

NZISM National Manager's Update December 2017



Hi all NZISM members,

Another year has come to an end and it seems like only a few short weeks until we start again in 2018. As I reflect on 2017 and what has been accomplished, it really has been a landmark year for NZISM. I think the most significant achievement has been the appointment of Selena Armstrong to the CEO role. As you know, this is a first for our organisation and signaled the start of a new era in which we committed to significant development in the way the organisation is structured, run and promoted, as we strive to achieve the goals set in the strategic plan.

We achieved another significant milestone when the membership voted to support a centralised financial structure, this will greatly assist the organisation in supporting nationally coordinated professional development events and reduces the administrative load on our regional committees. National Office will be working with branches to finalise the process related to this change and are targeting the end of the financial year to have this in place.

We continue our engagement with Worksafe, and this week Selena and I met with the Chief Inspector and regional branch managers for the Central Region of WorkSafe (covering Waikato to Wellington and Taranaki to Hawkes Bay), this follows on from similar meetings held with the Northern and Southern regions. The intent being to develop the relationship at an operational level and discuss how we can support Worksafe in delivering their messages and work towards increased involvement in NZISM branch activities by the Worksafe inspectorate.

Our involvement with HASANZ has been one of significant contribution, along with the other stakeholders, there are now seven full member associations of HASANZ all of which have achieved eligibility for their members to apply for register listing. We welcome the newest full member to the ranks, the New Zealand Safety Council, who had their application finalised by the membership committee at the last meeting in early December. We are working towards a closer relationship with the NZSC as we look towards ensuring consistency in assessment of HASANZ Register applications. By the time Christmas arrives the HASANZ Register will have been available to receive applications from Health and Safety Professionals for just over 10 days and it is great to have seen

the interest from NZISM members in listing on the register, with more than 10% of our target number to be listed by March having submitted applications within the first 48 hours of the register being live. You should have seen the competition that is being run by HASANZ with all who submit an application to the register by 31st January 2018 going into the draw to win one of two tickets to the 2018 HASANZ Conference, being held again at Te Papa in early September, a prize package worth around \$1300.00.

During the year we have also rekindled our involvement and relationships with international partners IOSH and INSHPO and have started discussions with the Safety Institute of Australia. The signing of the Singapore Accord in support of the INSHPO Capability Framework at the World Congress for Health and Safety in September was a significant event in the development of Health and Safety Professional Capabilities and you can expect to see and hear more about this in 2018.

Towards the end of the year NZISM (along with HASANZ) contributed to the development of a new tertiary education product being developed by Victoria University and we began a formal engagement process with Otago University to assist them with the development of their Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences (endorsed in Occupational Health). This is all part of a wider planned programme to challenge tertiary educators to review their products and consider incorporating aspects of the INSHPO Capability Framework as the standard for good health and safety education.

I would like to thank our supporting partners for their involvement and contribution to NZISM during 2017, 3M and SHE Health and Safety Software, along with our Principal Collaborators and Corporate Supporters, your continued involvement is key to the success of NZISM. Significant acknowledgement and thanks goes to all of those within the organisation who have contributed their time during 2017, from the NEC, OpCo, and Advisory Board to branch Committees, mentoring, grading and HASANZ Register Panels. You have all contributed greatly to the development of NZISM during 2017. Finally, to all members thank you for your continued support for the organisation, with the holiday season now upon us I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ngā mihi maioha, Noho ora mai

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