

Participating in Professional Development, Networking and Mentoring Opportunities



Next Meeting Info

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

DSS Board Meeting: 11/16/2006

6:30 – 8PM. Bull's Corner Restaurant (La Place, LA)

DSS Social: 12/7/2006

6–8PM. Bull's Corner Restaurant —Library Room (La Place, LA)

Joint Meeting: 1/16/2007

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

Topic: Avian Influenza

Speaker: Ronald "Ron" Torres, Comprehensive Occupational Resources (CORE LLC)

2007 DSS SPONSORED DISTANCE LEARNING / TELEWEB DATES: cost of \$15 member & \$40 nonmember.

Look forward to more Teleweb sessions next 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 2006 The 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: We will vote for our 2007 Officers! There will be a drawing for an AIHA door prize! Please bring a gift to participate in the "White Elephant" gift exchange game! (Price limit: \$20).



DSS Membership Statistics

Breakdown of 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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