

## Important Dates and Deadlines

<a href="#">Webinar: Peracetic Acid: Overview of the Chemistry, Uses, and Exposure Assessment</a>	April 4
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<a href="#">Safe + Sound Week 2019</a>	August 12-18

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## CALL TO ACTION

### [Peracetic Acid: Overview of the Chemistry, Uses, and Exposure Assessment](#)

Explore the current technical and regulatory issues associated with Peracetic acid (PAA), an organic compound commonly used as a disinfectant, sterilant, and sanitizer. This webinar will cover an overview of PAA, governmental involvement, health concerns, and scientific considerations. **Thursday April 4, 2019 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET (1.5 Contact Hours).**

### [CIH Crash Course](#)

Preparing to take the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) exam is a huge step towards advancing your career. This online CIH review course is designed to help you focus your studies on the key areas you need to know and has been recently updated to reflect the current CIH exam. **Earn 24 contact hours!**

### [Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee Seeks Nominations](#)

Would you like to be nominated by AIHA to serve on the CDC's Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC)? If so, then please send your current curriculum vitae, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, email address) to Mark Ames ([mames@aiha.org](mailto:mames@aiha.org)) by close of business on **Friday, April 5, 2019.**

### [New Synergist Webinar: Managing the Complexities of Global Occupational Exposure Limits with a Central EHSQ System sponsored by Cority](#)

Our upcoming *Synergist* Webinar on **April 10, 2019 from 2-3pm**, will cover a brief history of OEL changes and the best practices for simplifying global OEL management through a central management system. **Earn 1 contact hour.**

#### [Introduction to Emotional Intelligence \(aka Emotional Quotient\)](#)

**Thursday April 25, 2019 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET, 1 Contact Hour.** Presented by Larry Sloan, AIHA's CEO, and Stacey Croghan, a founding member of the Women in Industrial Hygiene committee, this webinar describes the nature of emotional intelligence and how necessary it can be to move up the organizational ladder and achieve career success.

#### [Women in IH \(WIH\) Leadership Summit](#)

Everyone has influence, and this is the place where leadership is crafted. The Women in IH Leadership Summit is a special inaugural event hosted by the AIHA WIH community. This all-day program will explore essential leadership skills, uncover your leadership potential, and aid in transitioning from a technical professional to management. You'll also gain a practical understanding of management issues, empowerment, ethics, and more – all in the context of today's evolving workplace environment. Space is limited to 100 – register today!

#### [Calling all Mentors](#)

We need you! Give back to the profession and help to guide and influence the next generation of IH/OEHS students and early career professionals by becoming a mentor. They are looking to you to expand their network and professional opportunities. Enroll yourself today.

#### [AIHce EXP Call for Education Session Moderators](#)

A moderator's primary responsibilities will include introducing speakers and ensuring that all sessions proceed on schedule. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis and all applications must be received via our [online form](#). (All assigned monitors must be an active AIHA or ACGIH member.)

#### [Safe + Sound Week 2019](#)

August 12 through 18, 2019 is Safe + Sound Week. Safe + Sound Week encourages every workplace to have a health and safety program. As an organizing partner, AIHA encourages all of our members, Local Sections, and others to join in attending or even hosting events related to the campaign with events occurring in April and beyond.

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## STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

#### [Student Discounts at AIHce EXP](#)

Students save over \$600 on full conference registration and can attend for just one day for \$40. You can also get 25% off select publications purchased on-site and 10% off Professional Development Course registrations, call 703-849-8888 to get your promo code!

#### [Why You Should Love Being a Student](#)

Being a student can be difficult: there are the academic demands, the financial constraints, and of course the uncertainty of securing a decent job after graduation. But it's also an exciting time, full of opportunities and new ideas ... read [more here](#).

#### [Academic Track at AIHce EXP](#)

AIHce EXP is introducing an academic track at conference, developed in partnership with faculty advisors, with content designed to help you map out your career.

### [Student Lounge sponsored by AIHA](#)

NEW this year! Attend special student-only events, chat with fellow IH/OH students, network with AIHA student leaders, and enjoy the respite of a comfortable lounge amidst all the bustle of conference.

### [PAL Program at AIHce EXP](#)

New to conference? Let an experienced AIHce attendee show you the ropes! Sign up during registration.

### [CareerAdvantage Development Fair at AIHce EXP](#)

From speed networking to resume advice, the development fair is one of the best places to sharpen your interview skills and meet top employers.

### **Focus on the Future**

From student-focused initiatives such as the AIHA Mentoring Program and the IH Professional Pathway™ to broader benefits like *Catalyst* and *The Synergist*, AIHA has many resources that are useful to early-career professionals. Read [more here](#) (must be a member to access link).

### [Need Help Navigating Your Professional Career?](#)

AIHA offers its student members access to [CareerAdvantage](#) a reliable online job board as well as a [mentoring program](#) where you can either be a mentor or find a mentor to help you in your professional development.

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## AIHA NATIONAL

### [AIHA and IAQA Collaborate for the Update of Indoor Air Quality Body of Knowledge](#)

The American Industrial Hygiene Association, in partnership with the Indoor Air Quality Association, released the updated Indoor Air Quality Practitioners Body of Knowledge (IAQ Practitioners BoK).

### [AIHA Announces 2019 Named Awards](#)

AIHA announced the recipients of the 2019 AIHA Named Awards, which honor individuals who provide significant contributions to the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety professions. The award recipients will be recognized **Wednesday, May 22**, during the Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast at the 2019 AIHce EXP in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### [AIHA Names 12 New Distinguished Fellows](#)

AIHA honors 12 new industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety (IH//OEHS) professionals with the Fellows designation. These individuals have been nominated by their peers and recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the industrial hygiene profession. The new distinguished Fellows will be honored during the annual Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 22**, at the 2019 AIHce EXP in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### **New Membership Promo for Canadian Early Career Professionals**

AIHA is offering a special promo to brand new Early Career Professional members who reside in Canada. Reach out to Laurie Mutdosch, AIHA Senior Manager, Membership via email at [lmutdosch@aiha.org](mailto:lmutdosch@aiha.org) to see if you qualify and to get your special promo code.

### [Get Your #IAMIH On](#)

It's not too late to join the #IAMIH leadership challenge. Visit our community page on *Catalyst* and check out how easy it is to join. Leaders will be recognized center stage during the Mark of Excellence event at AIHce EXP. [Click here](#) to learn more on how to participate!

### [A Deep Dive into the Trends That Affect IH/OH](#)

Earlier this year, AIHA issued its first-ever biennial State of AIHA Research Report (PDF). The report is a thorough analysis of the trends and issues affecting the fields of industrial hygiene and occupational health ... read [more here](#).

### [Roadmaps for Professional Progress](#)

I thought of the naïve me earlier this month as I was reading through two documents recently released by AIHA: the EHS Generalist White Paper (PDF) and the IH Professional Pathway eGuide (PDF). And a question popped into my head: were similar assets available to me when I was in college and I missed them because I was too focused on the school curriculum? ... Read [more here](#).

### [Volunteer with AIHA](#)

Are you motivated by a strong desire to improve things or help people? Develop skills, gain hands-on experience, broaden your network, build community awareness, make an impact and earn cm points. Consider [joining an AIHA technical or professional development committee or working group](#) today!

### **AIHA Announces 2019 Hamilton Club Members**

AIHA is pleased to announce the 2019 members of the [Hamilton Club](#), an exclusive partner program with AIHA. These members will be recognized at the AIHce EXP 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May.

### **IH Chemist/Analyst Certification**

A new AIHA/NRCC IH Chemist/Analyst Certification is in the process of being developed. Russ Phifer, Executive Director of NRCC, is recruiting a SLAC volunteer to work on the project. NRCC will be managing the development of the certification.

### [CIH Exam Prep Resources](#)

If you're working towards obtaining your CIH credential, AIHA is here to help you succeed! Face your exam with confidence and check out our curated list of education materials, accessible at your convenience.

[LEARN MORE.](#)

### [AIHA Announces AIHce EXP 2019 Sponsors](#)

AIHA pleased to announce the companies supporting the 80th AIHce EXP, taking place **May 20-22, 2019**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This year's sponsors represent a wide array of industries and will have the unique opportunity to reach professionals from every sector of industrial hygiene and occupational environmental and health safety.

### [AIHA's IH Heroes™ Receives Honorable Mention at PR News' CSR and Nonprofit Awards Luncheon](#)

AIHA is pleased to announce that its IH Heroes outreach program received an honorable mention for the Corporate Social Responsibility and Nonprofit Award in the Volunteer Program category by PR News.

### [AIHA Announces New 2019-20 Board Members](#)

AIHA announced the new members of its Board of Directors for 2019-20. The new Board members will be inducted at the association's annual business meeting on **Wednesday, May 22**, at AIHce EXP 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### [AIHA Issues IH Professional Pathway eGuide](#)

AIHA issued today its first IH Professional Pathway eGuide (PDF), which provides IHs/OHs with recommendations on how to advance their careers. The eGuide highlights educational resources appropriate by career stage, offers a summary of allied professionals with whom the IH/OH professional may work and encourages and supports the attainment of credentials such as certifications and registrations.

### [New SPARKtalks at AIHce EXP](#)

SPARKtalks are a fusion of the best parts of Ignite and TedTalk presentations. This format provides a casual, collegial atmosphere for attendees and will be a great start to this year's event. Selected speakers will share stories centered around a particular theme. For our inaugural SPARKtalks gathering, the theme is "One Moment in Time."

### [IH: Hot Topics and Emerging Issues](#)

What are the topics currently shaping the IH industry? Our curated education resources provide you with the answer. Stay on top of your profession and check out our education resources focused today's emerging issues.

### [Come Watch 'Dirty Laundry' at AIHce EXP](#)

The SCC will be showing the documentary 'Dirty Laundry' this year at conference which highlights the difficulties and sorrow that families face when they are confronted with a diagnosis of terminal mesothelioma. The film's Director, Conor Lewis, will introduce the film and provide background context and motivation making for the documentary. Join us at AIHce EXP on **Tuesday May 21 from 2-3pm and 3:15-4:15pm.**

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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

### **Waking up to the Zombie Apocalypse**

Are we living through a zombie apocalypse? Look closely, for you or your fellow workers may be among the more than one-third of U.S. workers who get less than the recommended seven hours of sleep each night, and may be only partially awake at work ... read [more here](#).

### [NIOSH Releases New NORA for Immune, Infectious, and Dermal Disease Prevention](#)

The new NORA addresses six areas of "Objectives". Coming in at a tidy 19 pages (including cover), the NORA is eminently digestible.

### **CDC Seeks Information on a National Firefighter Registry**

The CDC is creating a voluntary registry of US firefighters, which will be used to collect health and occupational information to help determine the incidence of cancer.

Do you believe that AIHA should submit comments on this request? Please provide your feedback via a [short survey](#).

### [Congressional Appropriators Begin Work on Funding Bills](#)

Congress began the next stage of its annual funding process this week, when agencies leaders were called to Capitol Hill to explain President Donald J. Trump's Fiscal Year 2020 requests at a series of hearings.

### **California Expected to Issue Emergency Regulations Protecting Outdoor Workers from Wildfire Smoke Hazards by July**

Bloomberg reports that Cal/OSHA has been asked by California's Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board to create emergency regulations by July 2019 that would protect outdoor workers from wildfire smoke hazards ... read [more here](#).

#### **NIOSH Seeks Comment on Mining Automation and Safety Research Prioritization**

NIOSH is seeking feedback on worker health and safety related to mining automation ... read [more here](#).

#### **Federal Agencies Release Detailed Budget Proposals for FY 2020**

Earlier this week Federal agencies revealed additional details of their budget requests to Congress for Fiscal Year 2020 ... read [more here](#).

#### **Tom Grumbles, Past President of AIHA and the Product Stewardship Society, Testified Before Congress**

Mr. Grumbles, who is a Past President of both AIHA and the Product Stewardship Society, and is a current Board member of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH), joined six other witnesses to examine the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) handling of chemical exposure ... read [more here](#).

#### **Get More Weekly Government Relations Updates?**

Join the [GR community page](#) on *Catalyst* for weekly updates, opportunities, announcements, news and more (must be a member to access page).

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## **LOCAL SECTIONS**

### **Pro Bono Workplace Safety Program**

This innovative program's concept is to improve workplace safety at nonprofits that would benefit from professional health and safety pro bono advisory services. This team from the NE AIHA and ASSP Greater Boston Chapter are now working with stakeholders within AIHA and ASSP to turn this project into a sustainable national model to serve the nonprofit sector. The New England Chapter of AIHA is hosting a presentation on **April 9** that will describe the program and solicit input from members in attendance. Contact [Jack Geissert](#) for more information.

### **[AIHA-NCS News Update](#)**

Over 50 AIHA-NCS members and guests met at Cornerstone Brewery in Berkeley, CA on March 19, 2019 to celebrate student recipients of the Bernard D. Tebbens, Robert T. Legge and Charles H. Powell awards for 2019. The speakers for the evening included: Larry Sloan, CEO for AIHA, who kicked off the meeting with updates from AIHA, including the "I Am IH" Campaign, educational outreach, and development of a new AIHA smart phone application.

### **The Yuma Pacific Southwest Section**

The Yuma Pacific Southwest Section raised \$7,460 at their annual banquet from three fundraising auctions with proceeds going to the AIHF general fund, Stephen Davis Leadership Fund, and the Douglas Davis Memorial Fund for Applied Science and Engineering at University of Wyoming. This is double the proceeds from their 2018 auctions reported last year in *The Synergist*.

### **[ASU Hosts 2019 Health and Safety Summit](#)**

Arizona State University hosted the 2019 Arizona Health and Safety summit. The one-day conference converged academic and industry professionals to advance interests in occupational health and safety and provided networking opportunities. Lawrence Sloan, CAE, and AIHA CEO shared his excitement for AIHA's progress across multiple fronts in the morning keynote address on technical initiatives ... read [more here](#).

### [Open Call: Local Sections Council Vice Chair](#)

The Local Sections Council is currently looking for an individual to serve as Vice Chair of the [Local Sections Council](#) (the position is a two-year term). Any AIHA member in good standing may run. [Nominations](#) must be submitted no later than **May 15**.

### **Grant Opportunity: LS GR Services**

Is your local section interested in enhancing its government relations activities? If so, then you're encouraged to apply for AIHA's local sections government relations grants program! Click [here for more](#) (need to be a member to access link).

### **Let Us Know About Local OSH Schools**

AIHA is ramping up its efforts in understanding the current climate of educating secondary and junior college level students about careers in IH. The future of our profession depends on students being informed and then pursuing a career in the industry. Please let us know about the local OSH schools/programs in your area.

**Deadline:** Friday, April 5.

## VIRTUAL SECTION

### [Virtual Section Meet and Greet](#)

Meet the other Virtual Section members by joining us for the first meet and greet. We plan on discussing future events and getting to know one another (must be a member to access link). For more information email: [tl@aiha.org](mailto:tl@aiha.org).

### [AIHA Virtual Section](#)

AIHA members living in regions without a local section, can join an optional add-on virtual section for only \$25. International members from developing economies may join without AIHA membership. **Call 703-849-8888 to join or [click here](#) to find out more.**

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## AIH Foundation

### [Scholarships](#)

This year the Foundation we will be awarding scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, to 46 students. Our scholarship recipients have distinguished themselves through their commitment to their studies, their communities, and the profession of industrial hygiene. We are proud to be able to continue supporting these students who are working toward the future of protecting worker health ... [read more](#).

### [SPARKtalks - It's More Than a Run](#)

New at AIHce EXP this year are SPARKtalks, a fusion of the best parts of Ignite and TED Talk presentations in a casual, collegial atmosphere with presenters sharing a moment in time stories. Join presenter Carter Ficklen III, CIH, CSP on **Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.** (Central) at AIHce EXP as he discusses how the AIHF FunRun led to a love of running, becoming one of the most important things in his life.

### [FunRun at AIHce EXP](#)

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) presents the 33rd Annual Fun Run/Walk. Have fun, get exercise, and support the AIHF! You don't have to be a marathon runner to participate; you can run the 5K or

walk 2.5K and know that you are helping the Foundation serve IH/OH professionals in need. Not an early riser? Make a sleep-in donation!

### **Head Shot Café in the AIHA Booth at AIHce EXP 2019**

Everyone needs a professional head shot of themselves to attach to a resume, provide for a publication or conference and for networking. Well, you have an opportunity to have your make up done with a professional makeup artist and have your professional head shot taken with donations going to the AIHF! That's a win for everyone. See you there!

### **Matching Donations**

Can your company match your donation? Find out and increase your impact on the lives of deserving students and their professional development.

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## **CATALYST**

### **Top 5 *Catalyst* Discussion Posts This Month—The IH/OEHS Online Community**

- 1) [Calibration - Jar - Adapter - In line – Rotameters](#)- Marcus Vinícius Nunes
- 2) [Hazard Communication Standards and Vaccines](#) - Facebook post
- 3) [Oil & Gas Industry IH Textbooks](#) - Jans Babkevics
- 4) [RCS Data calculated against old RCS PEL](#) - Rayna D. Brown
- 5) [Hexavalent chromium exposure in ceramics](#) - Hexavalent chromium exposure in ceramics

### **New Communities on *Catalyst***

*Catalyst* now features the following online communities that are open to all AIHA members. Introduce yourself and get the conversation started.

- 1) [Women in IH \(WIH\)](#)
- 2) [Big Data](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 3) [Business Case](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 4) [Changing Workforce](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 5) [Exposure Banding](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 6) [Global Standard of Care](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 7) [Sensor Technologies](#) (AIHA content priority)
- 8) [Total Workers Exposure](#) (AIHA content priority)

Ready for all that *Catalyst* has to offer? First you need to be an AIHA member. [Join now](#) and begin creating connections and networking today! If you already are a member, continue your conversations on *Catalyst* [here](#).

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## **IN THE NEWS**

### **NIOSH Video Features Footage of Officers' Response to Overdose Call**

The video includes real-life footage from a body camera worn by a police officer responding to an overdose call and shows what happens when an officer is exposed to illicit drugs such as fentanyl! ... read [more here](#).

### **EPA to Ban Methylene Chloride in Paint Removers for Consumer Use**

EPA issued a final rule to prohibit the manufacture, processing, and distribution of methylene chloride in all paint removers for consumer use ... read [more here](#).

#### **EPA Identifies 40 Chemicals, Including Formaldehyde, to Prioritize for Risk Evaluation**

EPA has released a list of 40 chemicals to prioritize for risk evaluation under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act ... read [more here](#).

#### **NIOSH Working to Correct Issue Affecting Testing for Respirator Approvals**

A new letter to manufacturers from NIOSH describes an issue affecting gas and vapor testing for NIOSH respirator approvals ... read [more here](#).

#### **New OSHA Page Focuses on Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Response**

A new OSHA web page on radiation emergency preparedness is intended to help protect the health and safety of workers during a variety of accidental and intentional radiation incidents ... read [more here](#).

#### **President's Budget Proposal Suggests Small Increase for OSHA**

President Trump's budget request for fiscal year 2020 proposes a small increase for OSHA: \$300,000 and 33 full-time equivalent employees over the FY 2019 enacted level ... read [more here](#).

#### **Webinars Will Address Musculoskeletal Disorders, Whole-Body Vibration**

Two upcoming webinars in a series sponsored by the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of California, Berkeley will address musculoskeletal disorders and whole-body vibration ... read [more here](#).

#### **NIOSH Identifies Research Gaps Related to Non-Standard Work Arrangements**

A new draft National Occupational Research Agenda published by NIOSH details gaps in research related to the safety, health, and well-being of workers with non-standard work arrangements ... read [more here](#).

#### **OSHA Mulls Updates to Powered Industrial Trucks Standards**

OSHA requests information and feedback on issues related to requirements in the agency's standards on powered industrial trucks for general, maritime, and construction industries ... read [more here](#).

#### **Mortal Exposures**

In 2017, more than 2.7 million people died in the United States. What happened to their bodies after they died? They were cared for by workers in America's death care industry—those employed by funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematoria ... read [more here](#).