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April 16, 2002 Dinner Meeting

Speaker: John F. Koerner, MPH, CIH, President, JFKOERNER Consulting, Inc.

Topic: Bioterrorism & the Environmental Health Professional: A CIH Responds to the Anthrax Threat

Where: Howard Community College Business Training Center
Gateway Campus
Room 5
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia MD 21046
(410) 313-6340

Times: 5:00 – 6:00 Officers' Meeting
6:00 – 6:30 Social
6:30 – 7:15 Speaker
7:15 Dinner

Menu: The meeting will be catered by Festive Affairs. There will be a buffet with a selection of overstuffed sandwiches: smoked turkey on rosemary focaccia with fresh basil, tomato and buffalo mozzarella; fruited chicken salad with nuts and grapes on a buttery croissant; marinated flank steak on a sourdough baguette; and a club sandwich with prosciutto, salami, & pepperoni imported ham and provolone on a sub roll. Fruit salad and Spinach salad will be available, and dessert selections include chocolate covered strawberries and cannolis. Soft drinks and Iced tea will also be available.

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP by COB April 9, 2002. Contact Mardel Knight at 410.631.3814, or fax 410.631.3924, or email:

mknight@mde.state.md.us or mknight@radicus.net. NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED FOR COST OF DINNER. See page 2 for directions



President's Message

Fellow Members,

The March meeting has come and gone. We had a nice crowd, good speaker and good food. It's nice to see a turn out of over 20 people for the section meetings. Let's keep the numbers up. Bring a friend, a co-worker, or someone who may be interested in joining the local section.

With in the next few months, there will be an election of Officer's for the Chesapeake Section. We need members to get involved and help with the future of this section. There will be positions available on the board for the up coming year. We need your help to make the section a success.

See you all at the next meeting.

Roberta Spratt-Ritter
President
Chesapeake Section, AIHA

John Rekus Needs Your Help!

John Rekus, long-time member of the Chesapeake local section, is going to the San Diego conference this year even though he has not yet fully recovered from the paralysis caused by a stroke last summer. While he is no longer completely wheelchair-bound and can walk for short distances with a cane, as an experienced risk manager he wants a contingency plan for the flights to and from San Diego. So, if anyone is going on these flights, or hasn't yet made reservations and is willing to book on one of these flights, he would appreciate the back-up in case he needs a bit of help.

Flights are to and from BWI:

Leaving Friday, May 31st, Delta Flight 1273. dep. 4:15 pm, arr. 8:40 p.m. (1 stop)

Returning Friday June 7th, Southwest flight 1604, dep. 12:15 p.m. DT, arr. 9:10 p. m. (1 stop)

If you can be on one of these flights and don't mind being part of John's contingency planning, please call him at 410/321-6575.

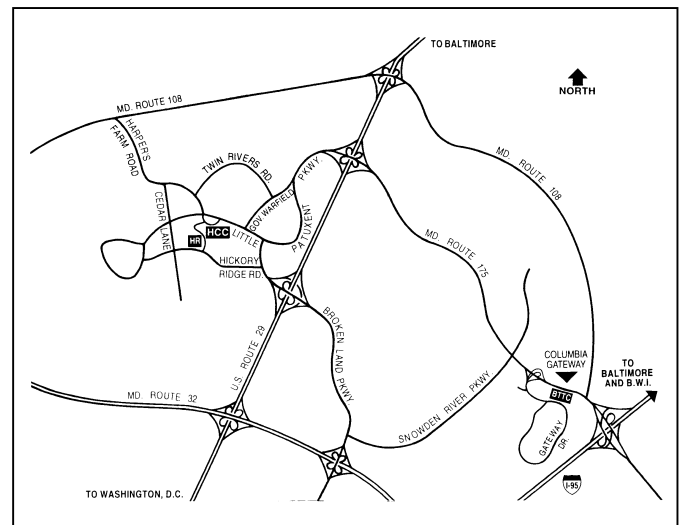
Directions to the Business Training Campus

From Baltimore: Drive west on U.S. 40 to U.S. Route 29 South. Take the Route 175 East exit and follow Route 175 to the Snowden River/ Col. Gateway Drive exit. Follow Col. Gateway Drive for approximately 1/2 mile to the second building on the left.

From Baltimore Beltway 695: Take exit 16 West (Interstate 70). Drive 7 miles and exit on U.S. Route 29 South toward Columbia Take the Route 175 East exit and follow Route 175 to the Snowden River/Col. Gateway Drive exit. Follow Col. Gateway Drive for approximately 1/2 mile to the second building on the left.

From I-95: Driving north or south on I-95, take the Route 175 exit West toward Columbia. Follow Route 175 to the Col. Gateway Drive exit. Follow Col. Gateway Drive for approximately 1/2 mile to the second building on the left.

From Annapolis and East: Drive west on Route 50 to I-97 North (Baltimore) to Route 32 West (Columbia). Follow Route 32 to I-95 North (Baltimore). Take the Route 175 West exit toward Columbia. Follow Route 175 to the Col. Gateway Drive exit. Follow Gateway Drive for approximately 1/2 mile to the second building on the left.



Cancellation Policy

Kindly remember to notify Mardel at (410) 631-3814 or via e-mail at mknight@radicus.net or mknight@mde.state.md.us if you have made reservations and find that you will not be able to attend the meeting. No-shows will be billed for the price of their meals.



Employment Opportunities

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST POSITION AVAILABLE

Large international labor union located in Washington D.C. has an immediate need for an Industrial Hygienist in its Safety and Health Department.

Candidates must have a Master of Science degree in industrial hygiene and a minimum of three years experience as an industrial hygienist. Qualified candidates will have experience in using various technical computer software packages, customizing computer programs for specific applications, and writing technical reports. Knowledge of the regulations, standards, and laws that involve safety and health are required.

Industrial Hygienists perform duties necessary to the design, development, and implementation of the department's occupational safety and health programs, campaigns, and technical assistance. Specific duties are as follows:

- Responds to requests for information from affiliates and provides technical information regarding environmental and occupational safety and health issues.
- Conducts industrial hygiene surveys at the request of affiliates.
- Reviews and interprets data regarding occupational exposure assessment and epidemiological studies.
- Assists affiliates in the investigation of environmental and occupational safety and health complaints.
- Drafts and submits written comments to OSHA, EPA, DOT and other federal and state regulatory agencies regarding proposed safety and health rulemaking which affects the Teamster membership.

If qualified, please send or fax a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to the attention of:

LaMont Byrd, Director,
 Safety and Health Department
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 25 Louisiana Avenue NW
 Washington, DC 20001
 Fax (202) 624-8740
ibtsafety@teamster.org



Announcements

The Safety Council of Maryland will be holding the 13th Annual **Maryland Safety, Health, and the Environment Conference and Exhibition** April 24, 2002 at Martin's West in the Woodlawn section of Baltimore County. This day long event was developed with the help of the Chesapeake Section AIHA, the Chesapeake Chapter ASSE, and the Federal Safety & Health Council along with the University of Maryland, governmental safety agencies, and other professionals in industry. There are several presentation tracks designed to meet your professional development needs. Because of the tragic events that occurred during 2001, the planning committee is presenting a four-hour track on Emergency Preparative Measures. The Safety Council of Maryland will also conduct a two-hour course on Bloodborne Pathogens. This course meets OSHA's training requirements Participants completing this course will be issued course completion cards For more information on the Conference and for registration applications, go to the Safety Council's website at www.safemd.org. Cost for the conference is \$75 for those registering before April 5th. The registration fee after April 5th is \$85. This is a discount for organizations, which register 5 or more individuals. The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has granted 0.5 CM points per half-day attendance or 1 CM point for participation in the entire program. Sign in for CM documentation should be done at the Chesapeake Section AIHA's booth in the Exhibit area. The phone number for the Safety Council of Maryland is (410) 298-4770 if you need further information.

CHESAPEAKE SECTION'S 2002 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars! The date for the 2002 Professional Development Conference will be October 17th and 18th. The conference will be returning to the Maritime Institute in the Linthicum area of Baltimore (the same place as last year's conference). Although the program has not been finalized, we hope to repeat the success we have had in the past. This success is due in large part to your participation. We hope you will plan to attend the 2002 Conference in October. If you have any suggestions for the program or would like additional information, please contact Jim Lewis at (410) 631-3801 or by e-mail at jlewis@mde.state.md.us.



Mold Medicine & Mold Science: Its Practical Applications for Patient Care, Remediation, & Claims - May 13 & 14, 2002 - Washington D.C.

The International Center for Toxicology and Medicine (ICTM) and The Department of Pharmacology at Georgetown University will present a two-day, mold medicine and science symposium at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., May 13th and 14th, 2002. This is the first mold health symposium which delineates the known and generally accepted **medical** and **scientific facts** about mold toxins and their impact on human health. In addition, other indoor air quality experts will discuss mold remediation and prevention. Professionals such as attorneys, insurers, physicians, building owners and managers, health and safety professionals, industrial hygienists, and risk managers should attend. For more information about registration or continuing education credits, please contact Carina Chiscano-Doyle by e-mail (chiscano@ictm.com) or by phone at 301-519-0300 and/or 1-800-258-0014 ext.134.

The earlybird rate of \$125* is available through March 30 for the **AIHA Potomac CIH Review Course**. This popular 7-week summer course is taught by volunteer instructors and runs June 11 - July 30 in Bethesda, MD. And "Yes", July 4 is a class holiday!

For more information and a registration form see the course brochure on the announcements page of the local section website:

<http://www.aiha1.org/Sections/potche/announcements/announcements.htm>. Still have questions?

Contact Whitney Long by email: whitneylong@earthlink.net or by phone (message/evening) at 703-684-3779.

*Non-member earlybird rate \$150. Late registration continues through May 28.

The Environmental Resource Center is offering a **Comprehensive CIH Exam Preparation Course** on April 22 - 26, 2002 and September 9 - 13, 2002. Classes are held from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. This intensive 5-day course* is designed to prepare professional industrial hygienists for the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) examination. The focus of the instruction will be on applying information and solving problems, skills required for successful performance on the examination. It is assumed that attendees will be thoroughly familiar with the basic principles and practices of industrial hygiene by prior education and experience. All examination topics designated by the ACGIH as the rubrics of industrial hygiene knowledge will be covered by recognized experts and experienced lecturers from the industrial hygiene profession.

*You may also attend the course on a daily basis if you only want to prepare for specific topic areas.

Advanced registration and payment are required.

Classes are held at the University City Science Center, a major research center located in the heart of the university district in West Philadelphia. Parking is available in a garage directly across the street. We are located just 6 blocks from the AMTRAK 30th Street Regional & Commuter Rail Station and just 25 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport. There are three hotels within a 6 block radius of the Science Center.

Please contact the center for further information: Environmental Resource Center At University City Science Center, 3624 Market Street, One -East, Phila., PA 19104-2614, (v) 215-387-4265 (f) 215-387-6321, E-mail erc@ucsc.org, website: <http://www.ercetraining.org>

ESHconnect has recently developed a 90-minute course that goes into detail regarding the new OSHA regulatory recordkeeping requirements. They are offering our membership a limited 30-day account to take this course to facilitate your professional development, and to introduce you to the ESHconnect's series of courses and learning management system. Those individuals that complete the course and obtain a passing grade will be emailed a certificate of completion.

Please contact ESHconnect directly if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity. To see a list of their courses, go to their website at www.eshconnect.com and click the "Courses" link at the top.

For More Information or to sign up for this free offer, contact ESHconnect at (800) 268-6615 or by email at info@eshconnect.com.

Just a reminder - May's meeting will be held on May 14. This will be a joint meeting with the National Capital Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers. The speaker will be John Bridges, who is the Incident Commander for anthrax cleanup at the Brentwood Postal Facility. More details will be provided in the next newsletter, but be sure to reserve the date on your calendar now!

**Chesapeake Section - AIHA Meeting**

February 5, 2002

Bayou Blues Café II-Baltimore, MD

Meeting called to order by Roberta Spratt-Ritter at 1705hrs

Attendees:

Mardel Knight, Mark Isenstein, Dan Madary, Sarah Canter, Kevin O'Connor, Shannon Henshaw, Geoff Braybrooke, Jim Lewis, Roberta Spratt-Ritter

President-elect - Mardel Knight

March meeting will be held at the Maritime Institute. The speaker is Phil Smith. Discussions are being held with the president of the Capitol Chapter of CHPPM for a joint meeting in April or May.

Treasurer - Dan Madary**Membership -Mark Eisenstein**

Total of 97 paid members, 104 individuals on membership list still unpaid. Unpaid members have until February 15th to pay back dues or be removed from active roster. Cost of sending out notices for membership dues was \$130.00. Mark will investigate cost per unit to print hard copy of membership roster.

Newsletter - Sarah Canter

Deadline for submissions to next newsletter is February 28th. Sarah will investigate procuring a PO Box or mailbox address for IRS and bank accounts.

Secretary - Kevin O'Connor

Contacted National AIHA on tax status, appropriate tax ID number obtained. Change of address form received from IRS can not be completed until a deliver to address has been established. Banking accounts will be adjusted to reflect new deliver to address.

Student Chapter - Shannon Henshaw

Next meeting scheduled for February 15th.

Public Relations -Geoff Braybrooke

Still attempting to contact high schools to identify career days. A booth has been ordered for the Maryland Environmental, Health & Safety Conference on April 24, 2002.

PDC Chairman - Jim Lewis

A contract for the 2002 PDC at the Maritime Institute has been signed for October 17-18, 2002. A list of preliminary presentation topics has been compiled by G. Braybrooke, M. Knight and J. Lewis. Jim will develop a list of previous conference ABIH approval numbers for insertion in the section newsletter. Jim has issued most of the certificates from the 2001 PDC.

Jim will develop advanced PDC announcements to distribute at the MD EHS conference April 24, 2002. The main topic of the MD EHS conference will be emergency preparedness. Local section still needs to identify a moderator.

Meeting adjourned at 1742hrs

Member listings, previous editions of the Chesapeake Section Newsletter, and additional job listings can be found on the Chesapeake – Potomac Section Web Site.

<http://www.aiha1.org/Sections/potche>.