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A brief update on ICPHSO's activities, partnerships, and upcoming opportunities shaping the product safety community.

IS26 PARTICIPANTS 382 participants	COUNTRIES REPRESENTED 49 countries
GOVERNMENT / REGULATORY Regulators from approximately 30 countries	INTERNATIONAL REACH Europe • Americas • Asia • Australia

2026 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM – BRUSSELS

ICPHSO's September 9–10 International Symposium in Brussels brought together 382 participants from 49 countries, including regulators from approximately 30 countries. The Symposium reinforced ICPHSO's role as a neutral international forum for product safety dialogue, education, and collaboration.

GLOBAL PRODUCT SAFETY COLLABORATION

The Brussels program featured discussions on the UN Principles for Consumer Product Safety, emerging product safety issues, and global cooperation. ICPHSO also strengthened its collaboration with the OAS Consumer Safety and Health Network (OAS-CSHN), supporting continued product safety cooperation across the Americas.

2027 ANNUAL MEETING & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM – ARLINGTON, VA

Planning is well underway for February 22–25, 2027, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Program development, sponsorship, exhibitors, Student Mentorship, and opportunities for regulators, newer professionals, and international stakeholders are all moving forward. Poster submissions are open through October 14, 2026.

2027 NORTH AMERICA PRODUCT SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP – OTTAWA

ICPHSO will partner with Health Canada for the June 22, 2027 workshop in Ottawa. Initial planning is beginning, including program development, speakers, and related activities.

2027 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM – BARCELONA

Planning has begun for the October 20–21, 2027 International Symposium in Barcelona, Spain, in cooperation with the Catalan Consumer Agency. Work is underway on the theme, program, logistics, sponsorship, exhibitors, and international participation.

EMERGING LEADERS & YEAR-ROUND ENGAGEMENT

ICPHSO is developing an Emerging Leaders Program to provide newer professionals with opportunities to become more involved, develop leadership skills, build relationships, and contribute to the organization's future. We are also exploring additional year-round educational and collaborative opportunities for the product safety community.

LOOKING AHEAD

From global forums and training workshops to new opportunities for engagement, ICPHSO remains committed to connecting regulators, industry, consumer organizations, technical experts, and other product safety stakeholders through a neutral, collaborative forum. We hope you will consider joining us as a member and attending an upcoming conference. Stay connected at www.icphso.org or contact me at marc.schoem@icphso.org.