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Founded 1952
71 Year 2005 Members
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Check out our Web Page at:
<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS>

President's Message

by Don Hudnall



Ballots have been received and counted. Congratulations to the newly elected NTS-AIHA Officers. The officers elected are:

- President Elect: Marie Martin (moves to President then Past President)
- Secretary: Mike Donahue (2 year term)
- Director: Bill Vining (3 year term)

The newly elected officers will be installed at the Annual Town Hall meeting that is the first meeting after the AIHCE. Members will be notified as soon as the meeting details are confirmed. Many members may already be familiar with Mike Donahue and Bill Vining but Marie is relatively new to the local section. Please join me in welcoming Marie to the North Texas local section.

Also the AIHCE is happening this month. It would be wonderful if any member attending the AIHCE could write an article on a presentation you feel would benefit all members. It seems it is getting more difficult to find the time to attend meetings and conference so any transfer of knowledge learned would be great. Just send your write-up to Kelly Dennison

(<mailto:kadennison@bellhelicopter.textron.com>). Who knows...you may even decide to make a more formal presentation to the membership at one of the meetings. If you would like to present some information at a meeting just contact Mike Larranaga and he can help you get setup.

Thanks and hope you have a great May!

Study Shows Common Causes of Dermatitis

A new Mayo Clinic study reveals the most common causes of allergic contact dermatitis. Topping the list were:

Nickel (nickel sulfate hexahydrate) -- metal frequently encountered in jewelry and clasps or buttons on clothing

Gold (gold sodium thiosulfate) -- precious metal often found in jewelry

Balsam of Peru (myroxylon pereirae) -- a fragrance used in perfumes and skin lotions, derived from tree resin

Thimerosal -- a mercury compound used in local antiseptics and in vaccines

Neomycin sulfate -- a topical antibiotic common in first aid creams and ointments, also found occasionally in cosmetics, deodorant, soap and pet food

Fragrance mix -- a group of the eight most common fragrance allergens

found in foods, cosmetic products, insecticides, antiseptics, soaps, perfumes and dental products

Formaldehyde -- a preservative with multiple uses, e.g., in paper products, paints, medications, household cleaners, cosmetic products and fabric finishes

Cobalt chloride -- metal found in medical products; hair dye; antiperspirant; objects plated in metal such as snaps, buttons or tools; and in cobalt blue pigment

Bacitracin -- a topical antibiotic

Quaternium 15 -- preservative found in cosmetic products such as self-tanners, shampoo, nail polish and sunscreens or in industrial products such as polishes, paints and waxes

The study, presented at the American Academy of Dermatology's annual meeting in San Francisco, confirmed that patch testing with a standard contact dermatitis series of substances is useful for identifying common contact allergens. Patch testing is conducted by placing potential allergens covered with patches on patients' backs for two days and then observing which substances cause skin inflammation. The study confirmed previous findings by the North American Contact Dermatitis Group.

The researchers examined contact dermatitis testing results from 3,854 patients over a five-year period between Jan. 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2005. The patients were tested with an average of 69 allergens. Of these patients, 2,663 (69 percent) had at least one positive reaction, and 1,933 (50 percent) had two or more positive reactions.

OSHA to Disclose Air Sampling Data

Employers whose establishments were subject to air sampling by OSHA since

1979 should be aware that the Department of Labor (DOL) is currently the subject of a lawsuit, Adam M. Finkel v. United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The suit, filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), compels the disclosure of air sampling data. The release of that data could also include release of confidential commercial or trade secret information not previously disclosed to the public. DOL is making every attempt to notify employers who may be affected by this action.

Adam Finkel is known as a Whistleblower who, while serving as OSHA's Regional Administrator for the Rocky Mountain Region, informed OSHA that (in his estimate) inspectors were being exposed to high levels of beryllium. Finkel was then reassigned to Washington D.C. as a Senior Safety and Health Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Labor. He has since resigned his position and is now a professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Public Health.

OSHA estimates that the number of samples comprises upwards of one million. For more information, please review information published in the April 21, 2006 *Federal Register* (http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owa_disp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=18739). Additionally, a letter (http://www.osha.gov/as/opa/foia/notice_foia_lawsuit.html) was sent to trade associations whose members may be affected.



Don't forget Mother's Day is May 14th!

Treasurer's Report

01/01/2006 Through 5/8/2006

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues</i>	725.00	
<i>Telewebs (2)</i>	330.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,055.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Leadership Conf.</i>	127.42	
<i>Mail Service Exp.</i>	200.00	
<i>Telewebs (2)</i>	530.00	
<i>Science Fair Exp.</i>	145.69	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,003.11	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Annual Total</i>	51.89	
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	5,279.70	
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	5,308.14	

Euro Safety and Health would like to announce Environmental Health and Safety in the European Union, a self-paced distance learning course at ehsintheeu.com. (<mailto:ehsintheeu.com>).

The course is about the European Union and its membership, important environmental health and safety legislation and where to look for further information. The course has been approved for 1 ABIH Certification Maintenance point.

For further information contact (<mailto:sean@eurosh.com>)



Mark your calendars



Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences for 2006

AIHCe 2006 / Ventilation 2006

Date: May 13 – 18, 2006

Location: McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

Contact: <http://www.aiha.org/aihce06/aihce.htm>

1st American Conference on Human Vibration

Date: June 5-7, 2006

Location: Morgantown, WV

Contact:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/conferences/Vibration/index.htm>

ASSE Annual Conference and Exposition

Date: June 11 – 14, 2006

Location: Seattle, Washington

Contact: <http://www.asse.org>

ASSE Region III PDC

Date: August 6, 2006

Location: TBA

Contact: TBA

PCIH 2006

Date: September 16 – 19, 2006

Location: San Jose, California

Contact:

<http://www.aiha.org/TheAcademy/html/pcih.htm>

National Safety Council Congress and Expo

Date: November 3 – 10, 2006

Location: San Diego, California

Contact: <http://www.nsc.org>

Reducing Losses from Occupational Health Risks and Environmental Exposures

Date: July 24-26, 2006

Location: Boston, MA

Contact: <http://www.asse.org/>



Year 2006 Membership

NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- Subsidized meetings and member discounts.
- \$10 savings on each issue of newsletter sponsorship. \$15/issue for non-members. \$5/issue for members
- NTS-AIHA Membership Directory sent in December and upon request. Members only.
- Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list. .
- NTS-AIHA Voting Rights.

Dues are only \$15 / year

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following information even if you are renewing your membership.

NTS-AIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Name: _____
 Certification: _____
 Title: _____
 Employer: _____

Business address: _____ Home address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

(NOTE: Please provide an e-mail address so that the newsletter can be e-mailed to you. Hardcopies will no longer be mailed.)

In membership directory, list my: (check one) Business: ____ Home: ____

Do you wish to receive immediate notification
 of job opportunities via email: (check one) No: ____ Local I.H. All I.H Jobs
 Jobs: _____ rec'd: ____

Are you a national member: Yes: ____ No: ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: \$15.00 per year.....Make checks payable to NTS-AIHA
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