

## **Dr. Asher Pardo – curriculum vitae**

Dr. Pardo has specialized in occupational hygiene since 1975 after acquiring a B.Sc in Chemistry and M.Sc in Environmental Sciences from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received his Ph.D from the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Tel Aviv University. His doctoral dissertation, under the supervision of Prof. S. Cohen, treated the mechanism of percutaneous absorption of cholinesterase inhibitors organic bases and their salts.

His main expertise is in the field of occupational exposure to chemical hazards, their recognition, evaluation and monitoring, and their control.

Dr. Pardo was employed at the National Institute for Occupational and Environmental Health (founded by Tel Aviv university and the General Health Services of the General Federation of Labor in Israel) from 1975 – 2004 where he was appointed head of the department of occupational hygiene and engaged in research, professional training, service and consultation to workplaces. Under the affiliation of the Institute to the Tel Aviv University he took an active part, together with Prof. S. Gitter and others, in the establishment of the graduate program in occupational health (M.Occ.H) at the Sackler School of Medicine. He is the head of the occupational hygiene program in the M.Occ.H, and a lecturer and thesis advisor.

Dr. Pardo is a member of regulatory and public committees having occupational exposure and protection of workers and the public as their agenda.

Some of his research projects have dealt with chemical exposure and health effects in various industrial and occupational sectors including the electronic industry (exposure to colophony), metal industry (lead and metal working fluids), lead-acid battery production, agriculture (pesticides application), petrol distribution, poultry processing in the food industry, hospitals (waste anesthetic gases), hydrotherapy, models for qualitative assessment of exposure, health policy.

He has published a professional book on occupational hygiene (Hebrew) and contributed to the book "Occupational Health in Aviation" (Academic Press).

As of 2005, Dr. Pardo is employed at the Institute of Safety and Hygiene where he is mainly engaged with research, and is also a private consultant in the industry.