



Next Meeting Info

DSS MEETINGS: cost of \$25 per person (includes meal)

Joint Meeting: 1/16/2007

6:00 – 8PM. Sno's Seafood Restaurant (Gonzales, LA)

Topic: Avian Influenza: A Comprehensive Overview of Influenza and its Impact on Business and Employees

Speaker: Ronald "Ron" Torres, Operations Manager, Comprehensive Occupational Resources, LLC

DSS Board Meeting: 2/15/2007

6:30 – 8PM. Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant (Gonzales, LA)

2007 DSS SPONSORED DISTANCE LEARNING / TELEWEB DATES: Cost is \$15 member & \$40 non-member.

Look forward to more Teleweb sessions this year!

2007: *Live* at Monsanto (Luling)
2007: *Taped* at Baton Rouge

Points available for either live or taped with confirmed attendance and quiz submitted to AIHA with fee.



Highlights of Recent DSS Meetings

8/17/2006: Noise Exposure Assessment: Medical & Industrial Perspectives

Dr. Seidemann discussed the debate and significance of a 10dBA shift in audiograms. He outlined steps to use during follow-up of employees who have standard threshold shifts, including the determination of work-related exposures to noise. Lastly, Dr. Seidemann presented results of Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) testing on earplugs and earmuffs, and discussed the effectiveness of the ratings.

Andry Nowosiwsky presented an overview of the Hearing Conservation Program in use at his company. He presented the differences in expected noise attenuation (given by the NRR) and the actual noise attenuation. Andry discussed the reasons that employees do not wear hearing protection 100% of their work shifts, including discomfort and reduced ability to communicate with others.

October 19, 2006: Responding to Incidents: A Practical Guide to Defending Lawsuits

Brad Myers and Glenn Farnet, Parnets of Kean Miller Law Firm, presented what IH and EHS professionals can expect immediately following a company incident, what plans to have in place, who to partner with and what actions to avoid during the reporting and data-collection phase of incident response efforts.

The meeting minutes, titled "October 2006, Presentation" is a concise overview of their presentation, and can be accessed via the AIHA/ DSS website. Please review the minutes.



Resource Info

Centers for Disease Control – Avian Influenza Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/index.htm>



DSS News!

DSS gave the 2006 **Fred S. Venable Award** to Cheol- Woong Kwon during the October 2006 meeting. Mr. Kwon is currently pursuing a Doctoral of Science in IH at Tulane University.

December Social: Membership voted for 2007 Officers. And all attendees participated in the "White Elephant" gift exchange game.



DSS 2006 Membership Statistics

Breakdown of 2006 Membership:

Professional Members:	31
Student Members:	1

Professional Membership Distribution:

15	Industry	(48%)
10	Consultants	(32%)
1	Government	(3%)
3	Academia	(10%)
2	Manufacturer/ Vendor Reps	(7%)



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