

Membership Presentation



FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL HEMP ORGANIZATIONS



Before FIHO

International Hemp Association

1994 – 2007

Journal of Industrial Hemp



2019 - Time to begin again...

Six associations met in Canada

Australia

Canada

China

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



NZHIA
Food. Fibre. Health.



Uttarakhand
Hemp Association



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

Tier	Large Hectare	Small Hectare
Tier 1	€16,000	€8,000
Tier 2	€8,000	€4,000
Tier 3	€4,000	€2,000
Tier 4	€16,000 – Large Companies €4,000 – Medium Companies €2,000 – Small Companies	
Tier 5	€2,000	

Note: Membership fees are reduced by 20% for Tier 3-5 members who are members of FIHO Tier 1 or 2 members.

FIHO Does



- 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

Priorities



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

Priorities



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

Key Activities - Value

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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