

American Industrial Hygiene Association Indiana Section



When: Thursday, April 17, 2008

Where: Squealer's Award Winning Barbeque
5515 West 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN

Cost: \$20.00

Agenda: 5:00 – 6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 – 7:00 PM - Dinner
7:00 – 8:00 PM - Presentation

Topic: **Simple, Straightforward and Systematic Ergonomic Risk Reduction**
This presentation will highlight simple techniques to systematically reduce ergonomic risks, accelerating workplace improvements and quickly leading to substantial improvements in Health and Safety metrics as well as costs. Topics include the industrial athlete, effective business approaches to ergonomics, critical success factors to maintain momentum, low-cost high-impact solutions, and real-world success stories.

Speaker: **Josh Kerst, B.S.E., CPE, CIE**
Josh Kerst, **Vice President** and **Ergonomics Engineer** for Humantech, has served over the last 20 years as lead project consultant for hundreds of ergonomic assessments and training courses for the aerospace, transportation, pharmaceutical, distribution, food processing, and laboratory design industries. Some of his clients include Tyson Foods, Pratt & Whitney, Kohler, the National Cancer Institute, Procter & Gamble, General Electric, Bell Helicopter, Eli Lilly and Company, Marathon Oil, and OfficeMax.

Josh served as lead project consultant for both the Chrysler Belvidere (Belvidere, Illinois) and the landmark National Beef/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) settlement agreements, as well as the Dole Citrus Cal/OSHA settlement. Josh has also conducted nationwide ergonomic surveys of freight locomotive crews, gas and oil delivery drivers, marine transportation crews, and recycling and refuse collectors. He has worked closely with new product/facility design teams to help develop new waste/recycling collection vehicles and petroleum transportation tankers, and he was part of the Swiffer[®] mop product development team.

Josh authored the "Ergonomic Factors in Laboratory Design" chapter of the *Handbook of Chemical Health and Safety* and has published a paper entitled "Ergonomics Issues in Laboratory Animal Handling" for the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Josh obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan. He has gained professional recognition as a Board Certified Professional Ergonomist and as a Certified Industrial Ergonomist. He is a member of the Association of Canadian Ergonomists and also serves on the Ergonomics for Children in Educational Environments Technical Committee for the International Ergonomics Association.

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