in general and working environment (ILO, WHO, UNEP).
- ★ We will make every effort to promote these relations in the interest of common goals.





Thank you