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POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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or www.aiha.org/potomac.htm



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Join us for the next Section Meeting

Potomac Section American Industrial Hygiene Association

Gaining Respect for EOSH Training in a Technical Training Arena

By

Rene Filipowski, CIH
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)



(Joint Meeting with the Occupational Health Nurses)

DATE: Tuesday, May 15th, 2007

TIME: Social Gathering 6:00 – 6:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Speaker Presentation 7:30 – 9:00 pm

PLACE: **Tragara Restaurant**
4935 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda, MD
(http://www.tragara.com/general_informtion.htm)

DIRECTIONS: Approx. 0.5 miles from Bethesda Metro stop (red line)

- Walking from Bethesda Metro Station to Cordell Ave
- Exit station using main exit
- Walk approx. 1 block north on Wisconsin Ave
- Bear left on Old Georgetown Rd
- Walk approx. 4 blocks NW on Old Georgetown Rd
- Turn right on Cordell Ave
- Walk approx. 1 block NE on Cordell Ave

COST: **\$25** AIHA Potomac Section members,
\$30 Non-members, **\$10** Students (payments onsite)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email or phone Bruce Donato by
at bdonato@kafirstaid.com or 301-208-0000.

A Message from our Section President

April showers are bringing May flowers....and pollen and allergies, and for some, interesting IAQ challenges in their personal and professional life. Our 2006 – 2007 Potomac Section season is winding down. Our last meeting of the year is set for May 15th and promises to provide yet more professional insight and growth opportunities for everyone in attendance. This has been a highly successful year of interesting meetings, continued relationships with other professional societies, and the rebirth of the CIH review course. Much has been accomplished through the hard work of many!

I wanted to personally thank the executive committee and directors, and all other volunteers who have made this season for the AIHA Potomac Section a memorable and highly valuable one. In particular, I wanted to thank my President-Elect, Bruce Donato, for his ever-present enthusiasm and drive to arrange speakers, meeting locations, announcements, and so much more. Excellent job by all who contributed since meetings held last summer, right on up to the AIHCE being held in Philadelphia the first week in June 2007.

To make things happen for the local section, we need dedicated volunteers for various roles. I know I have spoken of this before, and the response this year has been extremely encouraging. It was easier this year than in the previous two to fill officer and director positions. New faces, new blood, new enthusiasm is growing, and I encourage anyone who values the professional interaction and connection to the profession that section meetings bring to consider a more involved role within the section as opportunities arise. We can't do it without you!

Have a great spring and summer, and be safe!

Chris Kase, CAIH

President, Potomac Section of the AIHA

A Message from a Potomac Section Meeting Guest

Dear Science Fair Special Awards Coordinator,

Science MONTGOMERY 2007, the Montgomery County Science Fair overcame the weather to rank as the best ever, thanks to you and your organization, our companions in science. Having watched the rain turn to sleet turn to snow as the students set up Friday night, I got a little nervous. Saturday's sunshine showed me I had nothing to fear as you and your colleagues filled the judges room with your cheery presence and busy deliberations. I already hold you in HIGH esteem, but that Saturday, the esteem meter went through the roof.

The students were most appreciative of your generous time and wisdom as they were able to talk with you and your colleagues. Your choices represent outstanding efforts at Science MONTGOMERY. The entire winners list is posted at the website, linked from the home page. (See website address in header)

The students were very excited to see and talk to you, and appreciated their interviews and your interest in them. Many of them will be back next year, and are hoping you will too. One wrote the note below. Be sure and read to the very bottom, looking for very pale green printing.

My highest regards to you and your generous organization, Pepper

Pepper D. Buckley, Ph.D.
ScienceMONTGOMERY Fair Director
(301) 987-7278

AIHA POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

Potomac Section CIH Review Course – Established for the benefit of our members, especially those unable to attend the Johns Hopkins offering each spring. The course will be held at AIHA Headquarters, 2700 Prosperity Ave, Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 20031. The course is scheduled for 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **June 19 through August 2, 2007**.

The cost for Potomac Section members is **\$175** by April 30th, \$225 by May 30th, and \$250 after June 1st. Non-Section members: \$200 by April 30th, \$250 by May 30th, and \$300 after June 1st.

Individual sessions: \$25 with 1 week advanced notice, and \$35 without advanced notice.

Student will receive *The Industrial Hygiene Reference & Study Guide*, Second Edition, by Allan Fleeger and Dean Lillquist. In addition, dinner is included... NO ADDITIONAL COST!!!!

If you or anyone you know is planning to sit for the ABIH exam or just want to improve your IH skills, this course is for you!!! If you are interested in attending, please contact Vic D'Amato at vdamato@atriumehs.com.

Potomac Section April Meeting - A joint meeting with the Baltimore/Washington Health Physics Society. Ray Johnson, MS, PE, FHPS, CHP, (Director of the Radiation Safety Academy) presented a fascinating and entertaining lecture about the following six challenges faced by Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs):

1. Overworked, underpaid, and may not be appreciated
2. Understanding regulations and licensing
3. Preparing for inspections
4. Record keeping
5. Understanding radiation and instruments
6. Helping people understand radiation

In addition, he explained various methods for implementing and managing a successful radiation program, and demonstrated interesting artifacts containing low levels of harmless radiation found in everyday household and antique items.

Potomac Section of the AIHA Looking for list of local presenters at AIHce 2007

To Potomac Section members and friends. We are looking to compile a list of section members & national members from our area who are presenting at the AIHce conference in Philadelphia, **June 2 – 7, 2007**. If you are presenting or know someone who is, please send the following information to Bruce Donato at bdonato@kafirstaid.com : name, title of talk/course, registration number (if known), and date.

Section Membership

Membership applications are now being accepted for the 2007 calendar year. Fill out the attached application and bring to the next dinner meeting or e-mail it to Jim Dolan (James@Dolan.net). Please visit our web page for further information on the section and the benefits of membership at <http://www.aiha.org/potomac.htm>.

Future Potomac Section Meetings - Plan on the 3rd Wednesday each month unless otherwise indicated.

Month	Topic	Location
May 15, 2007	Joint meeting with Occupational Nurses – Speaker, Rene Filipowski, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) “Gaining Respect for EOSH Training in a Technical Training Arena”	Tragara Restaurant 4935 Cordell Avenue Bethesda, MD



AIHA NATIONAL NEWS



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS*

Click on the following link to access the AIHA's Government Affairs News web-page:

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/AccessInfo/gov/governmentaffairsnews.htm>

Below are links to the latest AIHA government affairs news items including letters, comments, and related items:

- [Top public policy issues for AIHA in 2007-2008](#)
- [Comments on OSHA Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#)
- [Comments Submitted by AIHA to Senator Enzi on Senate Bill 2066](#)
- [Letter to Senator Enzi in support of Edwin Foulke, Jr. for the position as Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA](#)
- [Letter of support for the appointment of Jim Thornton to MACOSH](#)
- [NIOSH/AIHA Partnership](#)
- [Letter to Representative Conyers about H.R. 1269, the "United States Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act of 2005", also known as the "Melina Bill."](#)
- [Comments and Suggestions on H.R. 1269 from AIHA](#)
- [Letter to Representative Charlie Norwood in support of increased funding for NIOSH](#)
- [OSHA FY2006 Budget Proposal](#)
- [Letter of Support for John Caylor as Assistant Secretary of Labor for MSHA](#)
- [Top Public Policy Issues for 2005–2006](#)
- [AIHA Recognizes and Expresses Thanks to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA](#)
- [AIHA Comments on Proposed Federal Railroad Administration Rule on Noise Levels in Locomotive Cabs](#)
- [American Industrial Hygiene Association Comments on a Hearing Conservation Program for Construction Workers](#)
- [Up-to-date information from OSHA on ergonomics](#)
- [Latest Information on OSHA's Alliance Agreements, of which AIHA is one signatory](#)
- [AIHA/OSHA Alliance Agreement](#)



NEW HOT ITEM

AIHA encourages OSHA to take immediate action to lower the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for occupational noise exposure.

Click on the link below to read the article (letter written to OSHA). <http://www.aiha.org/content/accessinfo/press/spr-07-328-01.htm>

HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL*

Government Affairs Department – March 13th, 2007

Click on the link below to view the latest *Happenings from the Hill*:

<https://www.aiha.org/membersonly/GovernmentAffairs/documents/HAPPENINGS-03-13-07.pdf>

Click on the link below to access the *Happenings from the Hill* archive:

<https://www.aiha.org/membersonly/GovernmentAffairs/html/translate.asp?Target=%2Fmembersonly%2FGovernmentAffairs%2Fhtml%2FHome%2Ehtm>

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NIOSH AIHA Occupational
OSHA EPA U.S. House of
Occupational Health and Safety
House of Representatives U.S.

HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL

*** Some of the AIHA links above require an AIHA membership.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Third International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology



Sponsored by the American Academy of Sciences.
Will be held on **August 6-9, 2007**, in Houston, Texas, the United States of America (USA)

<http://www.aasci.org/conference/env/2007/index.html>

Media Training at AIHce

AIHA offers media training opportunities at AIHce. The training is free and will last four hours, taking place on **Sunday, June 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** It will include detailed information on working productively with the media as well as opportunities for hands-on mock interviews using the tips learned in the first half of the training. I will be opening up the opportunity to other groups, so you should reserve your spot now, especially since a limited number of seats are available. If you are interested and would like to attend the training, you may contact me via e-mail at mhurley@aiha.org or by phone at (703) 846-0740. Please include your name, telephone number(s), and e-mail address. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.



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International System Safety Conference - Baltimore, MD

http://www.system-safety.org/~am_2007/

The International System Safety Conference in Baltimore, MD during the week of **August 13th thru 17th, 2007**, Industrial hygienists and specialists in chemical risk management have become increasingly involved in design for safety and systems engineering. The System Safety Society provides an opportunity for involvement in the system design and risk management process. You may wish to consider attending this conference, particularly if you are involved with safety-critical processes and/or defense systems. A day-long tutorial addressing the application of system safety to occupational health hazards will included in the conference.

The primary local contact for the conference is **Warren Naylor (410) 765-6910** (warren.naylor@ngc.com).

ASTM Committee D22 (Air Quality) 2007 Johnson Conference: Workplace Aerosol Sampling to Meet ISO Size-Selective Criteria



The 2007 Johnson Conference: Workplace Aerosol Sampling to Meet ISO Size-Selective Criteria, sponsored by ASTM Committee D22 on Air Quality and its Subcommittee D22.04 on Workplace Atmospheres, will be held at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA. The conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. on Monday, **July 16 through 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2007.**

For details go to www.astm.org and click *Symposia and Workshops*, or
http://www.astm.org/cgi-bin/SoftCart.exe/filtrexx40.cgi?U+mystore+tzqg1661+-P+MAINCOMM+D22+-P+EVENT_ID+873+-P+MEETING_ID+23648+/usr6/htdocs/newpilot.com/MEETINGS/sympootherinfo.frm



Protecting the Health of Health Care Workers - A Global Perspective

The 7th ICOH International Conference on Health Care Worker Health will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from **Friday, October 26, 2007 to Sunday, October 28, 2007**, with the theme "Protecting the Health of Health Care Workers - A Global Perspective".

The meeting will be hosted by the ICOH Scientific Committee on Health Care Worker Health and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and supported by the ICOH Scientific Committee on Occupational Health and Development and the World Health Organization. It will be held in conjunction with the 2007 ACOEM State of the Art (SOTAC) Conference in Vancouver.

Further information on the conference is available at the ICOH and ACOEM websites: <http://www.icohweb.org/events.asp> and <http://www.acoem.org/icoh.aspx>. If you do not have a passport, please apply for one soon. Effective Jan. 23, 2007 all persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air between the United States and Canada will be required to present a valid passport to enter the U.S. (see U.S. State Department website <http://travel.state.gov/>).

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Material Managers (ACHMM) 2007 National Conference

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) will be holding their 2007 National Conference in Crystal City VA **August 12th to 15th, 2007**. You do not have to be a CHMM to participate in the planning or present a paper at this conference; we encourage anyone with a technical interest to contribute. You can view the call for papers at <http://www.kuce.org/achmm/dc07/>.

- ➔ Safety and Industrial Health, Environmental Actions
- ➔ EHS Management and Management Principles
- ➔ Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention/Green Facilities
- ➔ Regulatory Requirements, Updates and Legal Trends
- ➔ Developments in Emergency Preparedness, Response and Homeland Security
- ➔ New and Emerging Technologies / International Issues / Developing Countries



As in previous years, an emergency response exercise is also planned. There are planning, exhibitor, sponsorships and advertising opportunities available. For more information, contact: Regina Mowad, CHMM at rmowad@msn.com 703.474.1121, or Jim Spatarella, CHMM at spatarella_james@bah.com 703.412.7617.

AIHA's Continuing Education - 2007 Schedule of Courses & Symposia

AIHA offers courses on essential industrial hygiene principles. Emerging issues taught by industrial experts. Additional courses will be added throughout 2007, visit www.aiha.org/road.htm for course updates and detailed course information.

- ➔ **June 2:** Nonotechnology Symposium, AIHce 2007, Philadelphia, PA
- ➔ **June 3:** Clandestine Meth Lab Symposium, AIHce 2007, Philadelphia, PA
- ➔ **July 16-19:** Fundamental of Industrial Hygiene, Chicago, Illinois
- ➔ **October 8-11:** Fundamental of Industrial Hygiene, Portland, Maine
- ➔ **October 18-19:** Toxicology Symposium, PCIH, Louisville, Kentucky
- ➔ **October 29-31:** Beyond IH Fundamentals, Pittsburgh, PA

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting

<http://apha.confex.com/apha/135am/oasys.ep>

November 3-7, 2007

It's strongly suggested that all public health & EOH professionals and students in the Washington DC area consider submitting an abstract for the meeting. The APHA Annual Meeting is the premier platform to share successes and failures, discover exceptional best practices and learn from expert colleagues and the latest research in the field. The 2007 Annual Meeting will take place at the Washington Convention Center. Attendees will learn how to stay on top of the trends in public health. Scientific sessions, networking opportunities and events, and the largest public health exposition provide the tools needed to succeed. Come explore a world of ideas and innovation with more than 13,000 peers and leaders in public health when the APHA 135th Annual Meeting and Exposition meets again in Washington, DC from November 3-7. APHA has a world of public health in store for you.



EPA Indoor Air Quality - Associated Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/index.html>

EPA maintains an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) website and heads an associated interagency committee on IAQ. Their website provides access to various Federal Agency program information and general technical and public education information on IAQ issues.



AIHA Survey

Scope of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS)

As you are probably aware, AIHA is the secretariat for the American National Standard AIHA/ANSI Z10, Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS). There are other national and international standards in place or proposed which address OHSMS. AIHA is also involved with many of these other efforts, having representatives of the association on the standard drafting committees. One area in which there is a lack of harmonization between the various standards and draft documents is the scope of who is to be covered by the standard. AIHA would appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete a survey of your thoughts on what is the appropriate scope for OHSMS. The information gathered in this survey will help to shape the position taken by AIHA in representing you in its standard development activities.

To complete the survey now, click on this link <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zqi?p=WEB2262XBHFM4U>. At the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to enter your email address if you wish to obtain a copy of the survey results summary report, but you can complete the survey anonymously. Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to provide AIHA with your thoughts on this important subject.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

For a detailed description of each job listing, please visit the AIHA Potomac Section website <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/jobs/jobs.htm>

1. **The Division of Occupational Health & Safety, National Institutes of Health**, is advertising a vacancy for an Industrial Hygienist (GS-0690-09, 11/12). The recruitment is open **May 1st – May 30th, 2007** under announcement numbers ORS-07-184786-DE/MP. Below is the link to the announcement. Please forward to anyone who may be interested in applying for this position. If anyone has any questions regarding the announcement, they should contact Joan Patton at 301-435-2446.
<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=56923626&AVSDM=2007%2D05%2D01+00%3A00%3A48&Log o=0&q=industrial+hygienist&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&FedPub=Y&SUBMIT1.x=0&SUBMIT1.y=0>
2. **Construction Health & Safety Professional** - MasiMax Resources, Inc., Environmental Health & Safety Services has an immediate opening for a Construction Health & Safety Professional. The position can either be as an employee or as a subcontractor. The Location of work is Capital Hill. The individual must substantially meet the criteria presented below. If interested, please respond to the e-mail address posted below with the following information:
 - A cover letter expressing interest in the position, earliest availability, and salary history.
 - A resume specifically addressing each of the Technical, Administrative and Physical Qualifications as presented below. Technical and Physical qualifications will be given more weight in the selection process.
3. **INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST** - Sandler Occupational Medicine Associates, a leading occupational health and industrial hygiene consulting firm located in Gaithersburg, MD is seeking a full-time industrial hygienist, with 1-5 years of experience and a B.S. or M.S. in IH, Engineering or other related discipline. Good verbal and written communication skills required. Some travel required (25-30%). Responsibilities include evaluating chemical and physical hazards in both occupational and non-occupational environments. SOMA offers competitive salary, full benefits and a flexible and casual work environment. For additional information visit our website at www.somaonline.com . Interested candidates should fax/mail/e-mail their resume and their salary requirements to:

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Gaithersburg, MD 20879
pnagaraian@somaonline.com or aranpuria@somaonline.com
FAX (301) 519-2105



3.

Potomac Section
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
September 2006 – December 2007

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 _____

**Celia Booth, 912 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302,
or bring payment and application to any section meeting.**