



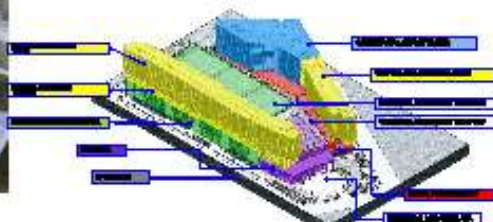
## Indian Association of Occupational Health Proposal to hold ICOH Congress at Mumbai, India in 2024

### About Indian Association of Occupational Health

The Indian Association of Occupational Health (IAOH) was founded a year after India's independence in 1947. IAOH – India's leading professional body in the development and promotion of occupational health and safety with 3000 members across 23 branches – is the largest such organization amongst developing countries. IAOH is affiliated to the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH). The World Health Organization has accorded the IAOH a partnership status in the area of strengthening Occupational Health in the Asian region. IAOH enjoys consultative status with the Ministry of Labour, Government of India in matters governing occupational health policy.

#### 1. Why Should ICOH have the congress in India?

India is a large country with a population of 1.3 billion and a workforce of over 600 million. It already ranks as the third economic power globally (GDP by PPP). India's working sector is growing fast not only in the traditional manufacturing sector but also in the emerging services sector. India is well known for its dominance in the global IT sector. Majority of the workforce is in the informal economy, predominantly agriculture and services. An earlier study, based on an epidemiological analysis of the burden of occupational illness in the country, estimated that there are close to 2 million cases of occupational illness and over 18 million injuries (mostly unreported) in the country.



In keeping with the ICOH Cancun resolution if developing nations are to be supported and encouraged – hosting ICOH Congress in India would be the right way forward. Given the burden of occupational illness in the country, the Congress will help augment the cause of occupational health in India. Moreover, following the joint pledge of ICOH & WONCA, IAOH has initiated a profound thrust to BOHS for BOHS delivery for informal industry through primary care ecosystem over last 2 years.

**Justification of holding ICOH 2024 in India – the world’s largest democracy with 1.3 billion populations – is simply compelling.**

## **2.About the venue – Mumbai City**

Mumbai is the financial capital and the wealthiest city of India. It is a hub for film industry, world-class hospitals, Medical Research Institutions, Information Technology, Biotech and Pharma industries.

Mumbai is built on an archipelago of seven islands chronicled even by the ancient Greek historians. Mumbai, declared Alpha City [population – 12.5 million], offers many tourist attractions such as Heritage monuments, Gardens, Resorts, Lakes, Parks, Museums, delectable cuisine and an exciting shopping experience. The city is a blend of rich cultural and historical traditions spanning several centuries.

### **Dhirubhai Ambani International Convention & Exhibition Centre**

DAICEC is a multi-use development project centrally located in Mumbai. Covering 75,000 square meters of operational area, it houses a modern convention and exhibition centre, a state of the art auditorium, a cultural plaza, and service apartments. It is 8 km from the International airport. This well connected venue has multiple accommodations ranging from 5 Star properties to Budget hotels.

