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- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006  
Professional  
Development Course

- March 24, 2006  
IH Conference

- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Hearing Conservation PDC

## Message from the President – Winter Greetings Everyone!

**Wow**, were we blessed with some wonderful weather in January!

As they say, all good things must come to an end, so as you are lingering about the house during the snowstorm this weekend looking for **ANY** excuse to avoid shoveling – why not take a moment and register for our **Spring Professional Development Course (PDC) and Industrial Hygiene (IH) Conferences** being held March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Bethlehem. Detailed information on these events, as well as registration instructions, can be found on our website at:

<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/lehigh/meetings.html>

LV-AIHA is also proud to co-sponsor – along with the Philadelphia AIHA local section - a full day PDC on “**Hearing Protection Devices and Hearing Conservation Programs**”. This event is brought to you by E-A-R® and Peltor® Brands and is pre-approved by ABIH for 1.0 CM point. The speakers for this event are wonderful and - perhaps best of all - this full day event is **FREE!!!** Additional details are available later in this newsletter and also online at:

<http://www.e-a-r.com/hearingconservation/earseminars.cfm>

**Don't miss out on these opportunities to meet with old friends, learn, and earn CM points at bargain prices!!!**

Of interest to our membership, the AIHA just released a white paper clarifying the role of industrial hygienists in emergency response. A copy of the press release, and a hyperlink to the actual 14 page document, is included later in this newsletter.

As we approach our local section's election season, I'd like to request that you consider volunteering to serve on our board – or perhaps offering to host a site tour or event at your facility. Your participation in our local section is very important. We all have something to offer, so please don't be shy. Feel free to call me at (610) 402-9481 and discuss how you might be able to lend a helping hand to our local section.

Regards,

*Tim Docherty*

# New White Paper Clarifies Industrial Hygienists' Role in Emergency Response

## **AIHA expert task force defines roles and responsibilities for industrial hygienists under the Incident Command System as well as minimum professional qualifications**

FAIRFAX, VA (February 6, 2006) — Industrial hygienists' expertise can be a vital resource for government agencies, private response organizations, and local emergency planning committees when preparing for or responding to emergency situations. Qualified industrial hygienists can provide effective guidance on methods to identify, manage, and ultimately control risks associated with natural disasters, hazardous material accidents, and terrorist attacks.

To help emergency planners, incident commanders, and community leaders take full advantage of the experience, training, and education of industrial hygiene professionals, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) has developed a white paper that provides specific guidance on where and how these experts can fit into the Incident Command System, as specified by the National Incident Management System.

"Industrial hygienists play a significant role in protecting the lives of our nation's response personnel and support staff," said AIHA President Roy Buchan, DrPH, CIH. "Their technical expertise in health, safety, and environmental health issues can save lives and protect communities during hazardous chemical, biological, or radiological releases, natural disasters, and terrorist attacks."

According to the white paper, industrial hygienists are qualified and able to perform a number of incident command functions, such as

- Participating in pre-planning for a major incident
- Developing and implementing exposure assessment methods to identify and prioritize hazards during the incident response and consequence management phases of an operation
- Interpreting data from sampling activities and direct-reading instrumentation appropriately
- Advising on, developing, and implementing the appropriate controls for elimination of chemical, biological, or physical hazards
- Advising on, developing, and implementing appropriate personal protective equipment to minimize exposures
- Advising on, developing, and implementing personnel decontamination procedures
- Effectively communicating risks based on complex scientific and field data

The white paper also provides guidance on the minimum qualifications and professional competencies needed for an industrial hygienist to work in the area of emergency planning and response.

The new white paper was developed by the AIHA Emergency Preparedness and Response Task Force, a group of experts in the fields of industrial hygiene and emergency response. The full text is available at:

[http://www.aiha.org/1documents/GovernmentAffairs/EPRWhitePaper\\_Final.pdf](http://www.aiha.org/1documents/GovernmentAffairs/EPRWhitePaper_Final.pdf)

For more information, please contact Aaron Trippler at (703) 846-0730 or [atrippler@aiha.org](mailto:atrippler@aiha.org).

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

### “Hearing Protection Devices and Hearing Conservation Programs”

April 18, 2006

Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast  
Philadelphia, PA

This seminar will review issues crucial to the administration of a comprehensive and effective hearing conservation program, including selection of hearing protection, audiometry, education, recordability, and motivation.

The program, taught by two highly regarded hearing conservationists, Elliott Berger and Theresa Schulz, is designed for industrial, military and government personnel who are involved in or responsible for hearing conservation and the dispensing of hearing protection devices.

This FREE seminar includes copious handouts and reprints, complimentary breaks and meals, and sample products. For a brochure and registration visit us at:

<http://www.e-a-r.com/hearingconservation/earseminars.cfm>

or call Brandie Turner at E•A•R (317) 692-6588.

Seating is limited so don't delay. Continuing education credits available.

Presented by:



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### YET ANOTHER LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

**O**ur friends in the **Philadelphia AIHA** will be sponsoring a half day, Professional Development Course on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, titled:

**“EHS Management Systems Overview and Practical Application of the ANSI Z10 Standard”**

Registration is still open for this event being held at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, PA on Wednesday, February 22nd. **PLEASE NOTE:** The pre-registration deadline has been moved up to Wednesday, February 15th.

To register for the PDC, please send an e-mail to [register@philaaaha.com](mailto:register@philaaaha.com) before the end of the day on February 15th with your name and e-mail address. For additional information on this and other upcoming Philadelphia Section AIHA meetings and courses, please visit their web site at:

<http://www.philaaaha.com/>



# American Industrial Hygiene Association

Lehigh Valley Section

## 2006 Dues Request and Membership Update

Membership fees for 2006 are now **PAST** due. Dues for 2006 will remain at the cost of **\$20**. If you haven't done so already, please return this membership update form along with your dues as soon as possible! If you have already sent in your dues,

**THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!**

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<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/lehigh/lehigh.html>