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## **Japan Infection Control Support Association (JICSA) Receives AOHP's 2014 Business Award**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) is pleased to announce the Japan Infection Control Support Association (JICSA) as the recipient of the 2014 AOHP Business Recognition Award. The award was accepted by Eiji Doi-San and his interpreter Emiko Griffith on September 12, 2014 at the AOHP Annual National Conference in New Orleans, LA.

JICSA, which entered a formal partnership with AOHP in 2010, was granted the award for its visionary collaboration to translate AOHP's renowned resource manual *Getting Started: Occupational Health in the Healthcare Setting* into Japanese to support the work of occupational health professionals internationally. The translated manual, which serves as a valuable resource for training and education, was released in Osaka, Japan on July 19, 2014 at a meeting of more than 500 of the country's nurses and other health professionals who work in occupational health, infection control, sterile processing and central distribution.

AOHP is a national association representing thousands of healthcare workers whose vision is to be the defining resource and leading authority for occupational health, safety and well-being in healthcare. Its Business Recognition Award, created in 2007, recognizes a healthcare organization, business, corporation or government agency which actively supports occupational health professionals in healthcare and encourages their participation in AOHP programs and activities.

"As a world-class leader for occupational health and safety in healthcare, we appreciate this opportunity to share our message with an international audience," says AOHP Executive President Dee Tyler, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN. "We are honored to present JICSA with our Business Recognition Award to recognize how their translation of *Getting Started* has elevated the profession of occupational health in Japan, and we hope other countries will now look to AOHP to help advance their occupational health practices."

Other awards presented at the 2014 AOHP Annual National Conference, and their recipients, include:

- *AOHP Honorary Member Award Recipient* - Debra Novak, PhD, Senior Service Fellow, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.) Dr. Novak was recognized as an honorary member of AOHP for her support of the association in its efforts to keep healthcare workers safe related to respiratory protection and their proper use of personal protective equipment.
- *Joyce Safian Scholarship Award* - Named for the founder of the association, this award, including \$500 to be used for educational purposes, is presented annually to a current or former AOHP officer. This year's winner, Mary Cox, MSN, RN, COHN-S, has served as Chair of the AOHP Continuing

Education Committee since 2009 and assisted the association in obtaining American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) credentialing status for continuing nursing education.

- *Extraordinary Member Award* - AOHP member Julie Nicholas, BSN, RN, COHN-S, was recognized by the association for her extraordinary leadership as Co-Vice President of the AOHP Pacific Northwest Chapter and as an active, dedicated volunteer on the Continuing Education Committee.

AOHP promotes health and safety for healthcare personnel through: advocacy; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations. For more information about any of these awards and the 2014 winners, call AOHP Headquarters at 800-362-4347, or e-mail [info@aohp.org](mailto:info@aohp.org).

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