Before FIHO

International Hemp Association

1994 – 2007

Journal of Industrial Hemp
2019 - Time to begin again…

Six associations met in Canada
Australia China Canada Europe
USA (2)

Strong support to explore the concept
A Working Group was formed by 20 hemp associations. Their task was to:

- Seek consensus on formation
- Explore the potential need, functions, and value
- Draft foundation documents (Articles and Bylaw)
- Develop the membership structure
- Create a budget
- Appoint interim Directors

This work was facilitated by Emerging ag Inc.
FIHO Working Group
20 Associations
FIHO Mission

• Bring together industry leaders, market expertise, and resources;
• Speak with one voice on hemp issues at the global level;
• Identify and create opportunities to scale sustainable hemp production, marketing, and trade; and,
• Benefit the global hemp industry, consumers and the environment.
Interim Board of Directors

The interim Directors were appointed in December 2021 and were tasked to:

• Elect interim Officers and Committee Chairs - Completed
• Ratify Foundation Documents; - Completed
• Develop initial operational procedures - Completed
• Held the first Annual General Meeting
  • November 18, 2022
  • Members ratified Foundation Documents and Elected Directors
2023-2024 FIHO Officers

- Ted Haney, Canada (CHTA) – Board Chair
- Daniel Kruse, Europe (EIHA) – Vice Chair
- Charles Kovess (AIHA) – Secretary
- Patrick Atagi, USA (NIHC) – Treasurer
2023-2024 FIHO Directors

• Kyle Bingham, USA (THGA)
• Hunter Buffington, USA (NIHC)
• Joseph Hickey Sr., USA (KYHA)
• Lorenza Romanese, Europe (EIHA)
• Keanan Stone (CHTA)
2023-2024 FIHO Committee Chairs

- Communication and Engagement
  - Charles Kovess (Australia)
  - Joseph Hickey Sr. (USA)

- Policy and Regulations
  - Lorenza Romanese (Europe)

- Research and Standards
  - Keanan Stone (Canada)
  - Kyle Bingham (USA)

- Sustainability
  - Hunter Buffington (USA)
  - Terry Grajczyk (Canada)
FIHO Membership Structure

- Tier 1: Large Supranational and National Hemp Associations
- Tier 2: Small Supranational and National Hemp Associations
- Tier 3: Subnational Hemp Associations
- Tier 4: Companies (Small, Medium, and Large)
- Tier 5: Individuals, Government Agencies, Research Institutes, and Aligned Non-Hemp Industry Associations.
## FIHO Membership Fees

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Note: Membership fees are reduced by 20% for Tier 3-5 members who are members of FIHO Tier 1 or 2 members.
Advances the global production, consumption and trade of industrial hemp

Provides a platform that promotes:
- Research, development and innovation;
- Harmonized standards;
- Smart regulation;
- Knowledge sharing; and,
- Awareness
Legitimacy and Trust

• Vetting member organizations

• Coordinate efforts to expand industry research, standards, and develop networking and, business opportunities

• Create an international network of hemp industry stakeholders
Priorities

Policy and Regulation

• Monitoring global production, trade, marketing, and use policies
• Engaging intergovernmental agencies
• Coordinating policy and regulation priorities
• Advocating for regulatory standardization
Priorities

Sharing Information

• Build common industry positions
• Build a common database of hemp research and knowledge
• Create an information clearing-house for hemp production, processing, trade, and markets
Priorities

Working Together

• Organize FIHO working groups, seminars and meetings

• Provide expert input to consensus-based policy

• Support productive working relationships with global hemp leaders
Facilitate Innovation

- Monitor global hemp research and technology
- Develop global hemp standards
- Share innovation and technology advances
- **AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT**
- **CLOSE KNOWLEDGE GAPS**
Key Activities - Value

Policy and Regulation Advocacy

• Engage intergovernmental agencies
• Assist members engage national delegations to these organizations
• Share policy/regulatory perspective with national regulators – on request of members
Intergovernmental Agencies (1)

UN Economic and Social Section (ECOSOC)

• Committee on World Food Security (CFS)
  • Hemp’s role in human nutrition and crisis intervention

• Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)
  • Pesticide and Herbicide Maximum Residue Levels

• Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
  • Sustainability and Agriculture Development
Intergovernmental Agencies (2)

- International Meteorological Organization (IMO)
  - International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
  - Global Seeds Schemes

- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
  - Hemp’s role in sustainable Rural Development
Intergovernmental Agencies (3)

• United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
  • Facilitating agri-food trade and development

• World Bank (WB)
  • Financing the global hemp industry

• World Customs Organization (WCO)
  • HS Code Standardization

• World Trade Organization (WTO)
  • Liberalizing terms of trade in hemp products
Intergovernmental Agencies (4)

• **World Health Organization (WHO)**

• **Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (ECDD)**
  - Provides expert advice to the CND

• **Commission on Drug Dependence (CND)**
  - Schedules “narcotics” in C61 and C71

• **International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)**
  - Monitors/Facilitates implementation of the UN international drug conventions (C61 and C71).
Key Activities - Value

Promote Sustainability

• Develop database on hemp greenhouse gas and carbon removal and sequestration for climate change mitigation

• Develop database on broader measures of hemp social, economic, and environmental sustainability – for soil/water quality and reduced pesticide use

• Identify and fill data gaps
Develop Standards

• Support standardized terminology, specifications, practices, test methods, guides, and classifications

• Support standardized terms of international trade, including Harmonized Codes and cannabinoid levels

• Remove obstacles and unlock global expansion
Key Activities - Value

Facilitate Research and Knowledge Transfer

- Create information database on completed and ongoing hemp research
- Identify priority research required to advance the hemp industry
- Facilitate communication and cooperation among hemp researchers
Third Annual General Meeting
Prague, Czechia
June 7, 2024
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