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Report on OSH activities for ANROEV 2013 meeting, Bangkok

Hesperian's *Workers' Guide to Health and Safety* is 80% complete (see table of contents on the next page) and we want to take this opportunity to thank the many ANROEV members, individuals and organizations, for your contributions of knowledge and expertise thus far, and especially those who continue to collaborate in the development of this soon-to-be-published resource. Some highlights of progress since the last ANROEV meeting include:

Chemical chart ready for review! We have developed charts for 100 commonly used chemicals in garment, shoe, and electronics production, and they are now awaiting your review and feedback. The charts are easy-to-read and simple, yet complete. They include information various ANROEV members have requested, such as how to identify a chemical by its qualities and uses, acute and chronic effects, and information about safer alternatives. Please consider serving as a reviewer; contact Miriam Lara for information.

Work Hazards almost complete! Industry-specific sections on electronics, garment, and shoe factories have been joined by expanded materials on ergonomic and chemical hazards, responding to feedback from workers (and ANROEV reviewers) about the need for more and more useful information on chemical and repetitive strain injuries. We are now working on 2 new chapters, on ventilation and personal protective equipment.

Expanded introductory section! We are finishing research for the context setting introduction on "Organizing for Safe and Fair Workplaces" to include "How to create a better factory," "How to become an occupational health promoter," and more activities.

Expanded resource section! We have begun to develop "Other resources and materials," and would welcome any suggestions from members about what print and online materials (as well as activist organizations and networks) you find most useful.

What is next?

We will conduct final review of the materials in the next months, and then the book will be printed at the end of the year! Then comes the work of distributing it in English and beginning translation into Spanish, Chinese, and other languages. But immediately we are looking for reviewers who can help push this resource (printed book, PDFs, Wiki format, and e-book) down the final stretch to completion. Our field review process is a great learning and organizing activity for those who participate. Hesperian provides resources, technical support, and will credit every person or group who participates.

For more information, please get in touch with Miriam Lara at miriam@hesperian.org.

A Workers' Guide to Health and Safety

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