



Hello Florida AIHA LS Members!

First of all, thank you for reading these brief passages about myself. It honors me that you are utilizing a small portion of one of your most valued assets (your time) to get to know me a bit more. So, I will try to make the best of it by sharing key features about my career and dreams.

**Hometown:** Cali, Colombia (AKA “The Branch of the Sky”. Literally, I am not kidding!) ☺

**What inspires me?** Sunny days, a stroll in the park, music, dancing, a child’s smile, kindness, compassion, love, and people that are passionate about helping others and making a difference in their lives.

**My passions:** Meeting and engaging with other EH&S professionals; learning, applying and developing Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health; promoting health, safety and sustainability at Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); Elvis Presley, and dancing<sup>3</sup> (yes, to the third power...I can’t help it!!).

**My vision:** “Global working conditions favoring the return home of every working wife, husband, mom, father, sister, brother and so on, as healthy and safe as they were when they left their homes to earn a living and provide for their families”. I see Moms and Dads coming back home after their workday with a complete physical and mental capacity to perform their after work activities and obligations, including helping their little kids to grow in wisdom and aptitude to carry on with their generation’s mission. - I know that this might sound a little altruistic but hey! If you don’t dream big then someone else will do it for you...so I choose to do it for myself! - ☺”.

**My mission:** “Help protect the health of people and the environment with sustainable practices”.

**My dream:** “Workers at SMEs being protected through state of the art EH&S Programs in North and Latin America”.

**Career:** "Short and Sweet". This is how I define my career path as of March 2016. I have been working in the EHS field for a little over 6 years and all of that initiated when I was inspired back in the year of 2000 by one of my professors while developing Occupational Therapy studies in Cali, Colombia.

Ms. Hurtado (my teacher) helped me realize that workers' own voices were most of the time not heard nor sufficient to raise awareness and bring forth the appropriate actions from their employers to improve their working conditions and that therefore there was a great need for workers' health and safety advocates, and that is when and how I decided to become one!

My observation from that was that workers deserved working conditions that allowed them to return to their home in the same condition that they had gotten to their workplace, safe and healthy.

Furthermore, I sought in this field an opportunity to help the working man and woman to maintain their physical and mental integrity as an important requirement for enjoyment of family life and outside of work activities, which is closely tied to Occupational Therapy Philosophy.

After obtaining a bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy, a postgraduate in Occupational Health, and working as an Occupational Health and Safety Consultant for two major insurance companies and consulting firms that served a variety of industries in Colombia, I relocated to the United States of America.

Once in the US, I had the blessing to continue my studies in Occupational Health and Safety at Saint Louis University and later fulfill one of my dreams, to work (internship) for OSHA.

Following my internship with OSHA, my husband and I relocated to Cleveland, OH, and there I worked for Materion Brush Inc. (formerly Brush Wellman), experience that was filled with many professional growth opportunities and for which I am sincerely grateful. Now, as a sign of respect to my former colleagues at Materion who have worked there for many more years than I had, I would not profess myself as being a Beryllium Expert...but I am pretty close ☺!!

Recently, my husband and I have relocated to the sunshine state and I am now contributing as an Industrial Hygiene Manager at ProcessMAP Corporation, an EHS Software Company that helps businesses overcome the complexities of managing their Environmental, Health and Safety information. In this role, I am responsible for assisting users of the IH and Chemical Management Modules and support product enhancements projects. My goal is to facilitate the job of other Industrial Hygienists who currently use our EHS software tools so that they can have optimum insights of their programs and with it better inform their risk management decisions, all of which ultimately helps protect the lives and health of workers.

For you FLLS members, I would like to say that you can find in me a genuine friend that would love to connect with you. So if you see me around, let me know how I can better serve you and surely I will find a way to deliver value for you.

Also, I welcome any suggestions that you might have for me please feel free to let me know how I could better serve you as your LS Professional Development Director.

Warmly,

Mabely Wise, CIH