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101 Year 2002 Members

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November Event – Joint SW-ASSE & NTSAIHA Breakfast Meeting

The joint meeting between NTS-AIHA and SW Chapter - ASSE will be Nov 11, 2002 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Midway Rd in Addison. Registration will begin at 7:30am. The meeting begins at 8:00am with Carolyn Tolly being introduced at 8:25am and the meeting concluding around 9:00am.

Jim Resenic, SW-ASSE Treasurer, needs NTS-AIHA members to register no later than noon November 6th. You can register on line by going to www.sw-asse.org. Go to the bottom right of the front page and clicking on registration (After Sep. 1) or call the number listed.

Should you choose to take that route, please identify if you are an AIHA member or both ASSE and AIHA.

The Speaker will be Carolyn Tolley and her topic will be "Establishing and Maintaining A Viable Hearing Program."

Al Watters, VP, SW Chapter, ASSE has been in close contact with NTS-AIHA throughout the year. NTS-AIHA really appreciates being able to work together to make these meetings a success. Thanks Mr. Watters and thanks SW Chapter ASSE for coordinating this meeting.

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Applied Ergonomics Conference 2003

The 6th annual Applied Ergonomics Conference sponsored by the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) will be held in Dallas March 11-13th, 2003 at the Hotel Intercontinental. This is the Nation's Leading Applied Ergonomics Conference and it's your chance to see real-world ergonomics case studies presented by practitioners in the field. It's also an excellent opportunity to meet others in the profession and learn something new about ergonomics.

In addition to presentations, there will be ergonomics training seminars, an Ergo Cup team project competition, an ergonomics vendor exhibit hall, plant tours, social events and many other activities. You can find more details on the Applied Ergonomics conference website at: www.appliedergo.org

Also, we're looking for companies and institutions to sponsor tours of their facilities. If you are interested, please contact Paul Schwab at (972) 927-3115, p-schwab@ti.com.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Applied Ergonomics Conference in 2003!

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this introductory course.

Speakers

Steven Crooks, M.S., CIH, CSP

Douglas B. Walters, Ph.D., CSP

format (two-column), which has placed greater emphasis on those items deemed essential ("shalls") for implementing an effective laboratory ventilation management program.

Learning Outcomes

1) Participant will gain an understanding of the importance of the hazard assessment in applying the ANSI standard to his or her laboratories.

2) Participant will gain appreciation for why certain items are considered mandatory sections of the standard (the "shall" column) whereas other items are non-mandatory (the "should" column).

3) Participant will be taught the importance of commissioning along with the earlier design review stages of a new or remodeled lab ventilation system.

4) Participant will gain a comprehensive look at the wide world of ventilation issues involved in managing today's laboratory in safe and cost-effective manner.

Written Materials and Audiocassettes

Every site registered will receive printed materials prepared by the speaker, which may be duplicated for each participant. The program will be recorded, and seminar participants may purchase an audiocassette at a special discounted price. Individuals unable to attend may also purchase a copy of the audiocassette with the printed materials.

Click this hyperlink to view additional information and to register.
<http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/z95teleweb.htm> ☉

**AIHA Teleweb Seminar
11/20/2002 Wednesday**

**Laboratory Ventilation Guidelines
- An Explanation of the Revision to
the ANSI / AIHA Z.9.5 -2002
Standard**

The TeleWeb Seminar will take place at the following times:

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Central)
- 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. (Mountain)
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Pacific)

Early Registration cutoff: November 8, 2002

Who Will Benefit

Ventilation design professionals cannot be expected to be fully aware of all of the particular hazards posed by every type of operation. This standard informs ventilation design professionals of the requirements and conflicts among various criteria relative to laboratory ventilation. The standard also informs those responsible for laboratory operations and those working within a laboratory of how ventilation systems directly impact occupant health and safety and what information ventilation designers need from them.

This standard will enable employers, architects, industrial hygienists, safety engineers, Chemical Hygiene Officers, Environmental Health &

Safety Professionals, ventilation system designers, facilities engineers, maintenance personnel and testing and balancing personnel to meet minimum requirements and establish best practices for laboratory ventilation systems to protect personnel from overexposure to harmful or potentially harmful airborne contaminants generated within a laboratory.

Certification Information

This course is pending ABIH approval for 0.25 Certified Maintenance points, it will also offer 0.2 COC and 0.2 Continuing Education Unit. Participants "attending" the program seeking CM points and/or CEUs simply participate in the Live TeleWeb Virtual Seminar, submit a final exam (with a processing fee of \$20.00 per student), and complete a seminar evaluation.

Course Description

Participant will gain a comprehensive overview of industry accepted laboratory ventilation "best practices" put forth in the upcoming revision to the ANSI Laboratory Ventilation standard. Two committee members involved throughout the 10-year revision process will lead this overview. Their insight into the revision process provides participants a personal view of how consensus was achieved. Participants will be introduced to an entirely different

Treasurer's Report

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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	17,588.13	
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AIHA Government Affairs Group

Top issues for next year:

Ergonomics

Senator John Breaux introduced two separate bills that would have forced OSHA to adopt a new ergonomics standard within two years of enactment of the law. The bill stood little chance of enactment on its own. There was no way the House would have ever passed such legislation and the President would never have signed it. Therefore, the only way of enacting the bill was to tack it on to the Department of Labor appropriations bill. While there was considerable discussion about this, don't look for it to happen. I cannot imagine either party allowing the appropriations process to become any more complicated due to a bill such as this.

Mold

Late in the session Rep. John Conyers introduced legislation that would have required EPA to determine exposure guidelines for mold, as well as set up a federal homeowners insurance program for those displaced by mold. The issue received a lot of press and interest from numerous stakeholders.

The bottom line on this is that Rep. Conyers believes the bill will have to be redrafted next year. Conyers' staff recognizes the fact that this issue is complex and they hope to have a redrafted bill sometime next year.

Asbestos

Senator Patty Murray introduced legislation that would have banned the manufacture, sale and use of all asbestos in the United States. The bill never stood a chance of passage, let alone any hearings. Staff indicates that the bill will be reintroduced next year.

Congress did hold a hearing on the issue of compensation for those impacted by the inhalation of asbestos fibers. This issue will not be solved anytime soon.

Voluntary Protection Program

Once again, legislation stalled that would have codified the Voluntary Protection Program. This issue is indicative of what takes place in Washington. For nearly six years, no one has expressed any opposition to codifying this program, yet the bill has never come up for a voted.

The stickler in all this is language within the bill that says that all employers with union employees must first get the union's support if they wish to participate in the VPP program. Neither labor nor industry wants to budget on their particular views, thus the bill remains in discussion. Expect it to resurface sometime next year.

Small Business

AIHA remains involved in a small business bill that would provide continuing education to small business owners on how to comply with federal regulations, including OSHA regs and rules. AIHA's interest is that only qualified individuals provide this training to the small business owners. The House enacted the bill and included AIHA language in the final Committee report. The Senate did not take a vote on the bill but a Senate Committee approved the bill and also included AIHA language in the final report.

The bill didn't make it this year, but came very close.

PELs and TLVs

No legislative action was taken on either of these two issues. Rep. Charlie Norwood still has concerns with the ACGIH TLV process but did not introduce any legislation that might have addressed his concerns.

And while there was considerable discussion about possible legislation that would be introduced to create a speedier process to update the PELs, the issue remains in the discussion stage. AIHA is playing a major facilitator role in this discussion and the *Synergist* continues to keep AIHA members updated.

Professional Certification

Finally, one of the most important issues of interest to AIHA and many others is the OSHA effort to strengthen the professionalism of compliance officers working for OSHA. According to insiders, there has been a surge of applications to professional occupational health and safety associations from OSHA personnel interested in becoming professionally certified.

AIHA supports this effort and has offered our assistance to OSHA. ⊗

OSHA / AIHA Agreement

AIHA Establishes First OSHA Alliance Focused on General Injury and Illness Prevention Including Ergonomics

FAIRFAX, VA (October 10, 2002) – The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today the formation of an Agreement To Establish An *Alliance Between the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, and the American Industrial Hygiene Association*. This strategic alliance will focus on general injury and illness prevention programs, including ergonomics. This new relationship, the first of its kind between OSHA and an OEHS-related organization, will focus on outreach and communication, promoting a national dialogue on workplace health and safety, and training and education.

“AIHA recognizes the value of continuing to collaborate with OSHA and other parties in order to cultivate healthy and safe American workplaces,” said AIHA president Gayla J. McCluskey, CIH, CSP, ROH, QEP. “We look forward to strengthening our already solid relationship with OSHA to meet these challenges head-on,” she added.

Through outreach and communication, AIHA and OSHA plan to work closely together to seek opportunities to jointly develop and disseminate information, promote and encourage AIHA member worksite participation in OSHA’s cooperative programs, continue to facilitate dialog between occupational and environmental health and safety organizations and associations, and establish avenues and processes for AIHA members to mentor and assist OSHA personnel with professional certification.

OSHA and AIHA agreed to establish this Alliance to promote healthy and safe working conditions for all workers by providing AIHA members with information and guidance to prevent exposure to ergonomics hazards, and reaching out to AIHA members with specific guidance for developing, implementing, or improving ergonomic programs.

OSHA and AIHA will also work together to achieve training and education goals, including assisting AIHA members with developing and delivering training and education programs on ergonomics hazard reduction and elimination in the workplace.

An implementation team of OSHA and AIHA representatives will meet in the near future to begin developing a plan of action, determining work procedures, and more. The group will meet periodically to keep one another updated.

For more information on the Alliance agreement, including a full copy, please visit www.aiha.org and choose the government affairs tab. ☒

Fungal Fact

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Beano®, a dietary supplement that helps to prevent gas, is a natural food enzyme made from a safe food-grade mold. This alpha-galactosidase enzyme is removed from the mold and chemically purified with an ultra filtration system, a process similar to the purification method for beer.

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Year 2003 Membership Form
(It's October so that means dues paid now go to year 2003)

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- \$15 savings on registration for seminars. Attend one seminar and recoup the cost of your annual dues.
- \$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.
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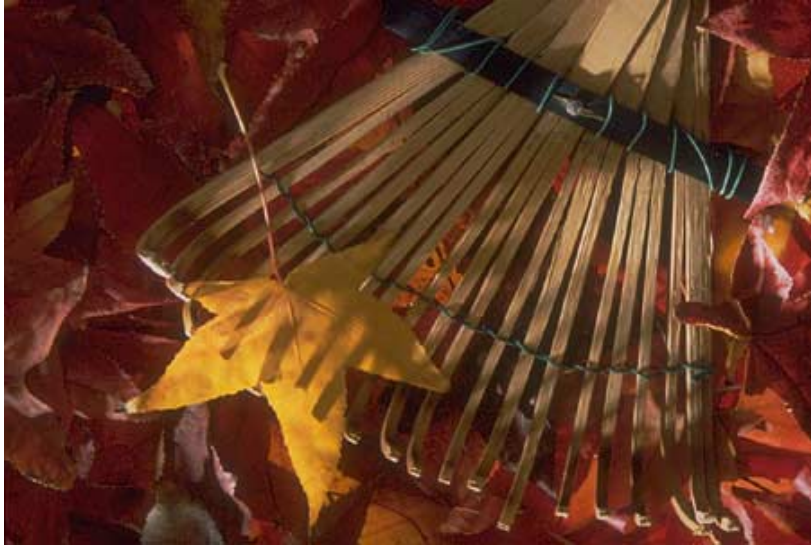
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