



Winner of SWHAP Achievement Award 2010 - Category for Most Comprehensive Programme

The Board of Swedish Workplace HIV and AIDS Programme (SWHAP) is proud to announce the winner of the SWHAP Achievement Award 2010 in the category for most comprehensive programme. For the second consecutive year, the award goes to Atlas Copco South Africa in recognition of its successful and sustainable workplace programme on HIV and AIDS.

Atlas Copco South Africa has over several years implemented a successful programme responding to HIV and AIDS at its workplace. The programme has supported those employees that are HIV positive and prevented more from acquiring the virus. Due to continuous monitoring as well as high participation of all staff, a profound impact has been achieved. For example, since Atlas Copco started its programme in 2003 no employee that first tested negative has since tested positive for HIV. Not only has Atlas Copco sustained its commitment that made them win the 2009 Achievement Award. In 2010, Atlas Copco has also shown that they are able to expand the involvement even further by enhanced community outreach and spreading of the experiences of their programme to other companies.

The Atlas Copco programme is jointly implemented by management, the employees and their trade union through HIV-committees for each business area of the company. The success of the programme has reached the extent that even the risk insurance costs of the pension fund scheme have been reduced substantially, thus increasing the pension fund contributions. In short, Atlas Copco South Africa is a highly qualified winner of the SWHAP Achievement Award 2010 for the most comprehensive programme.

The SWHAP Achievement Award has been given out since 2008. In 2010 the four categories for the award are Most Comprehensive Workplace Programme; Best Progress in Workplace Programming; Peer Educator Achievement Award; and Most Innovative Intervention. The assessment for the Most Comprehensive Programme Award was carried out through an extensive questionnaire of 17 questions and 68 benchmarks. For more information on the award, please contact info@swhap.org. For more information on Swedish Workplace HIV and AIDS Programme, please visit www.swhap.org.