

IUPAC COCI Safety Training Program

Call for Host Companies

The **IUPAC Committee on Chemistry and Industry (COCI)** is seeking Host Companies for their IUPAC Safety Training Program (STP). The STP Fellowship training program promotes interactions between developed countries and the developing world. It enables experts from developing countries to learn more about safety, security and environmental protection measures by visiting and working at IUPAC Company Associates or other companies in industrialized countries. The program allows Host Companies to share and disseminate their state-of-the-art knowledge on chemical safety, security and environmental protection in chemical production.

The STP Fellowship trainee candidates are mid-level chemical professionals from the developing countries around the world who are supervisors or managers in chemical companies, government institutions, or academic laboratories. They are engaged in aspects of safety and security in chemical production or teaching. They have all been chosen for their experience and for their ability to influence safety and security practices at their workplaces or institution and within their home countries.

STP Fellowship trainee(s) visit the research and manufacturing facilities of IUPAC Host Companies for a *two to three-week period*, during which the trainee(s) shadow health, safety, security and environmental professionals to gain first-hand experience in state-of-the-art practices. The trainee(s) then apply their new knowledge at home in their workplaces, communities, and governments.

Since 2000, twenty STP Fellows from Turkey, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya, China, India, Ghana and Uruguay have participated in the STP Fellowship training at Host Companies in the USA, Japan, South Africa, UK, Canada, Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany.

IUPAC COCI recruits and approves the STP Fellowship candidates and matches them with Host Company(s). The STP Coordinator vettes/approves the training schedule and coordinates communications. COCI (or its partner CRDF Global) provides travel funds for trainee's travel to/from their home country to the Host Company site.

The Host Company develops the course of study and provides a detailed proposed schedule/agenda to the STP Coordinator and trainee(s). The Company experts provide on-site training in their safety and security practices. The company provides all the trainee's local expenses (meals, accommodations and transportation) during the training.

The STP Fellowship trainee(s) coordinates with the Host Company and the STP Coordinator concerning the training schedule and obtains all necessary travel documents/visas. They work with COCI (& partner) for travel arrangements. Post training, they submit a detailed training report to the STP Coordinator. The STP Coordinator approves the final report and shares it with the Host Company.

There are many benefits to Host Companies. Besides the favorable publicity that all Host Companies gain, productive long-term relationships can build with the trainees and their home countries that can benefit the company and the trainee long after training is concluded. Dialogs between Host Company staff and trainees can lead to suggestions for improvements and new initiatives.

IUPAC hopes that you will consider support for the Safety Training Program by becoming a Host Company. For more information and to volunteer, please contact the COCI STP Coordinator at STP@IUPAC.org