

Workplace Health Without Borders



***Together We Will
Make A Difference***

The WHWB Team

***Imagine a world where everyone
goes home at least as healthy as
when they came to work.***



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Occupational disease kills 2 million people a year around the world – more than other well-recognized global health and safety challenges like HIV/AIDS, armed conflict and automobile crashes.

Another 160 million people in the world get sick every year from occupational health hazards. Not only adults are affected:

215 million of the world's children are child labourers, 53% of whom work in hazardous conditions.

Dedication to the prevention of occupational disease motivated the creation of the non-profit organization Workplace Health Without Borders.

Incorporated as a charity in Canada since 2011, WHWB has a network of more than 400 people around the world, including occupational hygienists, physicians and others concerned about workplace health.

Chapters are being formed in other regions, including the United States, Australia, Africa and Europe.

Creativity / ingenuity

Brainstorming session on controls in agate processing, Wednesday, April 8, at 12 noon Eastern Daylight Time.

If you know anyone who is particularly interested in/expert on ventilation and engineering controls, please let them know about this!



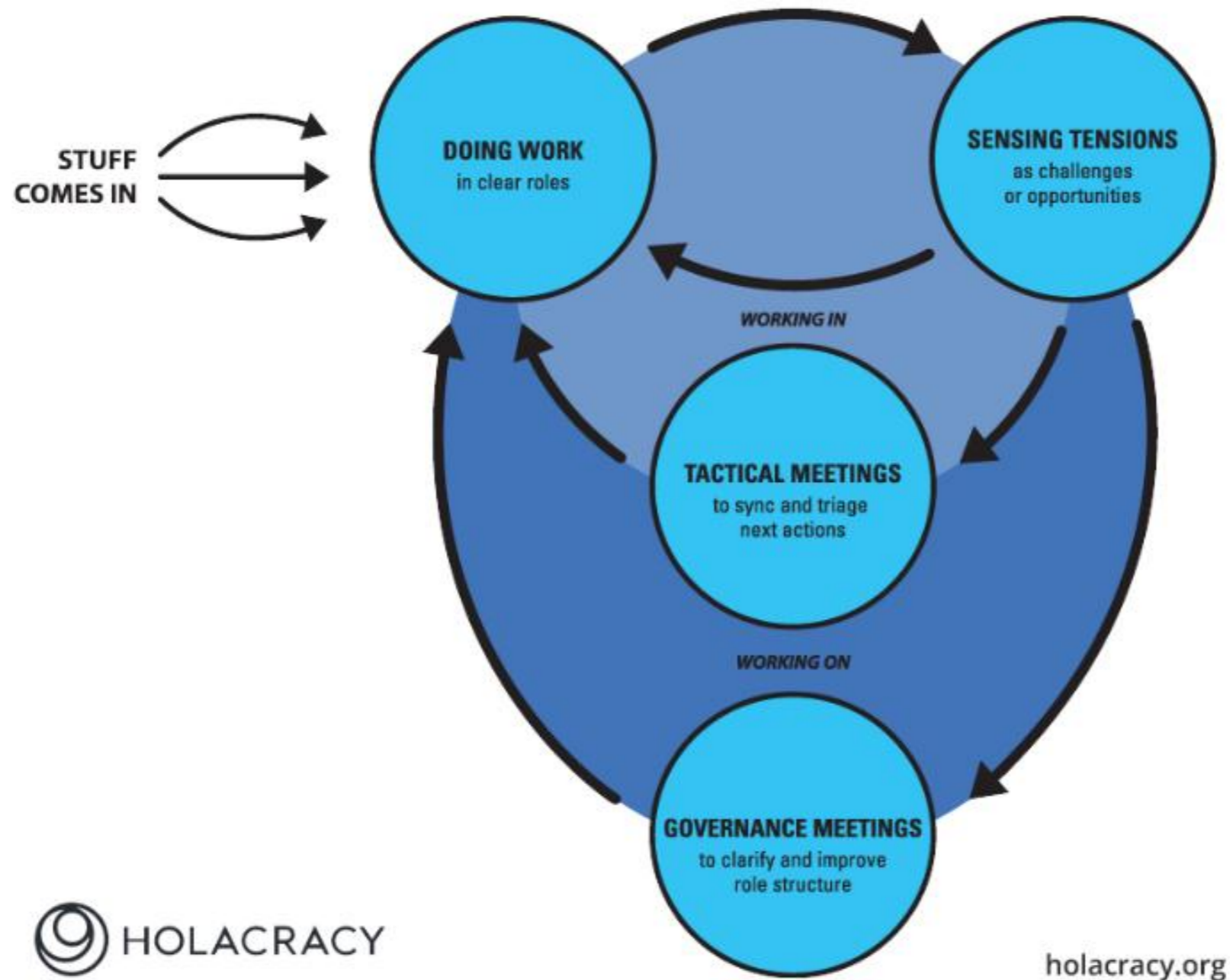
WHWB working with the University of Toronto and People's Training and Research Centre in Gujarat. (Grand Challenges Grant)

Agate polishers working at home, families, including young children, may be exposed. Respirable crystalline silica concentrations ranging up to **17 mg/m³**.

Constraints include the need for low capital and operating (power) costs, materials readily available in Gujarat, portability, and non-interference with production. Our team tested some designs that were successful in reducing exposures, but improvement is still needed.

Leadership

How do we get our skills and knowledge to those in need



With thanks to Bernard Fontaine

Mentoring and training





Marguerite Pilger CIH, ROH

2 comments to Mentoring at a distance: my personal experience



marilev
December 6, 2013 at 5:48 pm Log in to Reply

What a great description of mentoring — thank you, Marg!
Marianne



Battsetseg
January 17, 2014 at 6:36 am Log in to Reply

I deeply appreciate the time and effort she has spent on me. She is mentoring, teaching, encouraging and guiding me through my journey to become an industrial hygienist.

I'm blessed to have you as my mentor and I value all the time we have spent and all the knowledge I have gained.

Sincerely, Battsetseg

Mentors Needed Now!

We urgently need mentors to fulfill our obligations to the students of our recent course in Tanzania.

Following the recent training course mounted by WHWB in Tanzania, many of the participants have submitted requests to be paired with a mentor. WHWB now has a serious shortage of mentors. Matching experienced health and hygiene practitioners with those who have little or no access to the skill set and knowledge required is critical if we want to build capacity in developing countries. If you are a credentialed occupational hygienist or occupational physician, WHWB needs you! Mentoring can be tremendously rewarding on a personal level for the mentor. Check out [this post](#) from an active mentor where she talks about the process of mentoring at a distance. If you are interested in making a real difference, please consider filling out and submitting a mentor form. A link to the mentoring form and a short description of our mentoring program are available [here](#). If you are unsure if this is for you, but would like more information, please send an email to mentors@whwb.org.



Workplace Health Without Borders

Occupational Health for Workers Everywhere



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OH Learning



The **Occupational Hygiene Training Association** (OHTA) is a not-for-profit organisation of volunteers. We aim to reduce the global burden of ill health from the work environment by promoting better standards of occupational hygiene practice around the world.

WHWB is an Approved Training Provider of OHTA



**Aristides Medard, WHWB
Regional Representative and
champion of occupational
health and hygiene training
in Tanzania.**

**In support of the University of
Muhimbili University of Health and
Allied Sciences and WHWB**

Thank you Aristides!



1- INTRODUCTIONS





W201 Basic Principles of Occupational Hygiene

- Taught by 2 volunteers from WHWB:
 - Lydia Renton, Course Director
 - Marianne Levitsky
- 4 MUHAS professors delivered modules: ergonomics, noise, health surveillance, ventilation
- 26 course participants
 - 25 took BOHS exam
 - 16 signed up to be mentored





Our membership is expanding



Please engage in our vision – become a member, and a mentor!
You have so much to offer!



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Mentoring

We have received a number of requests for mentors or career coaches in occupational hygiene as well as offers from senior hygienists to act as mentors. The WHWB board of directors has discussed our role in matching mentors with people wanting advice from senior hygienists. One group of people who may benefit from mentoring are those people who have completed one or more of the OHTA modules in occupational hygiene. Mentoring is particularly useful to individuals who are preparing to write certification examinations, but is something we all can benefit from throughout our careers. We anticipate that both partners in the mentoring relationship will benefit.

We have produced a registration form for hygienists wishing to become mentors and a second for those looking for a mentor. Submitted forms will be used to develop a database from which we will match mentors and those wishing to partner with a mentor. If you are interested you can download the appropriate forms from one of these links:

Mentor Form – Download this if you wish to mentor
Formulario del tutor

Mentee Form – Download this if you wish to be partnered with a mentor
Formulario del alumno

Please bear in mind that this program is intended to serve newcomers to the hygiene field outside of North America. North American students can take advantage of the excellent mentoring program provided by AIHA or the similar program operated by CRBOH in Canada.



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