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Prevention in the Connected Age
Global solutions to achieve safe and healthy work for all
Innovation
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Connected Age
Invitation from your Canadian Hosts

As leaders of the Canada host organizations, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Toronto, Canada, and to the XXII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, October 4-7, 2020.

The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), are proud to have been selected to host this important global event. Together with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), we look forward to your participation in an innovative and stimulating programme that will highlight developments and trends in safety and health at work.

The motto for the XXII World Congress is Prevention in the connected age: global solutions to achieve safe and healthy work for all. As the world grows ever more connected by information and communication technology, there are both challenges and opportunities to strengthen the global effort to protect the health and safety of workers. The Congress programme will explore innovations in addressing longstanding safety and health challenges and will consider the implications of the changing world of work for workers, employers, regulators, researchers, and OHS professionals. And the Congress will emphasize the potential of strong cultures of prevention to advance the global movement to eliminate the causes of work-related injury and illness.

Rising to the challenge of achieving safe and healthy work for all will call for creative and courageous efforts. The Congress will serve as a meeting place for experts and decision-makers from all over the world to exchange views and experiences, best-practice examples and recent findings. The Congress will provide opportunities for participants to exchange knowledge, make connections and establish new acquaintances and future collaborators. We will consider the Congress to be a great success if every delegate returns home with renewed energy and new ideas for practical approaches and effective solutions.

You will find Toronto to be a vibrant, diverse and cosmopolitan city. We look forward to welcoming you to Canada and to a successful World Congress in October 2020.

Dr. Cameron Mustard
President, International Organizing Committee
XXII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work
President & Senior Scientist, Institute for Work & Health

Anne Tennier
President, Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety
Invitation from the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

We invite government officials, safety and health professionals, employers, workers, academics and experts working in the field of occupational safety and health (OSH) to participate in the XXII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

Under the overall theme ‘Prevention in the Connected Age’, the Congress will explore global solutions in three key areas:

• Innovations in addressing Longstanding Safety & Health Challenges;
• Implications of the Changing World of Work for Occupational Safety & Health; and
• Advancing a Culture of Prevention.

In a rapidly transforming world of work it is imperative and urgent to re-affirm that the right to safe and healthy work is a basic human right. This right must be protected for all working men and women, with particular attention to the young, the ageing and migrant workers. Failure to do so also entails a social and economic cost – to families, communities, to business and to national economies.

A century ago, the tripartite International Labour Organization was mandated to act to assure protection of workers from work-related fatalities, injuries and disease. OSH sits alongside fundamental rights at work and it is central to the goal of decent work for all. Reinforcing its commitment to this goal, the global community integrated it into the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and explicitly recognized OSH as a priority of the global development agenda.

In a changing world of work, our values remain constant. Since 1919, the ILO has adopted more than 40 OSH Conventions and Recommendations that reflect the evolution of OSH challenges. Today, new forms of work organization and worker-employer relationships present new challenges for OSH and OSH governance. Finding appropriate responses must be at the forefront of our concerns as the ILO moves into its second century. At the same time a number of old challenges will continue to require attention.

Clearly, we will all have to act on many fronts and on many levels to improve data, develop and share knowledge and build capacity for action. We have to be unrelenting advocates for and raise awareness of OSH issues.

Working together we can accelerate progress towards building a global culture of prevention. We hope you will attend the Congress and bring your knowledge, experience, ideas and enthusiasm so that we can go forward proactively and energized to ensure that women and men everywhere can work in safety.

Guy Ryder
Director-General
International Labour Organization
Invitation from the President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA)

The World Congress on Safety and Health at Work is the Global Forum for Prevention for organisations, companies, policymakers and occupational safety and health experts. Since its beginning in 1954, the World Congress is the main event on prevention of the International Social Security Association (ISSA). Over the past 6 decades, we have seen tremendous changes in the world of prevention. The most recent ones being linked to the digital economy and the role that prevention can play in the future world of work. The theme of the XXII World Congress – Prevention in the Connected Age – therefore reflects perfectly the new demands that workplaces and workers have to ensure their health, safety, wellbeing and their productivity.

Connectivity has become an enabler for a variety of work-related processes and mechanisms. It ensures a proper flow of information, often simplifies complicated work-processes, but has also increased our expectations of deliverables and the speed with which we operate. Furthermore, the digitalisation of our economies has created new forms of work. Platform workers are just one example for a group of workers who risk falling through the cracks by being deprived of social protection standards and a functioning occupational safety and health system. This calls for new strategies to protect these workers and ensure the role of government and social security services.

With its Vision Zero Campaign, the ISSA responds to the requirements of effective prevention measures in the new world of work and connectivity by offering a flexible concept, which can be tailored to the needs of any enterprise or industry in every region of the world. The campaign aims at raising awareness of the importance of workplace participation and leadership commitment to excellence in prevention. Since the Global Vision Zero Campaign Launch during the XXI World Congress, over 11,000 enterprises, organizations and OSH trainers have signed up to the campaign. We have seen regional launches of the strategy for Asia, Europe, South and North America and recently in Africa. We hope that the XXII Congress will take this approach a step further and make use of our connected world to generate a paradigm shift so that one day, a worldwide culture of prevention and a world without any fatal occupational accidents and diseases becomes a reality.

The Congress is being put together with the Institute for Work & Health (IWH) and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety (CCOHS), and our Co-organising Partner, the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Together with our partners, we want to offer a unique experience at the conference – ranging from cutting edge knowledge in prevention of occupational diseases to the latest technology which helps to predict accidents before they actually happen, based on big data and algorithms. Prevention must always come first, and there is a huge potential to make use of the new technologies to improve occupational safety and health in a connected, digital world of work.

The ISSA promotes the values of prevention through its powerful set of tools, such as the Guidelines on Prevention, courses in its Centre for Excellence, various diploma programmes and workshops. With these instruments and its unique network of Prevention Sections, the ISSA supports improvements in the area of OSH and return to work by offering easy-to-implement solutions.

We look forward to welcoming you in the vibrant city of Toronto.

Dr. Joachim Breuer  
President  
International Social Security Association (ISSA)
Prevention
The XXII World Congress on Safety & Health at Work

October 4–7, 2020

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Overview

The 2020 World Congress is a vibrant and interactive opportunity for the global prevention community to connect with ideas, people, knowledge, and creative solutions on occupational safety and health.

The Congress:
• Provides a forum for exchange of knowledge, practices and experience in order to promote safe and healthy work for all.
• Strengthens connections, networks and alliances while laying the groundwork for cooperation and strengthening relationships among all concerned.
• Provides a platform for knowledge, innovation, and strategic and practical ideas that can be immediately put into use.

Organizers

International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Social Security Association (ISSA)
The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)

Participants

The 2020 World Congress will attract the global workplace prevention community including:
• High-level government officials and decision-makers in the public and private sectors, labour leaders, and CEOs
• Occupational Safety & Health professionals such as safety engineers, safety technicians, occupational hygienists and scientists
• Occupational physicians and others dealing with occupational medicine
• Regulators, labour inspectors, and safety and health inspectors
• Trade unions, workers and their representatives and social security institutions
• Communicators, filmmakers and journalists
• Researchers, instructors, trainers and teachers in the field of OSH education and skills development
• Employers and their organizations
• Public and private OSH organisations and professional associations
• Manufacturers, suppliers and importers of safety materials and safety equipment
The world today is highly connected. This connectivity has been enabled and accelerated through mechanisms such as global supply chains and technology allowing for the rapid exchange of data, knowledge, processes and practices that create challenges and opportunities for protecting the safety and health of workers.

The Challenges include governance and regulation, the roles and responsibilities of workers, employers, designers, suppliers, importers and a growing number of other actors, to “systems-based” approaches to prevention, and emerging work-related hazards, risks and new forms of work organization.

The Opportunities include opportunities for greater collaboration bringing together diverse groups of actors to share knowledge, drive innovation and engage in collective action on global solutions to what are now global challenges.

The World Congress is a crucial global forum to explore the implications of these rapid changes and to build a world-wide vision and community for sustainable prevention.
Main Topics

The Congress Programme will be dynamic and interactive, showcasing experts, thought leaders and innovators.

1. Innovations in Addressing Longstanding Safety and Health Challenges

While significant progress has been made to reduce the incidence of work-related injury and disease, traditional hazards in high-risk sectors continue to exist. In addition, workers, including new and young workers continue to be at greater risk. Identifying innovations in tackling such longstanding challenges in workers’ health protection will be a focus of the World Congress. The Congress will present key advances in protecting workers in highly hazardous occupations and industries around the globe and include strategies for safely integrating young and new workers into the workplace.

2. Implications of the Changing World of Work for Occupational Safety and Health

Digitalisation, globalisation, demographic change and the increasing flexibility of work are trends that are currently shaping the world of work. This has brought new forms of work and work organization, and new challenges and opportunities for prevention. The Congress will consider the implications of the changing world of work for workers, employers, policy-makers and regulators, researchers, and OHS professionals. It will explore the opportunities to take action on what are now global challenges.

3. Advancing a Culture of Prevention

The global movement to embrace a mindset that all injuries and ill-health arising from work are preventable requires a paradigm and culture shift across all aspects of working life. Injuries at work and occupational diseases are neither predetermined nor unavoidable – they always have causes. By building a strong prevention culture, these causes can be eliminated and work related physical and mental harm and occupational diseases can be prevented.
## Technical Sessions

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<td>OSH resilience and sustainability in enterprises</td>
<td>Resilient organizations have the capacity to anticipate, monitor, respond and learn, especially in the face of unexpected challenges. As an emerging concept, resilience in OSH management holds the potential to enhance an organization’s capacity to respond to unexpected and complex risk management situations, by improving the number of things that go right, rather than by reducing the number of things that go wrong. The Technical Session will discuss this potential paradigm shift including the potential application of engineering principles to enhance safety management systems.</td>
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<td>Regulating OSH in future of work - New forms of work, workers, employers, workplaces and working relationships</td>
<td>Labour markets, business models and technology are changing at a fast pace. New forms of work using new technologies such as platforms, the increase of self-employed and often blurred employment status and the interconnection between companies at national and cross border level makes it difficult for regulators to effectively govern occupational safety and health, both in terms of responsiveness of legislation as well as the regulatory capacity of compliance mechanisms. The technical session will debate these challenges and introduce innovative practices on how are countries preparing for the future of work.</td>
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<td>The tri-partite model for the governance of OSH policy development has been an effective approach to strengthening worker health protection in Canada. Many other countries have adopted principles of tri-partite governance. This technical session will review global innovations in tripartite governance, both in individual workplaces and in the context of policy, regulation and standard development. It will consider opportunities and challenges in the new world of work, and examine how the model can and has supported a culture of prevention that includes return to work.</td>
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### Topics
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2. Implications of the Changing World of Work for Occupational Safety and Health
3. Advancing a Culture of Prevention
Global Innovations: Achieving safe and healthy work

Innovations in occupational safety and health are occurring all over the globe. This session will showcase leading examples collected and reviewed by experts in prevention and innovation. Innovations in this context will be broadly defined to include approaches to governance, regulation, education, program development and implementation, measurement, and institutional structures. Attention will be paid to the full breadth and meaning of innovation, and focus will be put on innovations with potential for broad application.

Vision Zero

A global Vision Zero campaign was launched by the ISSA at the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Singapore. It promotes a comprehensive prevention strategy for safety, health and wellbeing and calls for a safe future for all without accidents, diseases or harm at work.

The Technical Session looks at how Vision Zero has developed from a campaign into a global strategy. It will discuss the ways and methods that were used to mobilize and inspire voluntary commitment by political decision-makers, social partners, business leaders, authorities and occupational health professionals to promote a safe and healthy working environment for all, supported by the application of Seven Golden Rules.

Vision Zero Companies, Partners and Trainers from all continents will present the results of their activities so far and plans for the future to develop and promote a global prevention culture to achieve Vision Zero. Special emphasis will be on the sharing of practical experiences amongst the global Vision Zero Community.

OSH in the Digital Economy

The digital economy is a game changer for the way we work and live. Future scenarios of robots working side by side with human beings are no longer an utopia but already exist. New forms of work, such as platform work, lead to a major increase in self-employment and non-regular employment. While automation so far mainly has affected the industrial sector, the digital economy will impact all sectors and all types of work. This presents both a risk and an opportunity for the world of work as we know it and consequently also for safety, health and wellbeing.

In this Technical Session, experts will showcase how technical achievements related to the digital economy already help prevent occupational accidents and diseases, monitor health and support rehabilitation, but will also look at the new risks related to new technologies, automation and work organisation. A critical issue will be a discussion of how current prevention systems and actors should adapt to successfully address the new and emerging risks and reach out to non-standard types of employment.
### Symposia

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#### Innovation of OSH governance – Institutions responsible for standards setting and compliance

In the context of rapidly changing forms of work organization and work practices, this session will overview innovations in safety and health administration in institutions responsible for OSH compliance.

#### Violence and harassment at work

This session will focus on the prevention of violence and harassment in the workplace, including international legislative developments, case studies, and tools for prevention and return to work.

#### Psychosocial factors and developments in mental health at work

This symposium will focus on the prevention of psychosocial risks at work, as well as the challenges of managing mental health in the workplace. Leading examples involving standards, regulations and workplace practices will be highlighted.

#### OSH Data – at the global, national and enterprise level

When reliable OSH data is not available, policy-makers, employers, and workers lack crucial knowledge for the prevention of occupational injuries and diseases. This session will examine data gaps at the global, national and enterprise levels and will highlight new and innovative tools for collecting and using OSH data.

#### Designing for safety and health

Designing materials, structures and processes to protect worker safety and health can eliminate or minimize the introduction of occupational hazards, risks and exposures. This session will explore current opportunities and challenges in designing for safety and health from technical and regulatory perspectives.

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**Lead**

Host organizations with overall responsibility of the session (ILO, ISSA, Canada)

**Organizer**

Session leader responsible for designing, organizing, and delivering sessions

**Collaborator**

Provide collaborative support to the organizing process

**Topics**

1. Innovations in Addressing Longstanding Safety and Health Challenges
2. Implications of the Changing World of Work for Occupational Safety and Health
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No injured workers left behind: Workers’ compensation and employment injury insurance schemes are essential part for better prevention and protection of workers

Workers’ compensation and employment injury insurance schemes play a pivotal role not only in providing necessary compensations and rehabilitation to injured workers but also in enhancing prevention of occupational injuries and diseases. This session will highlight their efforts in both developing and developed countries to cater for needs of all workers through integrated strategies on OSH, compensation and rehabilitation.

Lessons learnt in promotion of preventive safety and health culture - What we learned and how it is applied

What have we learned about the promotion of safety and health culture since the adoption of the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health in 2003 and the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187). What more needs to be done to strengthen worker safety and health implementation of global OSH instruments?

Integrating workplace injury prevention with community prevention strategies

This session will focus on examples of evidence-focused, population-based approaches aimed at changing attitudes and behaviors to build cultures of injury prevention at work, at home and in the community.

Building a strong OSH culture: workplace stories

This session will profile stories from Canada and around the world illustrating successful approaches to building strong workplace prevention cultures.

Global Collaborative Efforts for Advancing Vision Zero and a Culture of Prevention

Safety and Health is the responsibility of society as a whole. This session will showcase prevention culture initiatives and will discuss how these efforts can contribute to improve the culture around occupational safety and health in the future.

Real Time OSH: Digital tools and knowledge

Information technology can improve workplace recognition, control, and regulation of OSH hazards, risks and working conditions. This session will focus on leading digital OSH tools and evidence-based online prevention resources.
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Worker safety on roadways in the age of automated vehicles
Automated vehicles raise new questions about OSH risks and responsibilities for workers and employers. This symposium will examine emerging issues, in the near future when traffic is partly automated, and in the subsequent era of totally driverless traffic.

OSH challenges in the green economy
Employment in the renewable energy and recycling industries is growing rapidly in the developed and developing world. This symposium will overview OSH hazards in these sectors and highlight innovative control practices.

Vulnerability: the informal economy, migrant workers, and new & young workers
OSH vulnerability – defined by exposure to hazards in contexts of inadequate workplace policies and practices – is more common among specific groups of workers: migrants, new and young workers and workers in the informal economy. This symposium will examine regulatory innovations to strengthen protection in the context of vulnerability.

Delivering OSH in construction and in large infrastructure projects
Traditionally a high-hazard sector, many large infrastructure construction projects have demonstrated exceptional OSH performance. This symposium will highlight innovative practices in the construction sector that meet the challenge of Vision Zero.

Training for Vision Zero
To what extent can training and education serve organizations on the road to Vision Zero? This symposium examines ways responsible organizations develop a positive, caring work culture and safe, healthy and productive workforces through training and education.

Responsible, Safe and Healthy. Sustainable Mining and Vision Zero
Although a high-hazard sector, the formal mining sector has made strong progress in OSH prevention. Yet globally, more than 40 million informal mining workers are not protected. This session will discuss the next steps for the global mining sector towards safe and healthy work for all.

The impact of digitalisation on OSH in global transportation and logistics - Possibilities for the success of the Vision Zero strategy
Every year the lives of approximately 1.25 million people are cut short as a result of a road traffic crash. Between 20 and 50 million more people suffer non-fatal injuries, with many incurring a disability as a result of their injury. This symposium will look to technological developments, and to promising approaches to strengthening a culture of prevention for the way forward to Vision Zero.
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**Prevention strategies for health workers**

This symposium will survey the state of occupational safety in health care and health services in various countries and look at recommendations on new and proven methods to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses in this sector.

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**Safety Culture in Farming: Growing from generation to generation**

The themes of this session include good practices, innovative solutions and effective management to advance safety culture in agriculture.

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**Small and Medium Sized Enterprises**

Workers in small organizations often face higher rates of critical injury and fatality rates than their counterparts in large organizations. Health and safety solutions designed for larger employers often have limited positive effect on small organizations. This symposium will highlight key OSH issues for small employers and showcase tools and methods that have proven successful for this sector.

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**Forget the old safety framework approach: Go for a great place to work**

The core of workplace OSH management relies on detailed procedures, processes, and action plans. This session will draw on global examples to illustrate the potential of strong workplace OSH culture to strengthen the performance of OSH management in enterprises.

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**Promoting prevention and protection in global supply chains**

While the contribution of GSCs to global economic growth and job opportunities is evident, their impact on the living and working conditions and the safety and health of workers raises important concerns. This session will examine innovative means that have been developed to improve working conditions and OSH in global supply chains.

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**Preventing occupational disease**

Preventing occupational disease continues to challenge workplace parties, OSH professionals and regulators. This session will overview innovative tools and practices for the recognition, diagnosis and control of workplace exposures associated with occupational disease.
The 2020 World Congress will take place from October 4–7, 2020. The formal programme will include an opening and closing ceremonies, plenary sessions, technical sessions, symposia and a Canada Night to celebrate music, food, and culture. The programme also includes an International Media Festival for Prevention (IMFP), a poster exhibition, technical tours, and an International Safety and Health Exhibition. The formal programme will be supplemented by many interactive opportunities to explore new approaches and practical solutions, and to exchange knowledge and ideas with global colleagues.

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Connection Hall

Connection Hall provides a central hub for connecting with ideas, people, questions and solutions. The Hall will include posters, networking spaces, food, the International Safety and Health Exhibition, and Braindates.

International Safety and Health Exhibition

The International Safety and Health Exhibition is held in Connection Hall in conjunction with the Congress. Over 200 exhibitors are expected to showcase their latest products, innovations and developments in safety and health. The Exhibition will be open for the duration of the Congress. All delegates and trade visitors are welcome.

Braindates

For the first time in its history, the World Congress will feature Braindates. Braindates are dynamic conversations between individuals or small groups booked through the Congress mobile app. Delegates post the knowledge they are willing to share in the form of conversation topics, and curate their own experience based on what they can learn from the knowledge and experience around them. Braindates will take place at the Congress Braindate Lounge, or throughout Connection Hall.

International Media Festival for Prevention

Since 1990 the International Media Festival for Prevention has been an integral part of the World Congress on Safety & Health at Work. It is jointly coordinated by the ISSA Electricity and Information Sections. The Media Festival offers an overview of films and multimedia productions about safety and health at work from all over the world and provides an opportunity for participants to present their products to a major group of influential international safety and health professionals. The Media Festival seeks to demonstrate that successful prevention work requires good communication, to which outstanding media can contribute significantly.

An International Jury will select the winners of the Media Festival. The prizes will be awarded in the presence of a large audience during the Special Media Session on October 5, 2020. All nominated and winning productions will be presented to Congress visitors in the Festival Cinema, which runs throughout the Congress.

More details on the submission procedure are available at mediainprevention.org. The deadline for submission has been extended until March 31, 2020. Organisations, national institutions, filmmakers, and young professionals from all over the world have already submitted their media products. So far, over 200 productions are participating in the IMFP! Follow the Media Festival on Twitter and Instagram @IMFP2020 and stay connected using #IMFP2020.
Young Worker Spotlight

Building on the SafeYouth@Work Congress held in Singapore in 2017, the Young Worker Spotlight is a lively, interactive session designed to spur global action to improve occupational safety and health (OSH) for young workers. Youth champions from Canada and around the world join with policy-makers and experts to share knowledge and experience and offer new insights to inspire action in tackling this challenge.

The Young Worker Spotlight is also closely connected with other programme elements including the International Media Festival for Prevention, Braindates and keynote speeches where OSH for young workers will be highlighted, discussed and advanced.

Global Forum for Work Injury Insurance

The Global Forum for Work Injury Insurance provides a platform for representatives of occupational accident insurance or workers’ compensation schemes to discuss a number of global challenges that occupational accident insurance systems are facing today, such as the impact of technological progress in the areas of prevention and rehabilitation. This platform will open the opportunity to exchange information, to present good practice approaches and to formulate joint positions.

In Europe, Asia and North America there are already regular meetings and conferences at the regional level that have begun to link with each other. Complementing the activities of ISSA Technical Commission on Insurance against Employment Accidents and Occupational Diseases and the Special Commission on Prevention, this integrated platform provides an added global value for occupational accident insurance systems.

The Global Forum will be accessible for regional accident insurances associations and fora, international bodies and ISSA member institutions.

Congress Languages

The official languages of the Congress are English, French, Spanish and German. There will be simultaneous translation in these four languages during the opening and closing ceremonies, plenary sessions and technical sessions. Other sessions will be conducted in English.

Fellowship Program

We are now accepting applications for our Fellowship Program for OSH professionals and others in the field of OSH from developing countries. We particularly encourage women to apply, as well as those who have submitted abstracts to the Congress. The full fellowship program will cover travel (economy fare), accommodation costs for up to a maximum of 4 days, and the Congress registration fee for each successful applicant. Partial fellowships may also be granted to applicants based on assessment. The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2020. For details, please visit safety2020canada.com/fellowship.
Key Dates

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Registration and Fees

Registration for the World Congress 2020 is open at [safety2020canada.com](http://safety2020canada.com). We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto, Canada.

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All Fees in Canadian Dollars. Registration fee is subject to 13% Harmonized Sales Tax.

- Registrants are entitled to attend all Congress sessions and events including the opening ceremony, welcome reception, Canada Night, International Media Festival for Prevention, International Safety and Health Exhibition, and technical tours (subject to availability).
- Single Day passes are available. Delegates who purchase Single Day passes are welcome to attend the opening ceremony, welcome reception and technical tours (subject to availability).
- Please consult the list of developing countries available at [safety2020canada.com](http://safety2020canada.com).
- Students registering are required to submit a scanned copy of valid student ID reflecting their names and name of institutions to enjoy the reduced rate. Students are also required to provide written confirmation from their institutions that they are full-time students.
- Accompanying persons are entitled to attend the welcome reception, Canada Night, International Media Festival for Prevention, International Safety and Health Exhibition and technical tours (subject to availability).

Method of Payment:

- The following methods of payment are available: Credit card (Visa, MasterCard), wire transfer, and cash (for on-site registration only). Only credit card payment and wire transfer will be accepted for online registration.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be made in writing by email to the Congress planner at worldcongress2020-registration@icsevents.com or by mail. Cancellation requests by phone will not be accepted.

Please note that all refunds will be administered after the Congress.

- By June 26, 2020 — 50% of registration fee will be refunded
- After June 26, 2020 — No refund
Toronto, Canada
Congress Venue

Toronto is Canada’s largest city and a world leader in business, finance, technology, entertainment and culture. Its large population of immigrants from all over the globe makes it one of the most multicultural cities in the world. With its vast green space, Toronto is known as a city within a park. The 2020 World Congress will be held at:

The Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building
255 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5V 2W6

The Metro Toronto Convention Centre is located in the heart of downtown Toronto, just steps away from many major attractions.

Accommodation and Travel

Special rates have been negotiated with select hotels close to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. These hotels are listed on our website. To benefit from these special rates, you must reserve accommodations via the online reservation system at safety2020canada.com/hotel. Toronto is a very busy city, so we recommend that you reserve your hotel as soon as possible.

Special discounts are being offered by a number of international airlines, including Air Canada. For more information, visit safety2020canada.com/airline-discount-codes.

For detailed directions to the Congress Venue, please visit safety2020canada.com/directions.

About Toronto, Canada

Canada is the place to be! Canada’s vast landscape is punctuated with distinct destinations, ranging from urban to the edge of wilderness. The two official languages in Canada are English and French.

Toronto, often referred as TO, is Canada’s largest city with a population of 2.6 million and with over 100 languages spoken on the streets daily, it encompasses Canada’s diversity in culture. Year round, the city offers a dynamic mix of museums and galleries. In addition, the vibrant Entertainment District features the latest musicals and other performing arts, and the historic Distillery District. Enjoy artifacts and natural history exhibits? Check out the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

For your families, head over to the underwater tunnels at Ripley’s Aquarium of Canada and the iconic CN Tower, with its citywide views at the top. Alternatively, catch a Toronto Blue Jays baseball game or Toronto Maple Leaf hockey game at the sports venues. If you are a foodie, visit the St. Lawrence Market in Old Town offering fresh produce and seafood. With Toronto’s convenient transportation – TTC, Kensington Market and Chinatown is a few stops away where you will find superb, multicultural restaurants, cafes and pubs. If you need an escape from the city, take a day trip to Niagara. Enjoy an intimate experience as you voyage to the Niagara Falls or take a stroll and enjoy the scenic trails at Niagara–on–the–Lake.

Toronto, Canada is waiting to welcome you! For more information, please visit the official Tourism Toronto website seetorontonow.com.
Recreational and Cultural Tours

The 2020 World Congress provides opportunities for participation in a variety of cultural and tourist activities. Whether you want to visit Niagara Falls, sample local food and drink, take in Toronto’s eclectic post-modern architecture, or simply join a Hop-on Hop-off bus tour that allows you to choose your own adventure, you will find there is plenty to do in the city of Toronto and surrounding areas. An overview of events and booking tours on offer will be online at safety2020canada.com/recreational-and-cultural-tours beginning in June 2020, or you can book onsite when you arrive at the Congress.

Technical Tours

Technical Tours will allow you to experience key industries and occupational safety and health developments in the local area. Most Technical Tours will take place on the afternoon of October 7, 2020 and are included in the Congress registration fee. Additional tours outside the Greater Toronto Area may be offered at cost on October 8 or 9, 2020. This is a preliminary list of Technical Tours now available. Registration will begin in May 2020.

ATS Automation (Cambridge campus)

ATS Automation is a leader in global automation renowned for providing innovative, custom designed, built, and installed manufacturing solutions to multinational customers in industries such as life sciences, electronics, energy, transportation and consumer products. ATS Automation is a proudly ‘made in Ontario’ success story in the technology and manufacturing sectors, and a strategic partner in high-profile infrastructure projects within the province. At our private campus and manufacturing complex in Cambridge, Ontario, we design, build and test medical devices automation, electric vehicle battery assembly and nuclear tooling projects.

Your tour will include demonstrations of our SuperTrak™ electromagnetic conveyor platforms and industry specific custom automation projects. You will experience our planning process for assessing machine safety and implementing controls throughout all phases of project execution. Delegates will have an opportunity to see how equipment guarding, energized alternative methods and hazardous energy sources are managed for optimal productivity and the highest standards of employee safety.

atsuautomation.com

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

CAMH is Canada’s largest mental health and addiction academic teaching hospital and leader in mental health research, combining clinical care, education, policy development & health promotion to help transform the lives of people affected by mental illness and addiction. Over the past three years, CAMH has worked with its union partners to develop a robust health and safety program with a focus on workplace violence prevention.

This site visit will offer an interactive tour of CAMH that will allow participants to actively engage in programs designed to address health, safety and workplace violence at CAMH. The tour will incorporate buildings at our Queen Street site, will highlight design decisions made to improve health and safety in our new buildings, allow for a hands on demonstration of our TIDES (Trauma Informed De-escalation Education for Safety and Self-Protection), and show various aspects of our wellness program including our Wellness Center, and Pet Therapy.

camh.ca
Darlington Nuclear Refurbishment Project Mock-Up and Training Facility

As part of the Darlington Nuclear Refurbishment Project (DNRP) planning and preparation, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) constructed a leading-edge training facility, housing a first of its kind, full-scale nuclear reactor mock-up where workers practice tasks in a safe, controlled and realistic environment prior to performing them at the plant.

Removing and replacing key components within each of Darlington's four CANDU® reactors is a critical part of DNRP requiring highly skilled workers using specialized tools in tight spaces and under challenging conditions.

Using state-of-the-art technology, Ontario-based manufacturers have developed more than 400 specially-designed tools to remove and install reactor components and to perform inspections and repairs on DNRP.

Delegates will experience the DNRP Mock-Up and Training Facility which allows workers on the Darlington Refurbishment to safely perfect techniques and perform “full dress rehearsals” with specialized tools and protective equipment long before actual work begins in the station.

Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport

The Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport is a state-of-the-art facility featuring a 2,000-seat field house for basketball and volleyball, a large strength and conditioning center, a sports medicine clinic and sports science research laboratories.

Due to site restrictions, the field house was too large to fit within the permissible zoning envelope, requiring the courts to be placed below grade. To preserve the clear span required for the field house, the strength and conditioning center and upper floors are suspended above using 180-foot-long trusses. The resulting design is in essence a three-storey bridge. A system of six parallel truss sections running lengthwise across the building span 54 metres at each bay.

Delegates will get a tour that will showcase the unique and elegant design, which has earned Goldring Centre many awards and accolades, including the Ontario Association of Architects Award of Excellence, Toronto Urban Design Award of Excellence in the Public Building in Context Category and the Canadian Consulting Engineering Award of Excellence.

kpe.utoronto.ca/facility/goldring-centre-high-performance-sport
Mirvish Productions

Founded in 1987 when David Mirvish – son of the late Ed Mirvish, Toronto’s entrepreneurial icon and family businessman – assumed responsibility for the family’s theatrical interests. Mirvish Productions, which operates four theatres in Toronto, is Canada’s largest commercial theatre company with one of the largest subscription bases in North America. The name Mirvish is not only synonymous with theatre in Canada, but world-wide, being the recipient of 34 Dora awards and numerous Tony and Olivier Awards.

While we are still finalizing shows for October, your tour will consist of a front of house and backstage walkthrough with members of our Production Department and Director of Labour Relations.

mirvish.com

Modern Niagara

Modern Niagara is one of Canada’s largest mechanical, electrical, building controls and services company. With offices in Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver, we have the unique combination of capacity and agility: the ability to carry out the biggest, most complex jobs and supporting clients through the entire asset lifecycle. We are one of Canada’s Top 100 Employers and Canada’s Safest Employer in Building & Construction. Our approach is to proactively confront and embrace disruption by investing in technology, innovation, Corporate Social Responsibility, and sustainability.

Join us on a tour of our state-of-the-art electrical, piping, and sheet metal fabrication facility in Vaughn and through a mega project in the Greater Toronto Area. Our fabrication facility adheres to the highest standards of workplace health, safety, and efficiency with design and build. Our secret mega project features skilled craftsmanship and quality installation, illustrating our commitment to innovation in the construction industry.

modernniagara.com
SNOLAB

SNOLAB is an underground science laboratory specializing in neutrino and dark matter physics. Located 2 km below the surface in the Vale Creighton Mine located near Sudbury Ontario Canada, SNOLAB is an expansion of the existing facilities constructed for the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) solar neutrino experiment. It is the deepest, cleanest lab of its kind in the world and a premier location for astroparticle physics. Participants will be escorted through an active mine to get to the lab. The large-scale experiments and their support facilities require specialized safety control systems for their operation at SNOLAB.

This tour will be offered on an alternate date.

snolab.ca

Toronto Transit Commission

The Toronto Transit Commission is North America’s third largest transit system, providing 1.7 million customer journeys every workday, or around 540 million rides per year. The TTC has a proud record for providing safe, reliable transit. Operating across five distinct modes of transportation, the TTC has developed a reputation for excellence in the integration of those modes through well-proven design. A full-service operator, the TTC is capable of undertaking virtually every activity in–house via our 15,000 dedicated and professional employees.

The TTC will be offering four tours:

**TTC Harvey Shop** – one of the TTC’s heavy maintenance facilities providing overhaul, collision repairs and mechanical support to the bus and streetcar fleet.

**TTC Leslie Barns Tour** – the TTC’s new streetcar facility, which houses and services over 200 of the Commission’s modern and accessible Low Floor Light Rail Vehicles.

**TTC Transit Control Tour** – responsible for the direct management of 77 kilometres of subway/SRT tracks for 75 stations as well as more than 2000 buses operating on surface routes.

**TTC Wheel-Trans Tour** – meet some of the TTC’s dedicated, hard-working employees who provide para-transit services, an integral part of the TTC’s accessible transit services.

ttc.ca
Woodlands of Sunset (Niagara Region)

The Woodlands of Sunset, one of eight Long Term Care Homes owned and operated by Niagara Region, is committed to providing high quality, compassionate care to over one hundred residents and a healthy and safe workplace for its’ employees.

Daily challenges associated with the rise of dementia and associated responsive behaviours among residents can pose significant challenges to employees. Seniors Services use of leading-edge best practices along with an enhanced safety culture and resident focused technologies, have resulted in significant reductions in workplace injuries associated with these behaviours.

Delegates touring the Woodlands of Sunset will visit various departments of the home to observe equipment demonstrations and learn more about the integrated best practices from staff champions.

Special guest Marc Kanik from Ambient Activity, a uniquely Canadian based company will highlight ABBY, an ambient activity approach that enhances the lives of residents at the home.

niagararegion.ca/living/seniors/long-term-care/homes/woodlands-of-sunset.aspx

York Region Paramedic Services

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses. The Region's Paramedic Services is dedicated to delivering exceptional care to the residents and visitors in our communities.

As part of this commitment, Paramedic Services created a Special Response Unit, whose role is to provide rapid access to care for individuals in difficult or dangerous situations.

Such incidents involve treating people who have been injured while working at heights, in confined spaces, in the water, in a mass casualty event or during a high-risk police operation.

For the 2020 World Congress Tour, the Special Response Unit will showcase its training and operations in managing difficult situations to protect themselves, their colleagues and their patients.

york.ca/paramedics

Additional tours that will be offered include the Toronto Rehab Institute, Michael Garron Hospital, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, Ryerson University, Billy Bishop Airport and Ports Toronto, Hamilton Port Authority and Toronto Police Services. Details will be provided at a later date.
Safe and Healthy Working Conditions
Your Canadian Hosts

The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) is an independent, not-for-profit research organization with a focus on a single mission: to promote, protect and improve the safety and health of working people by conducting actionable research that is valued by employers, workers and policy-makers. The Institute for Work & Health has earned national and international recognition for contributions to a wide range of research areas in worker health protection – from musculoskeletal disorders to vulnerable workers, from return to work to workers’ compensation and from workplace prevention practices to occupational health and safety regulatory standards. The Institute has a fundamental commitment to working with our stakeholders to communicate research findings in ways that facilitate application to policy and practice. IWH’s work provides impartial, evidence-based guidance to government policy-makers, representatives of workers and employers, occupational health & safety professionals, disability management professionals and clinicians.

iwh.on.ca

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) is Canada’s national resource for the advancement of workplace health and safety. The Centre promotes the total well-being – physical, psychosocial, and mental health – of working people in Canada by providing information, education, tools, and solutions that encourage attitudes and methods that will lead to improved worker physical and mental health, and prevention of work-related injury and illness. CCOHS makes a wide range of occupational health and safety information as well as training and educational courses readily available. CCOHS partners and collaborates with agencies and organizations from Canada and around the world to improve the quality and quantity of its resources and programs, as well as expand the breadth of usage of occupational health and safety information to many different segments of society. CCOHS is renowned as a credible and authoritative occupational health and safety resource and is a Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organization.

ccohs.ca
The International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization (ILO) was founded in 1919. It became the first specialized agency of the United Nations in 1946 and has 187 member States. The ILO is committed to promoting human and labour rights, pursuant of its founding principle that social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace.

The ILO sets international labour standards, promotes rights at work, including the right to a safe and healthy working environment, and advocates for decent employment opportunities, enhancement of social protection and the strengthening of social dialogue on work-related issues. These objectives are prioritized in Goal 8 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on Decent Work and Economic Growth.

The ILO has a unique governance structure, bringing together governments, employers’ and workers’ representatives to jointly set international labour standards and to implement policies and programmes promoting decent work for all. Today the ILO has over 600 development cooperation programmes in more than 100 countries that provide assistance to member States and aim to improve people’s lives.

The ILO’s Secretariat has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and a global network of field offices in more than 40 countries.

ilo.org
The International Social Security Association

The International Social Security Association (ISSA) is the principal international institution bringing together social security agencies and organisations. The ISSA's aim is to promote dynamic social security as the social dimension in a globalising world by supporting excellence in social security administration. Prevention has been on the ISSA's agenda since its creation in 1927. Bringing together social security and prevention experts from over 340 social security institutions in more than 140 countries, the ISSA offers a global platform and a unique network for all those in social security that are concerned with the health of workers.

The ISSA has its headquarters at the International Labour Office, in Geneva. Beyond the traditional focus on occupational safety and health, the ISSA supports social security policies that foster preventive approaches to protect and promote workers' health and employment in all branches of social security. The ISSA provides access to information, expert advice, business standards, practical guidelines and platforms for members to build and promote dynamic social security systems worldwide.

The vision of dynamic social security provides a framework for the ISSA's action. It refers to social security systems that are accessible, sustainable, adequate, socially inclusive and economically productive, and that are based on performing, well governed, proactive and innovative social security institutions. The ISSA promotes investments in workers' health, by providing good practice information, research, expert advice and platforms for members and other stakeholders to exchange on innovation in workplace health promotion, active employment policies, rehabilitation and reintegration. To implement a range of projects and activities, the ISSA Secretariat works closely with its Technical Commissions, and the Special Commission on Prevention and its unique network of International Prevention Sections.

To learn more about the Special Commission and its Sections, visit issa.int/prevention.
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The International Labour Organization (ILO) is the principal international institution bringing together governments, employers and workers of 185 member States, the tripartite bodies responsible for setting its policies. Its unique arrangement gives the ILO an edge in promoting social justice and providing an instrument for the creation of decent work conditions for all. An ILO agreement is binding on the parties and provides a framework for the ISSA's action. It refers to social security institutions that are well-governed, proactive and innovative social security systems that are accessible, sustainable, productive, and that are based on performing, dynamic social security systems worldwide.

The vision of dynamic social security provides security institutions with the necessary support in shaping and promoting social security policies that foster preventive approaches to protect workers' health and employment, that promote social protection and provide protection to accelerate jobs recovery in a time of crisis. In 2012, the ILO adopted a Recommendation concerning national floors of social protection to accelerate jobs recovery in a time of crisis. In 2008, the ILO constituents adopted the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, which articulates the contemporary vision of social justice for a fair globalization. This unique arrangement gives the ILO an edge up and overseeing international labour standards and promoting social justice. The ILO works towards ensuring that all workers – including women, older workers, young workers, and people with disabilities – have equal opportunities when it comes to employment and social security and that they are protected against sickness, old age, unemployment, disability, and other risks. To implement a range of projects and activities, the ISSA provides access to information, expert advice, business standards, practical guidelines and platforms for members to build and promote social security policies that foster preventive approaches to protect workers' health and employment, that promote social protection and provide protection to accelerate jobs recovery in a time of crisis. The ISSA supports social security policies by providing good practice information, research, workplace health promotion, active employment and promoting international cooperation.

In 1969, the protection of workers against sickness, injury, and deficiency of social protection was included as one of the main objectives of the ILO. The 1969 Declaration of Almaty defined the objectives of social security and established the International Social Security Association (ISSA). Social security is defined as “all measures whereby the state, its organs, or institutions enable the members of society to ensure a proper quality of life in the event of sickness, old age, disability, unemployment or death, with a view to meeting their basic needs and ensuring the maintenance of their dignity, and to enable them to provide education and training for future generations.” The International Social Security Association (ISSA) is the only international association of national social security institutions. It is a private body, which is affiliated with the United Nations through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). It is a global association of social security institutions of all Member States of the United Nations. The ISSA is governed by its Statutes and is managed by the ISSA Secretariat located in Geneva, Switzerland. The ISSA offers a global platform for social justice and decent working conditions, bringing together representatives of governments, employers, and workers of over 140 countries, the ISSA offers a global platform for social justice and decent working conditions, bringing together representatives of governments, employers, and workers of over 140 countries. The ISSA has its headquarters at the International Labour Office, in Geneva. Beyond its permanent structures, the ISSA has four Commissions and the Special Commission on Prevention. Each Commission is made up of representatives of the Member States of the ISSA. The ISSA’s five Commissions are: (1) the Commission on Coordination and Exchange of Information, (2) the Commission on the Social Protection of Workers, (3) the Commission on the Development of Social Security, (4) the Commission on the Legal Aspects of Social Security, and (5) the Special Commission on Prevention. The Special Commission on Prevention is an expert body of the ISSA that brings together representatives of governments, employers and workers of all Member States of the United Nations in order to improve the protection of workers against occupational accidents and diseases. The Special Commission on Prevention meets every two years and prepares two main documents: (1) a report on the work of the Commission, which is submitted to the General Assembly of the ISSA, and (2) a report on the state of the art in the field of prevention of occupational accidents and diseases, which is submitted to the General Assembly of the ISSA and disseminated worldwide. The Special Commission on Prevention’s work is supported by the ISSA’s Secretariat, which provides technical and administrative assistance and facilitates the exchange of information and expertise among Member States. The ISSA’s Secretariat also helps to ensure that the work of the Special Commission on Prevention is consistent with the global agenda for social security, which is set by the ISSA’s General Assembly. The ISSA’s Secretariat also helps to ensure that the work of the Special Commission on Prevention is consistent with the global agenda for social security, which is set by the ISSA’s General Assembly.