



POTOMAC SECTION NEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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dinner meeting: September 14th

Tuesday Evening, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

The Potomac Chapter of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the National Capital Chapter Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers present:

Ms. Laura Kolb, MPH
U.S. EPA, Indoor Environments Division:

EPA MOLD UPDATE

Consolidated Engineering Offices,

320 23rd St South, Suite 100,
Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

Entrance East of MacKay's on south side of 23rd St.

From Century Shops promenade, look for entrance to CES Training Center.

Buffet Dinner

Cost: AIHA Potomac Section Members, \$20

6:00 - 6:30 Networking Reception

6:30 - 7:30 Presentation

7:30 - 8:30 Catered Buffet Dinner / Social

Please RSVP to Allen Cooley at 703-642-6891, email ACooley@versar.com,
or Jim Foster at 703-769-1151, email JFoster@cesengineers.com

**Join us for the
next Section**

A Message from our Section President:

The 2004-2005 season for the Potomac Section is already here, and I'd like to start this year thanking Mark Geiger for his untiring efforts as President last year. Not only was he instrumental in coordinating much of last year's technical program, he was committed to efforts to educate others in the value of the industrial hygiene profession through outreach efforts.

This year, I have the honor of serving the Section with energetic and highly motivated Officers and Directors who are committed to the interests of our members. One way we serve our members is through our technical program. Our President-Elect, Allen Cooley, and our Program Committee have planned an outstanding technical agenda for this year.

Our first topic of the year is a crowd pleaser - MOLD!!! Laura Kolb with the Indoor Environments Division of the USEPA will discuss her agency's work to date on the issue. It's always interesting to hear the perspective of an agency deeply involved with such a controversial issue.

Also, the Program Committee is planning several joint programs with local organizations that represent professions with environmental, safety and health interests similar to ours. A tentative agenda for this year is included in this newsletter. Please take a look at this agenda - and if you think there's anything missing or there's a topic you'd like to see presented, contact Allen or me.

I look forward to a promising year for the Section, and hope to see you soon!

Vic D'Amato

President, Potomac Section of the AIHA

SECTION NEWS:

Should you desire to support our industrial hygiene profession by participating in the leadership of our local section, please know that changes adopted by ABIH in 1998 state that elected Board members of local sections receive 0.5 points/year. Please contact Vic or another Board member if you're interested. Nominations are made around the first of the year and elections are in March. This allows one or two new Board members to attend the AIHA National Leadership and the term begins during the AIHCE. Our current Board is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Directions to the September 14 Meeting

Consolidated Engineering Offices, 320 23rd St South,
Suite 100, Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

For further information or if lost call Jim Foster @ cell 571 217-3450 or Jim Spatarella @ cell 703 405-9300

- From the Crystal City Metro - Come out of the only entrance from the station and go up one level. Go left into the underground walkway. Follow signs for the Park buildings and then for 23rd Street. Go past Safeway, and past McDonalds, down the hallway
- Toward 23rd st, and Century Shops. Out of the Building, cross 23rd St and enter the Century Shops. Go about 300 feet to the Consolidated Engineering Training Room entrance on the right.
- From VRE- Walk south on Crystal Drive to right on 23rd St. go 1/2 block to Century Shops entrance on left.
- Driving from North -395 south to Route 1 south Go to about the 4th light and turn left on 23rd St. Hilton and Legal Seafoods are landmarks.
- Driving from South 395 north to Glebe Road east to Route 1 north. Go to the 2nd light and right on 23rd st.
- Either park on the street if available or go right on Clark St to first left into Buchanan garage. Come up elevator, go outside, turn right, go to Century Shops entrance and walk 300 feet to Training room entrance.

FUTURE POTOMAC SECTION MEETINGS: Plan on the 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated. Fall dinner meetings will resume on September 14th. (This is Tuesday, because a Jewish Holiday, Rosh Hashanah, begins the following evening)

? **June-? July,** A summer event has not yet been planned. Those interested please contact Allen Cooley.

Month	Day/Date*	Topic	Speaker	Location
September	Tuesday, 14 th	USEPA Mold Update	US EPA	Arlington, VA
October	Wednesday	Transportation Safety in Times of Terror	Fred Millar, Ph.D.	
November	Wednesday	AIHA Gov't Affairs Reviews IH Legislation Outlook – Post-2004 Election	Aaron Trippler, AIHA Gov't Affairs	AIHA Headquarters, Fairfax, VA
December	TBD	Sensors & Real Time Detection for Chemical Warfare agents	TBD	TBD
January	Wednesday, 19 th	Integrating the Business Case for Safety into a Graduate Business Program	Lamar Reich, Ph.D. McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University	TBD
February	Wednesday	Global Harmonization of Hazards Communication		
March	Wednesday, 2 nd	Joint PDC w/ ASSE and Washington Area Chapter System Safety Society - Emerging Technologies (including nanotechnology)		Catholic University, Washington, DC
April	TBD	Joint meeting with HPS - Depleted uranium chemical toxicity and radiation concerns	David McClain, Ph.D. Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	Bethesda, MD
May	1015 th , Dallas, TX	AIHCE (National Conference)		
June	Wednesday	George Meaney Labor Education Center	Worker Safety Education Programs	Silver Spring, MD

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please visit your Section web page and web links for more details on the following events., (www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/potche/homepage.htm).

AIHA Distance Learning

Each year OEHS professionals must maintain their many certifications via professional development and continuing education courses, yet each year

many struggle to fit training into their busy schedules and tight budgets.

AIHA's Distance Learning (DL) Courses are an excellent resource that helps you maximize learning opportunities, minimize costs, and

| doesn't monopolize your time!

AIHA Biosafety Teleweb Offered at CUA

NEW TeleWeb Virtual Seminar - Fundamentals of Biosafety for OEHS Professionals

LIVE on September 15, 2004 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Presented by: Janice Flesher, MS, CBSP

Learn the most recent methods of recognition, evaluation, and control of occupational biohazards and much more. For complete course information and pricing, go to

www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/teleweb2004Biosafety.htm.

This Teleweb will be shown at Catholic University from 2:00-4:30 on September 15. Cost will be \$20 per person and COE credits can be gained by filling out a quiz and mailing it with a processing fee of \$25 to AIHA. The course is pending approval for 0.5 CM points and has been awarded 0.25 COC and CEU credits. Pre-register with Sherryl Schultz sschultz8@cox.net or Joe Beres at CUA.

If you are interested but cannot attend, you can order the CD prior to the teleweb form AIHA.

Certified Safety Professional Refresher Course

September 15, 2004 to November 17, 2004

You know you should get the CSP® - but are you ready for the exams?

Professional knowledge must be proven. Obtaining the Certified Safety Professional designation is the best way for you to exhibit your knowledge and professionalism to superiors, co-workers, and clients. The CSP® designation is an objective or standard measure of a safety professional's education, experience, and knowledge.

The Chesapeake Chapter of the ASSE sponsors a highly successful and comprehensive review course designed to assist the safety professional in passing the Associate Safety Professional examination (ASP), the first of two exams required for the CSP® certification. This course format will reflect the recent exam content changes. The course will also benefit those preparing to sit for the 2nd examination, necessary for acquiring the CSP® designation.

Using the two-volume ASSE CSP Refresher Guide, you will participate with your peers in a study group to review each section. You will also receive handout information that will be useful on a daily basis as a safety professional. You will solve examples, employ formulas, and complete practice exams. Your instructors are recognized and proven industry leaders in the safety profession.

Classes begin September 15th and continue through November 17, 2004. Classes are held 10 consecutive Wednesday nights. Hours are 6:30 pm to 9:30pm at the Army training facility @ Edgewood, MD conveniently located off I-95 near the Harford /Baltimore County line.

The course fee is \$275 payable to ASSE - Chesapeake Chapter by the deadline date. You will need to order the course text directly from ASSE at (847) 699-2929. You will be receiving extensive supplemental study material. An engineering type calculator is also needed (e.g. Texas Inst -55) for the course.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPT 1st. Any questions? Contact Peter F. Holzberg 410-494-2402 or cell 410 952-2378 or e-mail: pholzberg@iwif.com.

The Web site is:

<http://www.chesapeakeasse.org/events/index.html>

Chesapeake Region Safety Council

The Safety Council of Maryland has been renamed, but continues to serve the Maryland and Washington DC areas and is part of the National Safety Council. They offer courses throughout the year. Upcoming classes include:

OSHA 10 - Hour - Construction Industry
September 7 - 8, 2004

OSHA 30 - Hour - Construction Industry
September 7 - 10, 2004

OSHA 3110 - Fall Arrest Systems
September 13 - 15, 2004 - Ocean City

Excavating and Trenching
September 14, 2004 - Wye Mills

Defensive Driving Instructor's Course
September 14 - 16, 2004

First Aid / CPR

September 22, 2004

Coaching the Van Driver

September 23, 2004

First Aid / CPR Instructor's Course

September 29 - 30, 2004 - Ocean City

Fire Protection -

OSHA Compliance Series Courses

October 4, 2004

Exit Routes -

OSHA Compliance Series Courses

October 4, 2004

Outdoor Work Safety

October 26, 2004 - Wye Mills

For more information about the Chesapeake Region Safety Council, visit: www.safemd.org or call 1-800/875-4770 or fax (410) 281-1350. All courses are in Baltimore unless otherwise noted.

GWU EOH Seminars

EOH Seminar List as of 8/30/2004. Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30pm [sharp] in Ross 643. Directions: take Metro to Foggy Bottom, and Ross Hall is 180 degrees to your right as you exit, across from new GWU Hospital.

Picture ID is necessary for entry to Ross Hall. CME credits available.

No session Sept 1; too much confusion during 1st week of school.

September 8 Aaron Blair, PhD, NCI, "What is the future of occupational cancer epidemiology research?"

September 15 Celeste Monforton, MPH, EOH Dept "Was It an Accident Waiting to Happen? Using Enforcement Data from Coal Mine Inspections to Identify High Risk Mines"

September 22 Suzanne Proctor, MSPH, NCHS/CDC "Environmental Health Objectives Linked to Healthy People 2010"

September 29 Judith Thiery, DO, MPH, Indian Health Service, "Maternal & Children's Health Perspective of the Environment among American Indians and Native Alaskans.

October 6 Margaret (Meg) T Burch, MS, ENVIRON Corp. Health Sciences Institute "Quality based critical review of the epidemiology of silica, silicosis, smoking and lung cancer."

October 13 Mark Benjamin and Dan Olmsted, United Press International "Journalists and public health stories: Reporting on military and health of soldiers and veterans"

October 20 David F. Goldsmith, PhD, EOH Dept "Latest research in the silica, silicosis and chronic disease saga"

November 10 Brettania Walker, MPH, World Wildlife Fund Norway (and EOH graduate) "Brazilian maternal infections and birth outcomes" [TENTATIVE TITLE]

November 24 No seminar-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1 Tee L. Guidotti, MD, MPH, EOH Dept "Improved clinical monitoring for asbestos diseases Report for American Thoracic Society" [TENTATIVE TITLE]

Dermal Exposures in Edinburgh

12-14 May, An International Short Course to be held in Edinburgh, UK on dermal exposure and risk assessment ... for occupational hygienists, occupational physicians and researchers in the field of human exposure assessment. Program and registration form available at www.DERMEX.org or e-mail: DERMEX@iomhq.org.uk

What Cost Olympics?

According to the electronic publication, Safety/Smart, Weekly Briefing, August 31, 2004, 14 deaths were officially reported among Greek Construction workers who died building the Olympic venues. <http://www.safetysmart.com/ezine/083104/story1.html> The Greek Construction Workers Union estimates the death toll to be closer to 40. Some of the causes mentioned were the rush to finish by the deadlines, inadequate safety and health measures, lack of PPE, long hours, hot weather, and falls from scaffolds. What will the 2008 Beijing Olympics cost in human life?

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Civilian Safety Manager Position Available at the Naval Safety Center, in Norfolk, VA:

Information follows on the position announcement for a GS-15 senior civilian position at the Naval Safety Center. This Program Analysis Officer will serve as the Staff Executive Director and the Commander's principal assistant and advisor on all matters of Naval safety, to include aviation, afloat, ground and shore safety and OSH. Shares fully in the decision-making process and provides programmatic, policy and technical guidance to the Commander. Coordinates and manages directorate/department tasks with regard to program management; budget; new initiative formulation and implementation; personnel management; and production of safety awareness media and training items, etc. Incumbent must have good organizational skills and financial management experience. Participates in long-range planning for command goals and objectives, as well as efficient and effective continuity of operations providing safety services to Navy and Marine Corps activities worldwide. Directly supervises professional and technical employees, military and civilian.

While the person hired into the position does not necessarily have to be a safety professional, GS-018, GS-803, and other safety personnel should compete for this position. The Civilian Safety Community Leader, Ms. Connie DeWitte, DASN(S), encourages interested, qualified personnel in the safety community to do so. This is one of a small number of senior safety billets available within the Naval civilian safety community.

- Code/Series: GS-0343-15 (this code will pick up any interested 018's)
- Official Job Description: Program Analysis Officer
- Announcement #: EA4-0343-15-DJG298383-FL
 - Open date: 08/24/04
 - Close date: 09/21/04
 - Advertised worldwide, site:

www.donhr.navy.mil

- Specific link:

<http://chart.donhr.navy.mil/JobSearch/jobdetail.asp?strView=0&vid=57500>

SECTION MEMBERSHIP

Membership applications are now being accepted for the Calendar year 2005. The application is attached. Fill it out and bring to the next dinner

meeting or mail it to Rao. Paying now may give you a tax break for 2004 and ensures that you retain your membership! For new members, paying now gives the remainder of 2004 for free. Membership dues have not been increased.



Potomac Section
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
September 2004 - December 2005

Name/Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

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

Home Address: _____

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
___ \$5.00 Student rate with newsletter via email

Which address do you prefer for Potomac Section correspondence? ___ Work ___ Home

INTERESTS
check all that apply

- ___ Running for a Potomac Section Office ___ Government Affairs (SGAO) VA or MD
___ Helping to arrange Potomac Section Meetings/Speakers ___ Assisting with future PDCs
___ Assisting with Student Science Fairs Other _____

RESOURCE BANK

Members are requested to identify primary IH practice areas. Please circle:

- 01 Comprehensive 07 Engineering 13 Toxicology
02 Chemistry 08 Air Pollution 14 Ergonomics
03 Safety 09 Education 15 Epidemiology
04 Health Physics 10 Occupational Medicine 16 Risk Assessment
05 Environmental Pollution 11 Administration 17 Indoor Air Quality
06 Hazardous Waste 12 Equipment Sales/Development 18 Other _____

Please mail this form and check to: Rao Tadavarthy, 6953 Cottontail Court, Springfield, VA 22153 OR bring your check and this form to any 2004-2005 meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____