

May 2008

POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION, AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

Website: www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/potche/homepage.htm
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Please join us for our next meeting at the
China Garden Restaurant
1100 Wilson Blvd, Rosslyn, VA 22209
in Rosslyn, Virginia (Metro Accessible).

Get directions online at <http://www.chinagardenva.com/>

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The speaker will be **Chet MacMillan** discussing:
*FAA System Safety requirements versus OSHA
regulatory requirements.*

Date: Wednesday May 21st

Time: Social Hour 6:00-6:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
Speaker Presentation 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: China Garden Restaurant, Rosslyn, VA

Cost: \$25 AIHA members (RSVP by 5/19/08) \$30
non-members, \$10 students. All payments
at site

RESERVATIONS: Please e-mail Bruce Donato bdonato@kafirstaid.com.

And ... a bit later in the month on **Wednesday May 28th** ...

The Potomac Section of the AIHA and The National Capital
Chapter of ASSE will have a joint awards night and officer
induction at the Holiday Inn, College Park, MD. Mark your
calendars for this now; more details forthcoming soon.

A Message from our Section President

Dear Potomac Section Members and Friends,

Wow, what a year. We are coming to a close of our planning calendar and it has been highly successful thanks to the wonderful committee members, members, and speakers.

That leads us into next year and by now you should have received your electronic ballot if you are a paid member. If you have not received a ballot please let me know at bdonato@kafirstaid.com and we will verify your section payment (please do not confuse your national dues with your section dues).

I would like to pass on a special recognition to Jim Dolan your president for next year. Without his hard work, we would not have been as successful as we were. Please thank Jim when you see him and more importantly please support him as you have supported me.

We have added an additional meeting on May 28th to recognize our new officers and give out our IHY award. This will be a joint meeting with National Capital Chapter of ASSE who will be doing the same thing. Please consider coming.

As we look forward to next year, please start thinking about what topics you would like to hear about. What we have found in planning the calendar is that around here, speakers are easy to find because of the wealth of expertise. What is difficult is choosing a topic and your input is very valuable.

Hope to see you at the FAA System Safety talk on May 21st and the awards banquet on May 28th.

Bruce Donato, CSP, CECD

President, Potomac Section of the AIHA

AIHA POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

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

Month	Topic	Location
May 21, 2008	FAA System Safety (Joint meeting with System Safety)	China Garden Restaurant, Rosslyn, VA
May 28, 2008	Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers	Holiday Inn, College Park.
June-August	Summer Break and Board planning for Fall meetings	
September 17, 2008	To be arranged; suggestions welcome	ditto

Our next meeting will begin with some socializing from 6:00-6:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm and our honored, guest speaker presentation will follow at approximately 7:30 pm. The cost for attending this meeting will be \$25 for respective association members (please RSVP by 4/11/08), \$30 non-members, and \$10 for students. All payments are due at site. Make meeting reservations by sending an e-mail to Bruce Donato at bdonato@kafirstaid.com. And, a special late-breaking notice regarding the Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers on May 28: **PLEASE DISREGARD THE PRICE OF \$30. DUE TO SPONSORSHIPS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THIS TO \$20/PERSON!**

Section Membership:

Membership applications are most welcome for our 2008 calendar year. Fill out the attached application and bring to the next dinner meeting or e-mail it to Anish Ranpuria, MPH, CIH (aranpuria@somaonline.com). Please visit our web page for further information on the section and the benefits of membership at <http://www.aiha.org/potomac.htm>.

This month we are having Section Elections:

The Section has simplified the voting process by using electronic ballots. An e-mail will be sent to all members, who are requested to reply to the sent email ballot by selecting the reply option (it should automatically be sent to Chris Kase at Chris.X.Kase@questdiagnostics.com. If not, please forward it appropriately) and marking an "X" next to the candidate you have chosen or typing in your "write-in" candidate. If you would prefer to fax it, the number is 703-858-7559. All ballots will be kept confidential. A copy of the ballot follows the membership application at the end of this newsletter. Biographical sketches for the candidates are included at the bottom of this ballot and will be available on the Section website at www.aiha.org/potomac.htm.

Ballots are due back by 5/23/08. Ballots not received by 5/23/08 will not be considered.

Section Outreaching Activities:

June 7: GWU/EOH's own David Michaels will be at Politics and Prose June 7at 6:00pm. Come and Check out his new (and fine) book, "Doubt Is Their Product: How Industry's Assault on Science Threatens Your Health." (Oxford University Press), on June 7th at 6 PM. The address is 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, just south of Nebraska Avenue. The book exposes how polluters and manufacturers of dangerous products manipulate science to avoid protecting the public and compensating victims. A longer description of the book, an excerpt, and a sample of the "smoking guns" revealed in the book at http://www.defending-science.org/Doubt_is_Their_Product.cfm

Some great reviews have been written. Check these out: http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=the_manufacture_of_uncertainty by Chris Mooney from The American Prospect; and <http://www.washingtonindependent.com/view/manufactured-doubt> by Arthur Allen of The Washington Independent. The VERY latest is in this week's Newsweek, at: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/135408>

June 23-27: System Safety Symposium/Workshop:

The Washington DC Chapter of the System Safety Society is holding a symposium/ workshop on June 23-27 in St Mary's County. The forum would provide an excellent opportunity for local member to learn about the field of systems safety and design for safety. They are also looking for speakers. Background information is available at <http://www.system-safety.org/~washingtondc/> I've been asked to organize a day-long occupational health tutorial and may need some speakers. Please advise Geiger, Mark B. CIV (Acquisition Safety) [mark.geiger1@navy.mil] if you or colleagues are interested.



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](#)

Additional information can be found at AIHA's website: <http://www.aiha.org/Content>

HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL*

Government Affairs Department – as of **May, 2008**

Click on the link below to view the latest *Happenings from the Hill* [Note: you must log in]:

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/AccessInfo/gov/HappeningsFromtheHill.htm>. The latest entries are as follows: [Happenings From the Hill - April 7](#)

AIHA Occupational Health
EPA U.S. House of Represent
Health and Safety Industrial
Representatives U.S. Senate
Industrial Hygiene Congress

Industrial Hygiene Congress OSHA
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

Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Examination Review



**Wednesday Evenings, May 21, 2008 – September 17, 2008
In Columbia, MD, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

Visit <http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/CIHReview.html> for more details.

Presented by The Johns Hopkins ERC for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Chesapeake Section AIHA. The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive review of the field of industrial hygiene and to aid in the preparation for the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) comprehensive examination. This course will be taught by qualified faculty with extensive experience in industrial hygiene and related areas.

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's Continuing Education—2008 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.

Road Courses: Get the tools you need to reach your goals through continuing education. Earn CM points, CEUs, and COCs when you register for continuing education road courses. The roadcourse program offers on-site training courses, professional development road courses, and distance learning opportunities. [Register Now!](#)

September 22-26, 2008 Ann Arbor, MI
[Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review](#) 

April 14-17, 2008 Houston, TX
June 16-19, 2008 Evanston, IL

October 13-16, 2008 Las Vegas
[Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene](#)

October 6-8, 2008
[Certified Safety Professional Exam Preparation Workshop](#)

November 10-12, 2008 Orlando, FL
[Meeting Competency Requirements for Mold Remediation: HVAC and Writing Effective Building System Remediation Specifications](#)

Symposia: Register for enlightening, innovating, and updated symposia with AIHA. At these OEHS meetings, several speakers discuss topics and opinions.

[Ergonomics Symposium: Making a Business Case for Ergonomics \(and Other Health and Safety Programs\)](#)
June 1, 2008
Minneapolis, Minnesota

[The Industrial Metalworking Environment: The 3rd Symposium on the Assessment and Control of Metal Removal Fluids.](#)

October 5-8, 2008
AIHA is a sponsor of this symposium.

Risk Assessment Symposium
November 6-7, 2008
Sponsored by AIHA's Risk Assessment Committee
Tampa, Florida

Management Certificate Program (AIHA) for Industrial Hygienists and Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Professionals

AIHA's Certificate in Management program is comprised of three tracks: communications, leadership, and finance. The program offers core business competencies to industrial hygienists and occupational and environmental health and safety professionals who often have significant technical and scientific backgrounds, but request more offerings to improve their management skills so they can better manage the business aspects of their careers.

Add to your technical expertise by thinking and acting like a manager. Learn how to lead, how to communicate with staff and other managers, and how to think and speak in financial terms executive management can understand.

Courses may be completed in any order and formal recognition is offered once a participant has completed all core tracks. These courses are usually offered at the PCIH and AIHce—another good reason to attend these conferences.





Telewebs:

April 17, 2008: [Introduction to Bayesian-Based Decision Making](#)

Webcourses--New courses and course formats coming soon!


Post TeleWeb Archived CD's:

You can now purchase archived copies of past TeleWebs. Simply download the post TeleWeb CD order form within six months of the original TeleWeb broadcast date. You can review the CD on your own or with a group or even share it with your student section, local section, and others. If you submit your final exam within one month of purchasing your CD you can get 0.5 CM point, 0.25 COC, and 0.25 CEU.

- [Introduction to Bayesian-Based Decision Making](#) 
- [The Value of Anthropometrics: How to Improve and Apply Respirator Fit Testing](#) 
- [Secrets to Success: Preparing for the CIH Exam](#) 
- [Nanotechnology Update for IHs: Toxicology and Exposure Assessment](#) 

Self Study Workbook Courses—Anytime! Anywhere!

Just as the term suggests, self-study courses are traditional correspondence-type courses. You simply read the course materials and complete the lessons at your own pace, and then submit a final exam.

- [Enroll for a Class Online](#) (To enroll by phone, call (703) 849-8888 and ask for Customer Service)
- [Download an fax order form for any class](#) 
- [FAQs](#)

Elemental Industrial Hygiene, EIH part I

[Order this course online or get pricing information](#)

This course is designed for EH&S professionals who wish to enhance their knowledge of the occupational health sciences (known traditionally as industrial hygiene). More than 2,000 professionals have taken this regularly-updated course during the past 10 years. You can use this outstanding study program for an in-depth review, to prepare for a certification exam, or simply to enhance your career opportunities. The study program is divided into 11 parts: 10 lessons and a final exam. [Get more information on this course.](#)

Practical Applications of OEHS Math, EIH part II

[Order this course online or get pricing information](#)

This Self Study Course is a comprehensive and interactive course intended for IHs and other OEHS professionals. It is an “intermediate” level course, however, anyone preparing to take the CIH exam and experienced professionals will find it to be a comprehensive review of math used in the OEHS profession. The course workbook, Useful Equations, will illustrate how to apply 150 equations to the real world of industrial hygiene and OH&S. Each section presents practical applications, short case studies, sample calculations (both manually and using the AutoCalc calculator programs.) [Get more information on this course.](#)

Case Studies in the Application of Industrial Hygiene

[Order this course online or get pricing information](#)

This Self-Study course is a compliment to the to another AIHA DL Course by Jeff Burton entitled Elemental Industrial Hygiene. This course covers IH control principles as seen through sixty case studies, depicting IH control principles. It also contains a preprogrammed calculator, which aids in calculations, and seven student lessons. Most of the case studies involve the application of engineering and administrative controls and cover both industrial and IAQ-type problems. [Get more information about this course.](#)

Lab Quality Assurance/Quality Control

[Order this course online or get pricing information](#)

The course is designed to assist the student in understanding the concepts of quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) and how these principles affect data produced during the analytical process. The student will learn the basic elements required for an effective laboratory QA/QC program and what is required to implement a QA/QC program. Information is presented to assist the student in applying the QA/QC procedures to each phase of data production from preparation for sample collection through receipt of a final report in order to reduce or eliminate errors in the process. The course also includes information for ongoing evaluation of laboratory QA/QC programs that help ensure continued improvement in the program. [Get more information about this course.](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

To access links to descriptions for several current job listings, please visit our AIHA Potomac Section website at <http://www.aiha.org/potomac.htm> and its job listings at <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/jobs/jobs.htm>.

Chesapeake and Potomac Area *Job Openings*

Announcing...

NEW! <u>Career Club Jobs</u> --last updated 5/12/08	<u>Department of Environmental & Occupational Health, George Washington University</u>
<u>Emergent BioSolutions Inc.</u>	<u>ICU Environmental, Health & Safety</u>
<u>Keller and Heckman LLP</u>	<u>Mabbett & Associates, Inc.-- #1, #2</u>
<u>US Environmental Protection Agency</u>	<u>US Department of State</u>



Potomac Section
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
September 2007 – December 2008

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.**

POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AIHA 2008-2009 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT

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President-Elect

Leslie Holland _____

Write-in: _____

Treasurer-Elect

Anish Ranpuria _____

Write-in: _____

Secretary-Elect

Celia Booth _____

Write-in: _____

Directors (vote for 2)

Ron Martin _____

Tracy Avant _____

Kristin Gwin: _____

Write-in: _____

Sincerely,
Chris Kase
Past President