

**Profiles of IAP Members**



**Mr Tan Chuan-Jin**

Minister for Manpower

Chair, International Advisory Panel for Workplace Safety and Health

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin served in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) for nearly 24 years before retiring in 2011. Commissioned at Sandhurst, he has held various appointments in the SAF, including Commander Singapore 3rd Division and Commander Training and Doctrine Command.

When the Indian Ocean Tsunami struck on Boxing Day 2004, Mr Tan led the SAF's relief effort to Meulaboh, Aceh in Indonesia. Despite the uncertainty and scale of the crisis, they brought in emergency relief to stabilize the situation in the critical period after the tragedy.

As Chairman Executive Committee, Mr Tan was responsible for organizing National Day Parade 2009.

In May 2011, Mr Tan was elected as one of the Members of Parliament for the Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency. He was then appointed as Minister of State for National Development and Manpower.

On 1 August 2012, Mr Tan was appointed Acting Minister for Manpower, and concurrently Senior Minister of State for National Development.

Mr Tan relinquished his National Development portfolio on 1 September 2013, but he continued to helm the Ministry of Manpower as Acting Minister. He was made full Minister on 1 May 2014.

Mr Tan was awarded the SAF Overseas Scholarship to read Economics and graduated with a BSc (Econs) from the London School of Economics (1992). He also holds a Masters of Arts in Defence Studies from King's College London (1999), and a Masters in Public Management from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (2008).



## **Mr Hawazi Daipi**

Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Manpower

Co-Chair, International Advisory Panel for Workplace Safety and Health

Mr Hawazi Daipi is the Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Manpower. A Member of Parliament since 1996, Mr Hawazi currently chairs the Tripartite Committee on Work-Life Strategy and the Tripartite Committee on CPF and Work-Related Benefits for Low-Wage Workers.

Apart from public administration, Mr Hawazi has broad experience in education, journalism and union work. He works as a teacher from 1978 to 1983 before joining Singapore Press Holdings as a journalist. When he left journalism in 1997, Mr Hawazi was Berita Harian's Special Assistant Editor. He then joined the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) for five years where he was Director of the Internationals Affairs Department and Executive Secretary of four unions.

In 1996, Mr Hawazi was elected as an MP for the Sembawang Group Representation Constituency (GRC) and has been re-elected in the GRC in 2001, 2006 and 2011. At the community level, Mr Hawazi has been Chairman of Sembawang Council since 2003.



**Dr John Howard**

Director,

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
(NIOSH)

John Howard is the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr Howard also serves as the Administrator of the World Trade Center Health Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr Howard was first appointed NIOSH Director in 2002 during the George Bush Administration and served in that position until 2008. In 2008 and 2009, Dr Howard worked as a consultant with the U.S. Government's Afghanistan Health Initiative. In September of 2009, Dr Howard was again appointed NIOSH Director in the Barak Obama Administration.

Prior to his appointments as NIOSH Director, Dr Howard served as Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the State of California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency from 1991 through 2002.

Dr Howard received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Loyola University of Chicago, a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, a Doctor of Law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Master of Law degree in Administrative Law and Economic Regulation from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Dr Howard is board-certified in internal medicine and occupational medicine. He is admitted to the practice of medicine and law in the State of California and in the District of Columbia, and he is a member U.S. Supreme Court bar. He has written numerous articles on occupational health law and policy.



**Prof Jorma Rantanen**

Director General Emeritus,

Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH)

Past President,

International Commission on Occupational Health  
(ICOH)

Dr Jorma Rantanen is a professor and specialist in occupational health. He served as the Director General of the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, FIOH, for 30 years since 1973. He has experience in practical occupational health services, and occupational medicine, in toxicology research and in the development of regulations for OHS in Finland and internationally.

Dr Rantanen has worked as an expert for WHO, ILO and EU in drafting international strategies, programmes and regulations. He was one of the key contributors to the ILO instruments on Occupational Health Services, the WHO Global Strategy on Occupational Health for All and WHO Global Action Plan on Workers' Health. Most recently Dr Rantanen has produced the WHO/ILO/ICOH approach for Basic Occupational Health Services, BOHS, and written the guidelines and supported the practical implementation of BOHS in all continents.

He has over 40 years' experience on programmes for occupational health in developing and transitory countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, China and Eastern Europe, including the Russian Federation, Baltic and Balkan areas. After his retirement from the FIOH, Dr Rantanen has carried out evaluations of universities and research institutions. He has planned new governance models for Finnish Universities and Polytechnics, evaluated Government research institutes and Government funded research programmes for Finland, UK and USA. Dr Rantanen has served as elected Chairman of the Board of University of Jyväskylä, Finland 2009-2013. Since his retirement Dr Rantanen has served the Finnish Government and public sector eight times as one-man Committee in six different jurisdictions and works currently as a one-man Committee in the Ministry of Interior for drawing up a National Strategy for Fire, Rescue and Civil Protection.

He has served as the Board member of ICOH and was elected President of ICOH for the tenure 2003–2006 and 2006–2009. Professor Rantanen has been awarded with several international and national honours by Governments and Scientific Communities.



**Prof Ken Takahashi**

Professor/ Chair of Department of Environmental Epidemiology,

University of Occupational and Environmental Health (UOEH)

Dr Ken Takahashi is a Professor of Environmental Epidemiology and the Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Occupational Health at the University of Occupational and Environmental Health (UOEH) in Japan. He engages in epidemiologic research of occupational diseases and specializes in occupational lung diseases and asbestos-related diseases.

Prior to his current appointment, Dr Takahashi served as a consultant and advisor to WHO and International Labour Organization (ILO). He also served as an examiner and advisor to several academic institutes in Asian countries.

Dr Takahashi was twice elected to the Board of International Commission of Occupational Health (ICOH). He is also the President of the Asian Association for Occupational Health since 2011.

Dr Takahashi graduated from the School of Medicine in Keio University in 1983. He received his PhD from UOEH and Masters in Public Health (M.P.H.) from the University of Pittsburgh.



**Mr Kevin Myers**

Acting Chief Executive,

Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Kevin Myers joined the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in 1976 as a trainee Factory Inspector. In his career he has held a wide range of operational posts in HSE as a front line Inspector and Manager regulating a broad range of industries as well as a number of policy and strategy postings – including a three-year secondment to the European Commission in Brussels.

More recently, from 2000-2005, he was HSE’s Chief Inspector of Construction. From May 2005 until October 2008, he was Director of HSE’s Hazardous Installations Directorate and was responsible for HSE’s regulation of various “major hazard” sectors including the onshore chemical industry, offshore oil and gas, high pressure gas storage and distribution, explosives, mining and biological agents. In October 2008, he was appointed HSE’s Deputy Chief Executive. He was a Non-Executive Board Member of the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) between 2011 and March 2014. He is currently HSE’s Acting Chief Executive.



**Mr Rex Hoy**

Former Chief Executive Officer,  
Safe Work Australia

As the first CEO of Safe Work Australia established in November 2009, Rex found that building an agency from the ground up was a rare and rewarding experience. In his 46 year career in the Australian Public Service and the Papua New Guinea National Public Service Rex understood great work depends on the people you employ to get the job done. Keeping an organization's people safe at work should be a fundamental responsibility of all employers.

In his public service career Rex worked across a range of areas and subject matters at the senior executive level. Rex retired from Safe Work Australia and the Australian Public Service in November 2013.

As well as establishing Safe Work Australia, Rex's recent highlights included leading the development of model work health and safety laws, and the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022 which provides a ten year framework aiming to reduce the human and financial cost of work-related injuries and illness.

Before joining Safe Work Australia, Rex worked in Papua New Guinea (PNG) as Deputy Secretary in the PNG Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council under the Australia-PNG Enhanced Cooperation Program. Living and working for four years in PNG gave Rex an insight into the country's work health and safety standards and an appreciation of the difficulties building the capacity of public servants in a developing country.

Rex has a degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of New England and was also a member of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission.



**Dr Walter Eichendorf**

Deputy Director General,

German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV)

President,

German Road Safety Council (DVR)

Dr Walter Eichendorf had his university education in Bochum and Bonn (physics and mathematics). He was research staff member at the European Southern Observatory (1980-1983) in Geneva, Munich and Chile. At HVBG, he was the head of statistical department from 1983-1989, director of public relations 1989-1998, deputy director general since 1998. Since 2007, Dr Eichendorf is the deputy director general of the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) and director of DGUV's prevention division. In addition, Dr Eichendorf is President of the German Road Safety Council (DVR) since 2009.

Dr Eichendorf was responsible for a number of large international projects, e.g. the European Year for Safety and Health at Work, Germany's Federation for Safety and Health at Work (Basi) and project manager for the thematic area 'Future of Work' at EXPO 2000 in Hanover. He is involved in a number of management and advisory boards of national and international prevention institutions. Since 2003 he is Vice President of the Research Section of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), since 2007 member of the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of ISSA and ILO for the OSH World Congress and since 2011 Vice President of ISSA's Prevention Culture Section.