



POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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Join us for the next Section Meeting

Potomac Section American Industrial Hygiene Association



“Radium, President Harding and Marie Curie” A Historical Perspective

By
Joel O. Lubenau, M.S.

(Joint Meeting with the Health Physics Society)

DATE: Wednesday, March 15th

TIME: Social Hour 6:00-7:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm
Speaker Presentation 8 pm to 9 pm

PLACE: The Barking Dog
4723 Elm St., Bethesda, MD
Phone: 301.654.0022 Fax: 301.654.0118
<http://www.thebarkingdogonline.com/>



DIRECTIONS: Approx. 0.1 miles from Bethesda Metro stop
(red line). Call for parking details

COST:
\$25 AIHA members (RSVP by **03/09/2006** (joint meeting))
\$30 Non-members, \$10 Students
All payments at site

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Please e-mail Chris Kase at Chris.X.Kase@questdiagnostics.com or
call him at 703-802-7063.

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Section Membership

Membership applications are now being accepted for the Calendar year 2006. Please note, if you join the local section now, you get a few extra months of membership, since the dues are good through December 2006. The application is attached. Fill it out and bring to the next dinner meeting or mail it to Mary Anne Chillingworth.

Potomac Section Benefits

Membership and participation in the Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) provides a wide range of opportunities to enhance professional growth while promoting the occupational health field. One of more than 70 local sections of the AIHA, the Potomac Section lists more than 130 members (1999-2000 membership) and more than 15 sub-disciplines. Among the valuable benefits of membership:

- Opportunity to network and interact with fellow industrial hygienists, occupational physicians and other environmental health and safety professionals, and local vendors.
- Opportunity to network with other members who hold influential positions in government and industry.
- Opportunity to influence state and local legislation on occupational health and industrial hygiene career issues (e.g., title protection and licensing) through a combined professional voice.
- Opportunity for close interaction with American Industrial Hygiene Association National Headquarters.
- Opportunity to hear experts speak on the latest topics of interest to the occupational health and safety field. The Potomac Section is particularly fortunate in this regard due to the availability of numerous governmental and industrial experts in the area.
- Opportunity to accumulate certification maintenance points by attending meetings or holding Section office.
- Opportunity to serve the local community through outreach activities, such as vocation days, health and safety newsletters, and teacher orientation.
- Opportunity to take advantage of local professional development courses, usually at a greatly reduced price.
- Opportunity to receive recognition in AIHA literature (Synergist, Journals, etc.) through articles about local section activities.
- Opportunity to participate as an instructor or student in the Potomac Section IH Certification Review Course.
- Receive regular newsletters offering topics of professional interest, meeting notices, and job announcements.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee is currently reviewing and taking action on several issues, including:

- Updating our by-laws and operations manual.
- Enhancing benefits for dues paying members.
- Upgrading our email communication system and web site capabilities.

- Looking at existing Officer and committee position descriptions and redefining or creating new positions to align with today's technology and member lifestyles, and to enhance service to our membership.

If you have an interest in participating in these discussions, or if you have an opinion on these issues, please contact Allen Cooley (Kapablanca2002@yahoo.com or 703-642-6891).

Science Fairs

The Potomac Section judged three science fairs in March 2005 for Arlington County, Montgomery County and Prince William County. Please contact Chris Kase if you are interested in volunteering to serve as a judge for the following 2006 science fair locations. Volunteers are always needed.

- Montgomery County March 11th
- Northern VA Regional (Arlington) March 11th
- Prince William/Manassas March 18th

Fresh Perspectives

For our February meeting, we invited graduate students from the George Washington School of Public Health to present the findings from their Fall 2005 research papers. The topics and presenters were:

- Diesel Exhaust and Truck Drivers by Melissa Noyes and Kenneth Simiyu
- Toxicity and Tradition of the Indigenous Populations of the Arctic Region by Maraquita Hollman
- Respiratory Disease Among Black Gold Miners in South Africa by Shella Fon

These papers were prepared on current topics of interest from literature reviews completed by the students taking Dr. David Goldsmith's Environmental and Occupational Health Course #204, which is a required course in the graduate curriculum at GWU. The students did a great job and provided us with a wonderfully fresh perspective on key occupational and environmental work being examined in the academic world.

Several members of our section serve as Small Group Instructors (adjunct faculty) for Dr. Goldsmith to bring a real world perspective to the course work. We hope to make this the first of a continuing series showcasing the literature review work of GWU graduate students. A key benefit to our local section is exposure about the occupational health field to the next generation of public health graduates.

Future Potomac Section Meetings

Plan on the 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated.

Month	Day	Topic	Location
January 2006	25	Pentagon Tour – Construction Safety	Meet outside the Pentagon Metro entrance
February	15	GWU EOH graduate student IH presentations	China Garden 1100 Wilson Blvd, Rosslyn
March	15	“Radium, President Harding and Marie Curie” – A Historical Perspective	The Barking Dog 4723 Elm St., Bethesda, MD
April	19	ASSE PDC	TBA
May	13-18	AIHC&E	TBA
June	7	TBA	TBA

AIHA NATIONAL NEWS

AIHA Comments on Immigration/OSHA Issue



If you recall, Last July the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Bureau conducted a “sting” to target illegal immigrant workers. The sting was conducted under the false pretense of holding a meeting to discuss health and safety, supposedly requested by OSHA personnel. Following this sting, the Dept. of Labor and OSHA both stated their opposition to falsely claiming OSHA had any part in this.

AIHA national was asked to comment on this issue. At the time, we decided not to comment because OSHA, the Dept. of Labor and even Homeland Security seemed to indicate that this would not happen again. AIHA also decided that should something like this occur again we would immediately provide a statement in opposition.

It now seems that ICE has changed their mind and will continue to target illegal workers using the front of being OSHA personnel. While we have been unable to confirm whether or not this is true, AIHA decided to move forward with a letter of opposition (see below).

February 16, 2006

Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Nebraska Avenue Center, NW
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

On behalf of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), I am writing to express our concern and opposition to recent reports that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Bureau may continue their impersonation of OSHA personnel to target illegal workers.

If you recall, last July ICE agents targeted illegal immigrant workers at an Air Force Base in North Carolina by posing as OSHA representatives and holding a fake OSHA meeting. Immediately upon conclusion of this "sting", the Department of Labor and OSHA both announced their opposition to such tactics and the threat to the effectiveness of state and federal health and safety efforts. When asked about this incident during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in October, you were quoted as saying "I think that was a bad idea, and I've directed that we not do it again".

AIHA has now heard reports that in a closed meeting on January 30 ICE officials told immigration and labor groups that ICE would continue to have its agents pose as officials from other agencies, including OSHA, to nab illegal immigrants at work sites. AIHA hopes such a report is incorrect and that ICE is not planning on again using tactics that will have a detrimental effect on the health and safety of all workers, including illegal immigrants.

For workers who already may mistrust government and are afraid to raise safety and health issues or complain; this would be another reason for immigrants to keep quiet. The result could be more injuries and fatalities among immigrant workers, who already suffer a disproportionate share. Actions like this by ICE only serve to undermine OSHA's efforts to reach out and address the serious health and safety problems that immigrant workers face in their workplaces.

AIHA appreciates and supports the difficult job of protecting our national security, including the apprehension of illegal immigrants. However, we believe there are alternative means to complete the mission without having to impede efforts to make our workplaces safer and

healthier. AIHA and our 12,000 professionals in occupational and environmental health and safety condemn such tactics and call on you and the Administration to put a halt to the use of such tactics in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roy M. Buchan, Dr.PH., CIH
President

cc: Jonathan Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA
Julie L Myers, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Senator Michael Enzi
Senator Edward Kennedy
Representative Charlie Norwood
Representative Major Owens

REGULATORY UPDATE - VIRGINIA

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for Virginia. AIHA government affairs will send the reports every week, detailing any legislation pertinent to the profession in your state. The reports will also include the text of many bills and update activity on bills already reported. You will receive these reports while your legislature is in Session. However, you will receive these reports only if there has been new activity on the legislation already reported, or new legislation is found.

Current Legislation

VA H 1498 → **TITLE:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

AUTHOR: Marshall D (R), **LOCATION:** House, **DISPOSITION:** Pending

INTRODUCED: 01/20/2006, **STATUS:** 02/15/2006, Left in committee

SUMMARY: Provides for the licensure of mold inspectors and mold remediators by the Board of Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors.

Regulatory Activity

None to Report

REGULATORY UPDATE - MARYLAND

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for Maryland. AIHA government affairs will send the reports every week, detailing any legislation pertinent to the profession in your state. The reports will also include the text of many bills and update activity on bills already reported. You will receive these reports while your legislature is in Session. However, you will receive these reports only if there has been new activity on the legislation already reported, or new legislation is found.

Current Legislation

MD S 259 → **TITLE:** Methamphetamine Laboratories, **AUTHOR:** Gladden (D)

LOCATION: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, **DATE:** 2006, **ISSUE:** MethLabs

STATUS: 01/25/2006 – introduced and Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings

SUMMARY: Establishes that a person who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, or possesses methamphetamine is subject to specified additional penalties and liability for the costs of cleaning up laboratories or other facilities operated for the unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine.

Regulatory Activity

None to Report

OTHER LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

11th Annual Virginia Occupational Safety & Health Conference

Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

13 South 13th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Conference contact: Sharon Holmes

Phone: (804) 786-5873

TDD: (804) 786-2376

www.doli.virginia.gov



May 31st to June 2nd, 2006

Hyatt Regency – Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

Major Contributors:

- Northern VA Section of the American Society of Safety Engineers
- Potomac & Central VA Sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
- Colonial & Tidewater Chapters of the American Society of Safety Engineers
- Virginal AFL-CIO
- Virginia State Occupational Health Nurses

Objective: To provide affordable safety and health training opportunities to employers, employees and safety and health professionals.

Conference Registration Fee: Includes conference materials, continental breakfast, break refreshments and lunch. Payment may be made by check, IAT, VISA or MasterCard.

Advanced Registration until April 15, 2006 - **\$150**

April 16 to May 26, 2006 (until 3 pm) - **\$175**

On-site - **\$185** (cash or check only)

OSHA 10-0-Hr Courses Includes course materials, break refreshments, and continental breakfast. Only one OSHA 10-hr Course may be selected. American Express and purchase orders will **NOT** be accepted.



10-Hour OSHA General Industry Course only - **\$40**

10-Hour Construction Course only - **\$40**

Refunds:

Cancellations **must be submitted in writing by May 14, 2006** in order to receive a refund. An administrative fee of \$15 will be charged for cancellations. Substitution of attendees is allowed but **notification is needed by May 14, 2006**. “No-shows” will not receive a refund.

Hotel Information/Reservations:

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

2799 Jefferson Davis Highway

Arlington, Virginia 22202

Reservations 1-800-233-1234

Phone: (703) 418-1234, Fax: (703) 418-1289, TDD: (703) 418-1234

To receive the conference hotel rate, **reservations and deposits must be made by 12:00 am on MAY 9, 2006**. Rooms must be guaranteed with either a credit card or first night's deposit.

11TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2006

REGISTRATION FORM

SIGN UP FOR
ONE OF THE
OSHA 10-HOUR
COURSES ONLY AND
PAY \$40.

SIGN UP EARLY, AND
SAVE \$35
ON THE
CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FEE!

Name _____ Title _____
 Company Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____
 Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Payment must be made by Check, IAT, VISA or MasterCard

Until April 15 - \$150

April 16—May 26 - \$175
(registrations will be accepted until 3 pm on May 26—onsite registration only thereafter)

On-site (Cash or check only) - \$185

10-Hour OSHA Courses:
Only one OSHA 10-Hour Course may be selected.

General Industry Course—\$40

or

Construction Course—\$40

★ Please note:
 If you are attending one of the OSHA 10-Hour Courses, please check the box above even if you are also planning on attending the regular sessions.

I need a vegetarian meal.

- ★ OSHA 10 Hour General Industry Course May 30—31
 OSHA 10 Hour Construction Course May 30—31

Please circle the sessions below that you are planning to attend. Refer to the conference sessions listing for information

Wed., May 31, 1:15 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wed., May 31, 3:15 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
Thurs., June 1, 8:45 am	1	2	3	4	5	6
Thurs., June 1, 10:45 am	1	2	3	4	5	6
Thurs., June 1, 1:30 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
Thurs., June 1, 3:15 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fri., June 2, 7:30 am	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fri., June 2, 9:15 am	1	2	3	4	5	6

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION

Check Amount Paid: \$ _____
 Please make check payable to: *VA Dept. of Labor & Industry*

Fax Credit Card Registrations to (804) 371-7634

VISA MASTERCARD Amount Paid: \$ _____
 Credit card # _____ Expiration Date: ____/____
 Card Holder's Signature: _____ Date _____

IAT (Inter-Agency Transfer) for State Agencies Only

Amount Paid: \$ _____ IAT Contact Person: _____
 Phone #: _____ Ext _____
 Fax IAT registration form to: (804) 786-8418 Attention: Sharon Holmes

Payments should be mailed with registration form to:

VOSH Conference
 Dept. of Labor and Industry
 13 South 13th Street
 Richmond, VA 23219

American Express and Purchase Orders will not be accepted.

AIHA Educational Events coming in March

Get current on OEHS topics like Chem Bio or Radiological & Nuclear Agents, prep for the CIH exam, earn CM points, CEUs and COCs, achieve professional recognition, and maintain your certification. Simply enroll in AIHA's Continuing Education and Distance Learning Courses and get practical and up-to-date information.



Don't miss out - space is limited! Go to www.aiha.org/TeleWeb.htm or www.aiha.org/road.htm to enroll now.

- March 3, 2006, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. - 0.5 IH CM Point (pending)/0.25 COC/CEU.
TeleWeb Chemical/Biological & Radiological/Nuclear Agents (www.aiha.org/TeleWeb.htm). Acquire the tools you need to distinguish: chemical warfare agents and their toxicology, methods for reducing exposure, exposure hazards, exposure symptoms and treatment plans, roles in disaster response planning under the National Incident Command System.
- March 6-7 Road Course - 2.0 CM Points/1.6 CEUs/1.6 COCs
HVAC Systems: Management of Mold and Microbiological Activity, Arlington, VA. Reviews competency criteria for HVAC systems as required by AIHA Guideline No. 3. Provides practical information on HVAC systems and equipment, how they work, and how to recognize HVAC-related problems that can lead to mold growth and other microbiological activity.
- March 8-10 Road Course - 3.0 IH CM Points/2.4 CEUs/2.4 COCs
Building Science Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings, Arlington, VA. Covers building science fundamentals related to moisture control including assessment of moisture pathways, moisture transport mechanisms, moisture diagnostics, mold fundamentals, and mold ecology.
- March 20-23 Road Course - 4.0 IH CM Points/3.2 CEUs/3.2 COCs
Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, Tampa, FL. Designed for OEHS professionals who are new to the industrial hygiene field. This course provides exposure to the field of industrial hygiene through sampling and workshop sessions, hands-on lab experiences, demo sessions, and problem-solving exercises.
- March 27-31 Road Course - 4.5 IH CM Points/3.6 CEUs/3.6 COCs
Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene, Ann Arbor, MI. Broaden or refresh your knowledge base by focusing on your certification and preparing for the certification exam with an intense review of comprehensive and contemporary industrial hygiene topics.

AIHA Professional Development Courses

AIHA Announces 2006 Professional Development and Continuing Education Calendar. AIHA is committed to helping its members and other industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety professionals by offering the tools needed to reach their goals through continuing education. As part of the association's ongoing efforts to provide cutting-edge educational opportunities, AIHA would like to announce its 2006 professional development and continuing education offerings.



AIHA professional development courses provide practitioners with specialized skills that enhance performance on the job while increasing knowledge and professionalism. Course participants can earn certification maintenance (CM) points to maintain existing certifications or toward exam requirements. They can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) and continuance of certification points (COCs) for additional professional development. The following continuing education courses are scheduled for 2006:

- HVAC Systems: Management of Mold and Microbiological Activity – 2.0 CM points/1.6 CEUs/1.6 COCs. March 6-7, Arlington, Virginia.
- Building Science: Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings – 3.0 IH CM points/2.4 CEUs/2.4 COCs. March 8-10, Arlington, Virginia.
- Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene – 4.0 FIH CM points/3.2 CEUs/3.2 COCs.
March 20-23, Tampa, Florida
June 26-29, Chicago, Illinois
October 23-26, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review – 4.5 FIH CM points/3.6 CEUs/3.6 COCs
March 27-31, Ann Arbor, Michigan
September 25-29, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Nanotechnology Symposium: Nanoparticles in the Workplace – 1.0 CM point/0.8 CEUs/0.8 COCs. May 13, Chicago, Illinois (at AIHce 2006).
- Indoor Air Quality Symposium: Infectious Disease: The Coming Epidemic – CM point/08 CEUs/0.8 COCs. May 14, Chicago, Illinois (at AIHce 2006).
- Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Exam Preparation Workshop – 1.0 Safety CM points/2.2 CEUs/2.2 COCs. May 12-14, Chicago, Illinois (at AIHce 2006).
- Management Certificate Program: Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager – 2.0 Management CM points/1.6 CEUs/1.6 COCs. May 13-14, Chicago, Illinois (at AIHce 2006).
- Management Certificate Program: Action Tools for Successful OEHS Management & Leadership – 2.0 Management CM points/1.6 CEUs/1.6 COCs. May 13-14, Chicago, Illinois (at AIHce 2006).
- Quantitative Industrial Hygiene – 3.0 IH CM points/2.4 CEUs/2.4 COCs. September 11-13, Columbus, Ohio (at PCIH 2006).

- Globally Harmonized System/Material Safety Data Sheets/Control Banding Symposium – 1.0 CM point/0.8 CEUs/0.8 COCs. September 15, San Jose, California (at PCIH 2006).
- Management Certificate Program: Finance for the Nonfinancial Manager, Intermediate Level – 2.0 Management CM points/1.6 CEUs/1.6 COCs. September 16-17, San Jose, California.
- AIHce 2006 – Reaching New Heights ~ May 13-18, 2006 ~ Chicago, IL PLUS! VENT 2006, 8th International Conference, May 13-16, 2006. Practical Applications of Ventilation for Emissions and Exposure Control Visit www.aiha.org/aihce.htm

For more information and registration forms, please visit www.aiha.org/ce.htm. If you have questions regarding AIHA's continuing education courses and symposia, please contact Samantha Seigman at sseigman@aiha.org or (703) 846-0751.

NIH Summer Internship, with focus on NICHD

Please distribute this message to graduate students in either epidemiology or biostatistics who might be interested in a summer internship with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). These are paid student internships that count as competitive awards. Students with an expressed interest in reproductive, perinatal or pediatric endpoints or methodologies pertinent to etiologic or clinical prediction research in this area are most welcome to apply to NICHD. More information about the types of research conducted by the Division of Epidemiology, Statistics & Prevention Research is available at NICHD's website (www.nihch.nih.gov).



The summer program officially begins May 1 and ends September 30th. Students should plan to spend a minimum of 8 weeks during this interval. Start and ending dates are flexible and unpaid vacations can be arranged. Online applications are due by *March 1st,* but it is always good to complete applications sooner rather than later.

For more information or to submit an application, please go to the following website: www.training.nih.gov click on "Research and Training Opportunities at NIH".

Given the number of applications that NIH receives, please have students email the contact below or other investigators in our Division upon submission of an application. It is always much easier to find an applicant with a name given the limited choice of keywords conducive for epidemiology and biostatistics in the submission process. Medical and dental students may also apply.

Contact Dr. Buck Lewis if you have questions -- an adjunct member of the EpiBios faculty
 Germaine M. Buck Louis, PhD, MS
 Senior Investigator & Chief Epidemiology Branch
 Division of Epidemiology, Statistics & Prevention Research National Institute of Child Health & Human Development 6100 Executive Blvd., Room 7B03 Rockville, MD 20852
 301-496-6155 (tel), 301-402-2084 (fax)

Hospital Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive Incidents Course (HM-CBRNE)

Advanced-level education opportunity – April 24th to 28th, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
 Sponsored by the US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD), the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), and the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI)

See https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in_house/brochureCBRNE.htm for registration

HM-CBRNE is an accredited five-day interactive course specifically designed to inform and educate military and civilian hospital-based professionals in the planning and management of mass casualty incidents and terrorism preparedness. The course offers classroom instruction, multi-station demonstrations, and tabletop exercises that focus on diagnosis, treatment, decontamination, and incident emergency management in response to mass-casualty events of all types.

Contact Information: Chemical Casualty Care Division
<http://ccc.apgea.army.mil>, CCC@apg.amedd.army.mil

GWU Conference - Reframing Global Reproductive Rights

Saturday, March 4, 2006, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 Ross Hall, 2300 I St. NW (next to Foggy Bottom Metro stop)
 George Washington University in Washington, DC

Students from the GW Schools of Medicine, Public Health & Health Services, and Law have collaborated to organize a conference on today's most pressing issues in the field of reproductive rights. Come learn about:

- The legislative state of reproductive rights as human rights
- The intersections of racism and population control
- Reproductive rights in select populations (American Indian women, sexual minorities, US prisoners)
- Men's involvement in reproductive health & rights
- Violence against women
- Access to sex education, contraception, & abortion worldwide
- The impact of HIV/AIDS on reproductive rights, and more

Download a registration form at www.gwu.edu/~med08/reprorights.htm
 On-site registration \$7

Contact Ms. Lara Knudsen lknudsen@gwu.edu for additional information.

This conference is jointly sponsored by: Medical Students for Choice, Department of Global Health, American Medical Student Association, Black Graduate Student Association, LGBT People in Medicine, OB/GYN Interest Group, Sexual Violence Awareness Group, Physicians for Human Rights, Public Health Student Association, Student National Medical association.

Occupational Hearing Conservation Course

March 27-29, 2006: Occupational Hearing Conservation Course for initial certification or re-certification approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Sponsored by Washington Occupational Health Associates, Inc and Washington Hearing and Speech at Sibley (Renaissance Rehab Facility).

AAOHN Continuing Education credits (23.7) available.

Fees:

Certification: \$525.00 3 day course

Recertification: \$250.00 March 28th only

Registration and contact information:

Anita Taylor

Washington Occupational Health Associates, Inc.

1120 19th St. #410, Washington, DC 20036

www.woha.com

p. (202) 463-6698

f. (202) 223-6525

email: ataylor@woha.com



Conference on Genetics, Surveillance and the Workplace

March 15, 2006 at Georgetown University

"*Genes in the Workplace' The Right Fit?*", a conference on the role of genetics in occupational health, will be held in Washington, DC at the Georgetown University Law Center on March 15, 2006. Sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center, and the University of Oregon Labor Education and Research Center, the conference addresses the scientific, legal, ethical, and policy issues involved in this rapidly evolving field. The program includes a series of papers and discussions by leaders from the research, legal, labor, business, and policy communities. Conference space is limited to 100 individuals in the order the registrations are received.



For more information and to register, visit

<http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/genetics.htm> , or contact the Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center at 410-955-4088.

Paris, France 2006 – Joint ISEE/ISEA International Conference
Environmental Epidemiology & Exposure

Science, Population diversity, Caution, and Precaution. 2 to 6 September, 2006 – La Villette Conference Centre - Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie - Paris, France

A unique opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world, to discuss current research topics concerning exposures and risks related to natural and man-made environmental agents and to make the most of the Indian summer in Paris!

Key note lectures on:

1. Early ages exposures to environmental hazards: vulnerability and critical windows.
2. Environment and genetics: challenges and promises.
3. Science under public scrutiny: a growing challenge for environmental health research.

Scientific sessions covering a wide range of topics, including:

Air pollution, Endocrine disruptors, Reproductive disorders, Electromagnetic fields, Global climate change, Cancer and the environment, Dietary exposures, Water and health, Chemicals in consumer products, Population exposure to pesticides and POPs, Environmental quality and health surveillance, Exposure modelling, Biomonitoring and biomarkers of exposure, Noise pollution, Social and political perception of risk, Environmental justice, etc.

Honolulu, Hawaii Third Annual IH Review Course
Offered by the AIHA Hawaii Section

ABIH has awarded the course 5.0 Fundamental Industrial Hygiene CM Points". The approval number is 06-131.

Date: 14 to 18 August 2006 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 p.m.

Location: University of Hawaii, Business Administration Bldg. Room D103

Course Fee: Early Bird (Before May 1) and local section members **\$575**, All Others = \$675

Registration and Payment: University of Hawai'i Conference Center
2530 Dole St., C404
Honolulu, HI 96822

Course organizer, Thomas Goob tgoob@dls.queens.org

Course instructor, Steven Levine slih@umich.edu

For additional information, click on <http://www.aihahawaii.org/2006cihevent.html>

ACGIH Courses, Symposia, & Workshops

For more information or to register online for these events, visit the ACGIH website at <http://www.acgih.org/events/course.htm>.



1. *Fundamentals in Industrial Ventilation & Practical Applications of Useful Equations* - March 27-31, ACGIH Professional Learning Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This three-day course covers both basic and advanced topics related to industrial ventilation including: The behavior of air and chemical contaminants in the air ~ Industrial process exhaust systems ~ Make-up and supply air ventilation systems ~ Dilution ventilation systems ~ Selection and design of exhaust hoods, ducts, fans, stacks, and air cleaners ~ Troubleshooting and testing of existing systems.

Course participants will receive ACGIH's Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice, 25th Edition, Companion Study Guide to Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice, and Jeff Burton's Industrial Ventilation Workbook, and a pre-programmed AutoCalc calculator.

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has approved the course for 3.0 Industrial Hygiene Certification Maintenance Points. The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has approved this course for 1.5 Continuance of Certification Points.

2. *Practical Applications of Useful Equations* - March 30-31 or September 11-15, This 2-day course serves as the perfect add-on to Fundamental in Industrial Ventilation. This course closely follows the Useful Equations workbook supplied and includes: Calculation and estimation approaches related to airborne contaminants ~ TLV and TWA ~ OA for dilution, fans, system testing, sound and noise, ergonomics, radiation, ventilation, statistics, chemistry, etc. ~ A calculations lab in which participants work in a team environment.

Course participants will receive Jeff Burton's Useful Equations book, Industrial Hygiene Workbook, course handouts, and a pre-programmed AutoCalc calculator.

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has approved the course for 2.0 Industrial Hygiene Certification Maintenance Points. The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has approved this course for 1.0 Continuance of Certification Points.

3. *Mold, Moisture, & Remediation Workshop* - April 24-27 or November 13-16, ACGIH Professional Learning Center - Cincinnati, Ohio.

Seats are still available for the April edition of ACGIH's popular Mold, Moisture and Remediation Workshop. Taught by the country's leading experts, this 4-day workshop will present attendees with practical hands-on information and in-depth experience regarding mold remediation methods, as well as a clear plan and strategy for sampling that can be implemented in the workplace.

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene will award 4.0 Industrial Hygiene Certification Maintenance Points upon completion of this workshop. The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has approved this workshop for 2.0 Continuance of Certification Points.

4. *Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Emissions from Asphalt* – June 7-8, Bitumen Symposium, Dresden, Germany.

Co-organized by ACGIH and the Commission for the Investigation of Health Hazards of Chemical Compounds in the Work Area of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) at the BG Academy for Occupational Health and Safety in Dresden, Germany. The purpose of the Symposium is to provide researchers, policymakers/government officials, practitioners, academics, employers, and labor leaders an opportunity to share and discuss key research in the area of emissions from asphalt/bitumen aerosols, fumes, and vapors with emphasis on studies to help evaluate exposure and carcinogenic hazard and risk which will help to further the scientific process.

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene will award 2.0 Industrial Hygiene Certification Maintenance Points upon completion of this symposium. The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has approved this symposium for 1.0 Continuance of Certification Points.

Asbestos Disease Awareness Day Conference



Sponsored by the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, **April 1, 2006** Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City – “*Call to Action to Prevent, Detect and Treat Asbestos-Related Diseases.*” Registration 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM conference 8:45 AM- 5:15 PM

The mission of the 2nd Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference is to provide the most advanced medical, occupational and environmental information available about asbestos related disease to individuals throughout the world. This conference is being organized by the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization and is sponsored by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City and the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health. World-renowned physicians, scientists and advocates will present up-to-date information regarding the status of asbestos in the United States, Canada and worldwide.

Speakers and Honorees include: Gayla Benefield Jonathan Bennett Michael Bowker Paul Brodeur James Brophy Kathleen Burns, Ph.D. Barry Castleman James Fite Kimberly Flynn Arthur L. Frank, MD, Ph.D Michael R. Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP Mary Hesdorffer Laurie Kazan-Allen J. Brent Kynoch Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, DIH Richard Lemen, Ph.D. Stephen M Levin, MD Steven Markowitz, MD Patrick Martin Harvey Pass, MD Bill Ravanese, MA, MPH Abe Reinhartz, MD Linda Reinstein, Chuck Strahl, Yasunosoke Suzuki, MD Scott Swanson, MD Robert N Taub, MD, Ph.D. Jordan Zevon Paul Zygielbaum

Registration Fee: Professionals --\$100, Students/Patients/Caregivers--\$25
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/events/conference.html>

For additional registration and/or sponsorship information contact:
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Industrial Hygienist: U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Overseas Building Operations, Safety, Health and Environmental Management Division has one opening for a GS-13 Industrial Hygienist. The incumbent will be expected to travel overseas up to 35 percent of total duty time and will be responsible for conducting surveys, helping implement safety, health and environmental management programs and performing training for management officials, supervisory employees, collateral duty safety and health officers, Foreign Service National employees and overseas family members at U. S. embassies and consulates. Applicants must be an U. S. citizen, a Certified Industrial Hygienist, be able to obtain a top secret security clearance, and be able to pass a pre-employment medical examination. Visit the OPM website (www.usajobs.gov), announcement # 06-0072 for more information and application requirements. The application period opens on 12/19/2005 and closes on 01/04/2006.

2. The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC has an opening for an experienced industrial hygienist.

Essential Duties: Manage university-wide comprehensive industrial hygiene/environmental programs addressing OSHA, EPA, and District of Columbia requirements. Develop programs and audit their implementation. Inspect and evaluate work areas. Develop and conduct training. Provide for emergency response. Act as Biosafety Officer.

Qualifications: Thorough understanding of occupational safety/health & environmental regulations; ability to use a variety of IH monitoring instruments; computer literate in word processing, spread sheets, and databases; excellent oral and written communication skills; three to five years experience in industrial hygiene and occupational safety is highly desirable. B.S. in science or engineering; an advanced degree in Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Management, or Safety Management is a plus. CIH designation is a plus.

Send or e-mail resume to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWAL
September 2005 – December 2006*

Name/Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address (street): _____

Work Address (city/state/zip): _____

Work Phone/Fax: _____ / _____ Work e-mail: _____

Home Address (street): _____

Home Address (city/state/zip): _____

Home Phone/Fax: _____ / _____ Home e-mail: _____

Are you ABIH certified? CIH OHST Other _____

Are you a member of AIHA National? Yes No (interest in an application Yes No)

DUES : Make checks payable to AIHA - Potomac Section

- ___ \$20.00 Newsletter via e-mail
- ___ \$25.00 Newsletter via regular mail (circle one: home address work address)
- ___ \$5.00 Student rate with newsletter via email

INTERESTS
(check all that apply)

- ___ Running for a Potomac Section Office
- ___ Speaking at a monthly meeting or PDC
- ___ Helping to arrange Potomac Section Meetings/Speakers
- ___ Assisting with future PDCs
- ___ Assisting with Student Science Fairs
- Other _____

Mary Anne Chillingworth, 14407 Briarwood Terrace, Rockville, MD 20853 or bring payment and application to any section meeting.