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Helmut Ehnes, engineer, is a graduate of the Technical University Munich, Germany. After two years of project management in Indonesia for the TÜV Rhineland/Germany, he started his career in prevention in 1983 at the German statutory accident insurance for the construction material industry (StBG).

As prevention manager since 1996, he initiated various successful campaigns spanning – among many other topics – conveyor belt safety, slip/trip/fall accident- and silicosis prevention, leading to significant reduction of accidents and occupational diseases. He started initiatives such as the Employer's model for SMEs, the Innovation Award Work – Safety – Health, and Systematic Safety, an OSH Management System compatible for SMEs. All of these tools have been adapted by the entire German accident insurance.

Helmut Ehnes became additionally responsible for the prevention of the German mining industry in 2004 and for the chemical, leather, paper and sugar industry in 2010, totalling to the responsibility for the safety and health of 1.3 million employees today.

As Secretary-general of ISSA Mining, Helmut Ehnes promotes the international dialogue on occupational safety and health for the mining industry worldwide. Managing the German “Initiative SME”, he is leading a network of 50 partners aiming to implement OSH by supporting excellent corporate management.

He is the author of the SafeWork Working Paper “Improvement of national reporting, data collection and analysis of occupational accidents and diseases”, published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and co-author of the “ISSA Guidelines on Prevention” by the Special Commission on Prevention of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) in Geneva. Helmut Ehnes, born 1954 in Hof, Bavaria/Germany, is married and father of two children.