Greetings and a Happy Springtime to you!

The latest volley in the 2014 winter to remember presented some late challenges, but most of us were able to make it safely to Ameren for our annual joint PDC with ASSE March 3 and were rewarded with a day of informative sessions and good fellowship with fellow EH&S professionals! Please join me in extending thanks to Erin Costello and Terry Creason for putting together such a fine program! Special thanks also to Mike McCormick and Bonnie Lockhart for recruiting late replacements for speakers who could not make it.

I had the honor of joining some 128 leaders from AIHA volunteer groups and local sections who gathered in Falls Church, Va., from February 21-23 for the annual AIHA Leadership Workshop. We enjoyed a weekend of networking, in depth discussions about AIHA and sharing ideas and experiences for local sections that are valued by members.

They also shared information about a recently commissioned evaluation of potential changes that may impact Industrial Hygiene Practice in the future. More information about the initiative and opportunities for AIHA members to provide additional input will be shared in coming months. The AIHA Board of Directors plans to invest in new research, education programming and resources in areas where AIHA can better equip our members in protecting worker health. So Stay tuned!

I hope to see you all at the April 24 meeting!

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Wes Norton – President, AIHA, St. Louis Section President.

Next Meeting

Thursday: April 24, 2014
11:30-1PM

Our program this month Water & Public Health Research in Rural & Indigenous Communities in Ecuador is presented by SLU Graduate Student Stephen Passman. He studied the lack of compliance among community leaders in using water chlorination treatment based upon local NGO guidelines. The study was designed to identify risk factors, beliefs, and health outcomes associated with chlorine water treatment and compared health outcomes, hygiene practices and water chlorination in two rural communities in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador. One community chose to regularly chlorinate their water while the other did not. Semi-structured interviews were given to residents in order to 1) identify beliefs that contributed to the community’s choice of chlorination, 2) assess hygiene practices among community members and, 3) investigate the prevalence of water-related disease symptoms. Water analyses were also conducted at the primary water sources and the schools for fecal and total coliform bacteria, parasites, and arsenic contamination. The association of beliefs affecting community water treatment choice, hygiene practices and symptoms from non-compliance are examined.

Location:
Favazza’s On the Hill
5201 Southwest Avenue
St Louis, MO 63139

Please make your reservation by contacting Rick Myers at: r.myers@wisesafetyenv.com or calling 314-587-4107
Coming Events

- **April 30** – Academy of Science St. Louis Science Fair (contact Mike McCormick if you are interested in being part of the judging team)
- **May 5-9** – Mid-America Safety Health and Environmental Conference (MASHE) Branson, MO
- **May 31 - June 6** – Annual AIHC&E in San Antonio, TX

LinkedIn Reminder

John Malone set up a LinkedIn account for the St. Louis AIHA local section. Please join the group for up to the minute information such as AIHA Position Statements. This has potential to be a good addition to the communication toolbox. If you are tech savvy and willing to help benefit the local section with your talents, please consider volunteering to be LinkedIn coordinator and contact John.

Job Openings:

Ameren Services
Career Industrial Hygienist
Job ID 12911
STL-Metro St. Louis, Full time
- Bachelors Degree in related field and Current CIH designation required
- Five years of comprehensive industrial hygiene experience required

Corporate Industrial Hygiene Manager for a large chemical company in the St. Louis area. This position will be responsible for establishing global Industrial Hygiene assessment plant, managing the global sampling strategy and maintaining the corporate EHS Industrial Hygiene document retention system. Must have 15+ years experience of progressive IH practice in a chemical or pharmaceutical setting, BS Degree in Industrial Hygiene and Certification in IH from a credible certifying body. Please contact Katie Mann for additional information at (423) 894-5500 or email at Katie.Mann@mrichatt.com.

For additional details and for other job openings, please check our St. Louis local section web page. The address is: 

http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/StLouis/index.htm

Future Leaders Institute Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for Future Leaders Institute (FLI). FLI will be held Oct. 19 -21, 2014 in Arlington, Va. FLI focuses on four main areas: broadening interpersonal perspectives, enhancing organizational perspectives, examining collaborative and teamwork efforts, and managing professional and personal aspirations. Since its inception in 2005, FLI has provided attendees with the resources necessary to be successful leaders. Participants walk away from the two-day program with current business management, leadership and communication tools, and a network of peers. Individuals with 15 years or less of IH/EHS experience are encouraged to apply to this program.

*Editor’s note – I had a young individual on my team at GM who we nominated and was accepted to attend the FLI some years ago. She felt it was an exceptional opportunity to grow and gain leadership skills. I encourage our members who meet the experience criterion to apply.* - WWN
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& Board of Directors

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Wanted: Your Input for Meeting Topics

The Board of Directors is continuing advance planning for 2014-2015 meetings and is always interested in having meeting topics that are relevant to our members. If you have any ideas for topics, or even better, a topic and a speaker please contact any board member.

Summer Activities

Your Board of Directors is planning the following summer AIHA events:

June

A lunch meeting the third week of June, specific date and presentation topic to be announced.

August

A ‘lake party’ cookout, games and more is in planning on a date and location to be announced.