Science with purpose

A World Health Organisation standard for asbestos

The extensive improvements which IOM developed for counting and measuring of asbestos, were incorporated into a World Health Organisation (WHO) standard method for the measurement of asbestos fibres in the air. This standard prepared by IOM is now the basis for asbestos measurement worldwide.

This measurement method helped ensure safe environments and working practices for millions of workers worldwide. IOM has backed calls from both the WHO and the International Labour Organisation looking for a ban on the use of all forms of asbestos eliminating any future cases of asbestos-related diseases.