



## Welcome to this month's specialist groups bulletin

### Aviation – new group joins the network

A new specialist group has joined IOSH, bringing our total to 17. The Aviation Sector Specialist Group was given the go ahead by our Board of Trustees last month and already has several members signed up. The SG is holding its first networking meeting at Tewin Farm in Hertfordshire on Thursday 04 October. If you'd like more information about the new SG, or would like to join it, please contact [ruth.thorpe@iosh.co.uk](mailto:ruth.thorpe@iosh.co.uk). Ruth will also be able to give you details of the event.

### Fire Risk Management

**Fire risk assessment – striking the balance** is the title of our networking meeting on Friday 03 August in Chelmsford. It's primarily a workshop-style event with two speaker slots and breakout sessions. The first speaker will give the view of the small business community on the latest legislation, while the enforcement perspective will come from two representatives from the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. For more details and a booking form, visit the events calendar at [www.iosh.co.uk/specialistgroups/events](http://www.iosh.co.uk/specialistgroups/events).

### Public Services

This year's National Safety Symposium is at the prestigious Nottingham Crowne Plaza on 02–04 September. Speakers will cover a range of topics, including safety culture, stress, working with HR, and CDM and managing contractors. The event, now in its 32nd year, offers a great opportunity to debate the latest issues affecting the public sector, get practical, up-to-date advice, and network with professionals from across the industry. The 07 Safety Symposium includes a new feature – a series of six 'surgery' sessions, with a focus on topics from ergonomics to road risk. For more information and to download a booking form, go to [www.iosh.co.uk/nss](http://www.iosh.co.uk/nss).

### Railway

We're planning a tour of the St Pancras project, London, on Tuesday 07 August. Numbers are strictly limited, and hard hats and hi-vis jackets will be needed. We had an overwhelming response to the Health and Safety Laboratory tour this month so we're now planning to repeat the trip on another date. Keep your eye on the calendar at [www.iosh.co.uk/specialistgroups/events](http://www.iosh.co.uk/specialistgroups/events) for more details about both these events.

### Rural Industries

The Rural Industries SG's sell-out event **Visitor safety – controlling risk**, held at Sherwood Pines Forest Park in April, is being re-run due to popular demand. The repeat event will be on Wednesday 17 October at the same picturesque venue. Speakers will look at controlling risk in environments where people want to take risks, how to manage safety in the countryside, and a series of prosecution case studies. If you'd like more information about this event, which costs just £20, contact [chrissie.walton@iosh.co.uk](mailto:chrissie.walton@iosh.co.uk).

### SG Network Conference

This year we're staging, for the first time, an event exclusively for the committee members who run our specialist groups. The SG Network Conference will be in September at Walton Hall in Warwickshire. The idea behind the conference is to offer a dedicated forum for members to get up to speed on key issues and share ideas and success stories. Find out more from [ruth.thorpe@iosh.co.uk](mailto:ruth.thorpe@iosh.co.uk).

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