

## Important Dates and Deadlines

Federal Register: <u>Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Established</u>	August 16-17
AIHA Volunteer Groups Officers Training	August 24
<u>International Scientific Committee &amp; International Abstract Reviewers Call for Nominations</u>	August 25
OSHA <u>Susan Harwood Training Grants Deadline</u>	August 28
<u>AIHA's IH Professional Pathway Task Force Call for Volunteers</u>	September 1
<u>AIHce EXP 2018 Call for Proposals</u>	September 6
<u>AIHA Fall Conference Virtual Conference Registration Best Rate Deadline</u>	September 8
HPECC September Meeting	September 12
<u>Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene</u>	September 18–21
Town Hall: AIHA Volunteer Groups Collaboration with ISForum	September 20
<u>Exposure and Chemical Monitoring - Beyond IH Fundamentals</u>	October 2-4
OSHA <u>Public Comments</u> on Ionizing Radiation Standard Due	October 10
<u>AIHA Fall Conference on Leadership and Management</u>	October 30–31
<u>AIHA Early Membership Renewal</u>	October 31
AIHF Online Scholarship Application Opens	November 1
<u>Stewardship 2017</u>	November 2–4
<u>Nomination for an AIHA Named Award</u>	December 5
<u>Nomination for Fellows</u>	December 31

## VOLUNTEER GROUPS

### **GETTING TO KNOW AIHA PRESIDENT, DR. DEBORAH IMEL NELSON, CIH**

Deborah Imel Nelson, PhD, CIH, has been interested in human health and environmental conservation since an early age. Then, during her MSES program, someone suggested she take an industrial hygiene course as one of her electives. The rest, as they say... [read more here](#).

### **#IAMIH: WE'RE LIVING THE DREAM HERE**

AIHA member Candice Burton, CIH, has built her industrial hygiene career from the ground up. Even deeper: she started underground working as an IH in the gold mining and coal mining industries, where she encountered no shortage of ... [read more here](#).

### **WOMEN IN IH (WIH) FORUM**

During AIHce 2017, a new forum was born—Women in IH (WIH). More than 100 women of all ages came together to discuss the unique challenges and experiences of what it's like to be a woman in the IH/OH profession. Join the forum by completing a [brief survey](#) and let us know how you want to be involved.

### **SEPTEMBER HPECC MEETING: GETTING STARTED WITH INDUSTRIAL ROBOT SAFETY**

The [Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee](#) is pleased to announce that Carole Franklin, Director of Standards Development for the [Robotic Industries Association](#), will present on important principles of robot system safety described by the industrial robot safety standard, ANSI/RIA R15.06-2012 during their meeting on September 12 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET. To register, please contact [Thursa La](#).

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSALS**

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2018 FELLOWS AWARD**

Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious [2018 Fellows Award](#). Each AIHA Local Section, Volunteer Group, Special Interest Group, or another formal AIHA entity may nominate one individual. At-large nominations will also be accepted, with the exception that individuals may not self-nominate. **The deadline to submit a [Nomination for Fellow Award](#) is December 31, 2017.**

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: AIHA NAMED AWARDS**

Being a recipient of an [AIHA Named Award](#) is a highly regarded honor. Recipients serve as a powerful and positive example to those aspiring to reach the next pinnacle in their career through their contributions and service to the profession, the practice of industrial hygiene, and the Association. **The deadline to submit a [Nomination for an AIHA Named Award](#) is December 5, 2017.**

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: AIHce EXP 2018**

Presenting at AIHce EXP is a great way to inspire and energize your colleagues with the latest OEHS trends, technologies, and best practices. We are currently [accepting proposals](#) for professional development courses (PDCs), education sessions, Ignite, and professional posters through **September 6, 2017**.

### **CALL FOR STUDENT POSTERS: AIHce EXP 2018**

Students are highly encouraged to [submit poster proposals](#). Displaying a poster at a major conference like AIHce is a fantastic way to gain visibility for your research. The interactions you have during a poster session can help you make connections with professionals in the field and gain recognition for your education institution. Final submissions are due **March 2018**.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **IH PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY TASK FORCE**

AIHA's IH Professional Pathway™ program aligns Association resources and professional development opportunities with the various career stages of the profession. Support and inspire current and future generations of industrial hygienists by volunteering to join the [IH Professional Pathway Task Force](#) by **September 1**.

### **AIHA'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS GROUP**

Interested in [taking an active role](#) with policymakers at all levels of government to advance AIHA's Mission and Vision? Help to develop and refine the specific policies that are proposed—specific activities will be determined based upon the passion and commitment of its members, while in every instance remaining in harmony with Board-sanctioned pronouncements. For more information, please contact [Mark Ames](#).

## **LOCAL SECTIONS**

### **FUNDING REQUESTS FOR LECTURER PROGRAM**

For 2017, AIHA local sections have the availability to request funding to use speakers from the [AIHA Distinguished Lecturer Program](#). Funds are limited and are available on a first-come/first-available basis. To learn more about the funding process, please contact [Thursa La](#).

## **#IAMIH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE**

The **#IAMIH Leadership Challenge** runs through 2017 and is designed to help you to promote the profession within your community, connect with your peers, and get to know new faces joining in this venerable career path. For more information on how you can help your region and section rise up the ranks and take the win, check out this [quick video](#).

## **NATIONAL**

### **AIHA MEETS WITH THE NEW U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR**

How can AIHA accomplish its mission of creating knowledge to protect worker health and our vision of eliminating workplace illnesses? The answer lies, in no small part, through partnerships with governments. It was this very reason that brought AIHA... [read more here](#).

### **REINTRODUCING THE CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY**

The [Center for Safety and Health Sustainability](#) is one of the most successful inter-association initiatives AIHA has ever joined, but until now we have flown a bit under the radar. The Center has been around since June 2011 when AIHA joined with ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers) and IOSH (Institution of Occupational Safety and Health) to form a team dedicated to... [read more here](#).

### **AIHA URGES CONGRESS TO REVERSE COURSE ON WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY FUNDING**

the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations approved draft legislation to fund several federal government entities that help protect worker health and safety. In response, AIHA has issued the following statement... [read more here](#).

### **LOBBYING: IT'S NOT A FOUR-LETTER WORD**

Let's pause for a moment. Whatever else you're doing, stop—for just a brief time—and think: what are the core goals of our government? After a little musing you may come to this conclusion: protection. There are no doubt many other laudable and appropriate purposes, but if we can agree on just this one, then you will understand why AIHA is engaged in... [read more here](#).

### **AIHCE EXP 2017 ABSTRACTS**

The AIHce EXP 2017 [abstracts](#) are now available for viewing. The viewpoints, opinions, and conclusions expressed at AIHce have not necessarily been approved or endorsed by AIHA® or ACGIH®. The findings and conclusions in NIOSH presentations have not been formally disseminated by NIOSH and should not be construed to represent any agency determination or policy.

### **RENEW EARLY AND WIN**

The 2018 dues renewal season kicks off in late September and eligible members who [renew online](#) by **October 31, 2017**, will be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of a number of prizes, including a complimentary registration to AIHce 2018.

### **SAVE THE DAY IN A NEW WAY**

As an AIHA member, you have firsthand experience when it comes to the value of membership. And firsthand experience with keeping people safe. Not it's time to save the day in a new way with the AIHA's [Member-Get-a-Member Challenge](#)! When you participate now through **December 31**, you'll be eligible to receive recognition and earn prizes!

## **VIRTUAL FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Take your career to the next level with two days of leadership and management-focused education and training! [AIHA's Fall Conference on Leadership and Management](#) offers both an [in-person](#) and [virtual conference](#) option to meet your scheduling and budget needs. [Register](#) before **September 8** and save.

## **ASHRAE**

ASHRAE [seeks public comment](#) on the proposed revision of [Guideline 12-2000](#), which is intended to provide information and guidance for the control of legionellosis associated with building water systems. Interested individuals have until **September 11**, to submit comments.

## **NIOSH**

The NIOSH Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) Research Program recently updated the [Elements of Ergonomics Programs](#), a guide intended to help employers, workers, and others design effective ergonomics programs to prevent work-related MSDs.

This summer, NIOSH and OSHA released a redesigned [OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool app](#). The app uses the device's geolocation capabilities to pull temperature and humidity data from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellites to determine the heat index. The app shows the current risk level (minimal, low, moderate, high, or extreme) and forecasts the hourly heat index throughout the entire workday.

NIOSH recently launched a [new web page](#) with resources for fire service personnel. The web page includes information about the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program, which conducts independent investigations of select fire fighter line-of-duty deaths to provide recommendations to prevent similar deaths and injuries.

The [Call for Abstracts](#) for the NIOSH-sponsored 2<sup>nd</sup> [International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health®](#) is now OPEN. The upcoming symposium, focused on the theme *Work & Well-Being: How Safer, Healthier Work Can Enhance Well-Being*, will congregate scientists and practitioners engaged in innovative research and programs aligned with *Total Worker Health* approaches. The deadline for abstract submission is **October 31**.

A [web-based study](#) conducted by NIOSH looked at how organizational factors and perceived safety climate might affect use of personal protective equipment and engineering controls as well as the likelihood of spills, leaks, or skin contact during administration of liquid antineoplastic drugs.

NIOSH and [Workforce Tulsa](#) recently announced a collaboration to develop and pilot test a new training program, [Developing Work Safety Skills](#), to promote workplace safety and health practices among young adults seeking career services and temporary employment opportunities through Workforce Tulsa. Program participants will receive a certificate of completion when they finish the training program.

## **OSHA**

OSHA announced the availability of \$10.5 million in [Susan Harwood Training Grants](#) to fund training and education for workers and employers to help them identify and prevent workplace safety and health hazards. Applications must be submitted online no later than **August 28**.

OSHA has released a [Small Entity Compliance Guide for General Industry and Maritime](#) to help small business employers comply with the agency's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica.

OSHA solicits [Public Comments](#) concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the collections of information specified in the Ionizing Radiation Standard. The basic purpose of the collections of information in the Ionizing Radiation Standard is to document that employers are providing their workers with protection from ionizing radiation exposure. Comments must be submitted by **October 10**.

### **CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY**

A [new report](#) released by the [Center for Safety and Health Sustainability](#) (CSHS) calls on the leading sustainability reporting organizations to develop standardized terms, definitions, and reporting formats for occupational health and safety metrics. The report focuses on a study of 100 corporations identified as sustainable by the Corporate Knights and compares the results to a similar study CSHS conducted in 2013.

### **MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

The [Mine Safety and Health Administration](#) has petitions for modification of the application of existing mandatory safety standards to permit the use of non-permissible electronic testing equipment in the last open crosscut. All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before **August 25, 2017**. *Read more [here](#)...*