

Important Dates and Deadlines

Safe + Sound Week	August 13-19
Webinar: Puerto Rico Hurricane Preparedness, Response, and Recovery!	August 16
AIHA Bylaw Special Ballot Now Open — Deadline	August 22
AIHA Needs Your Expertise! — Deadline	August 31
AIHce EXP 2019 PDC and Education Session Submissions — Deadline	September 5
Learn the Basics with Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	September 17-19
Future Leaders Institute	September 21-23
IOHA 2018	September 24-26
Product Stewardship 2018 Conference	September 27-29
AIH Foundation Online Scholarship Submission Portal Opens	October 1
2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference	October 10-12
Enhance Your Expertise & Enroll in Exposure & Chemical Monitoring: Beyond IH Fundamentals	October 15-17
Gain New Leadership Skills - Understanding Leadership from the Masters	November 5
2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section Fall PDC & Conference	November 7-9

CALL TO ACTION

AIHA needs your expertise!

There are several new volunteer opportunities available, and we need your help to fill these open positions!

The deadline to volunteer or nominate a colleague is Friday, August 31, 2018.

[International Advisory Group](#)

Provide input and recommendations to the AIHA Board on international strategic priorities.

[Local Section Task Force](#)

Assess current concerns regarding AIHA's relationship with its local sections, (as identified in the June 2018 Local Section Summit) and provide recommendations for resolving these issues to the AIHA Board.

[AIHA Named Awards and Honors Committee](#)

Be a part of selecting the best candidates for AIHA's prestigious named awards and honors!

[Standards Advisory Panel \(SAP\)](#)

Define and lead AIHA's involvement in consensus standards to ensure that the field of industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety is represented by setting activities.

[Board Nominating Committee](#)

The AIHA Board of Directors recently revised the Board Nominations Policy to reflect AIHA's commitment to transparency and diversity. We are now using an open-call process to add four (4) at-large members to the Board Nominating Committee. We're looking for people who are **active AIHA Full Members** and who are committed to helping us find the best nominees for Board officer and director positions. Please note that, contingent on the approval of AIHA's bylaw amendments, those currently classified as Affiliate and Associate members will now become Full members and will therefore be eligible to apply (hence, the application form does require individuals to specify their **current** member class).

AIHA Bylaw Special Ballot Now Open

AIHA invites members to [vote on proposed changes](#) to the association's bylaws. **Deadline: August 22.**

LOCAL SECTIONS

The Next Generation of IH/OEHS Professionals

How often do you invite students to present at your section meetings? Consider bringing the education to them by holding your meeting in conjunction with a [Student Local Section](#). Help shape the future of the profession today!

#IAMIH Leadership Challenge 2.0

We invite our Local Sections to join us for the [#IAMIH Leadership Challenge 2.0](#)—a lighthearted and meaningful leadership activity that will allow you to inspire others, hone your own leadership skills, and be part of a larger movement to raise awareness of IH!

Catalyst Online Community Offers Local Sections Private Communities

Catalyst is the fastest growing online community, uniting IH/OEHS professionals around the world. Did you know that you can request a private community for your local section? Simply provide a roster of your members to [Liz Kincheloe](#), AIHA Online Community Manager.

Calling All Local Section Officers

The Local Section Officers community offers features to post announcements, share files, start discussions, and includes a roster of officers. Go to [Catalyst](#), select "My Communities" in the "Communities" dropdown menu and search for Local Section Officers.



TLV-CS Outreach Presentations Available for AIHA Local Sections

The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH®) Threshold Limit Value – Chemical Substances (TLV®-CS) Committee has initiated a new outreach effort to provide presenters for general educational information related to TLVs. If interested, please contact [James Martin](#).

AIHA Pacific Northwest Local Section

The [2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held on October 10–12 at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA.

AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section

The [2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section](#) Fall PDC will be held on November 7. Contact [Michaela A. Hall](#) for more details.

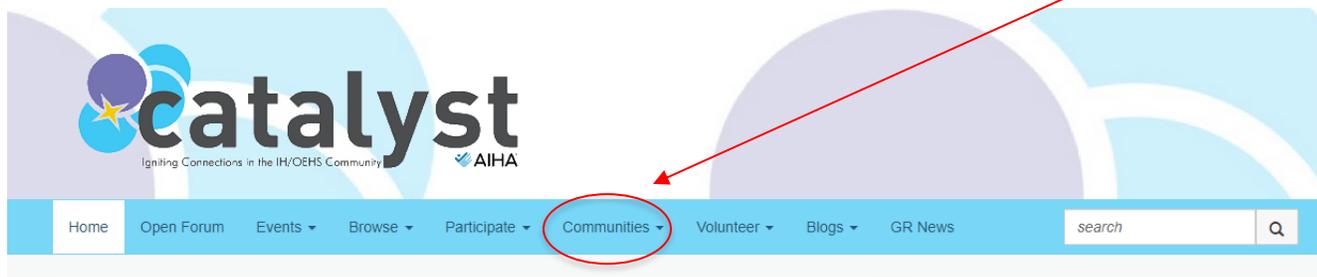
VOLUNTEER GROUPS & SIGS

AIHA NIOSH Project Sign-Up Sheet

[NIOSH is interested in](#) (1) finding partners who can provide access to workplaces for investigation in the following areas; (2) providing information about its research in these areas; and (3) identifying Apps that would help you in your work.

Volunteer Groups Communities on Catalyst

Instead of utilizing the traditional SharePoint site via the AIHA website, each Volunteer Group has a [Catalyst](#) community that will now serve that purpose. Start using your community today—select “My Communities” under the “Communities” dropdown menu to locate your committee.



If you have any questions, reach out to [Liz Kincheloe](#), AIHA Online Community Manager.

Emergency Response Planning Guides® (ERPGs®)

Are you involved in emergency response for your company or organization? If you are, do you know what exposure values you might need beyond the occupational exposure limits for worker protection? The [Emergency Response Planning Guides® \(ERPGs®\)](#) are designed to assist emergency response personnel in government and industry when planning emergency response actions for catastrophic chemical releases to the community. Consider the value of the ERPG® Booklet for your use.

STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

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Student Poster Abstract Submissions for AIHce EXP 2019

AIHA will be seeking [student poster submissions](#) under a separate review timeline that reflects university schedules. **Deadline: March 2019.**

Student Local Section Officers

The challenge is on for all officers to post the goals you have for your student sections via the [Student Community](#) on Catalyst. Consider this thread as an open place to brag about everything going on in your section.

Leadership Workshop Conducts Two Student Breakout Sessions

Student Local Section officers attending Leadership Workshop enjoyed the face-to-face interaction with their peers. Two successful break-out session were dedicated to students; [check out the presentation material!](#)

Get Active—Get Involved

One of the best resources at your fingertips is a Student Local Section. Being a member of a student section will help you to prepare for your future as an IH/OEHS professional. Discover if [your school offers a student section](#) and if not, [consider forming one](#).

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)

Leadership Workshop Attendees Raise Donations

Thank you to our 2018 Leadership Workshop attendees, who raised more than \$500 in donations over the course of the workshop.

New! The D. Jeff Burton Endowed Scholarship

D. Jeff Burton, PE has established an endowed scholarship, which is to be awarded to an engineering student (graduate or undergraduate) whose academic focus/curriculum is industrial hygiene.

Thank You to Those That Donated to the Philip R. Morey Memorial Scholarship

Thanks to the generous support of our members, AIHF was able to raise \$10,000 for the [Philip R. Morey Memorial Scholarship](#). A special thanks to Don Weeks, CIH, CSP, FAIHA and Lan Chi Nguyen, PE who will match the donations, up to \$10,000, provided that the donations are made **by August 1, 2018**.

Scholarship Submission Portal Opens October 1

AIHF Scholarship online submission portal will open October 1. Learn about the [eligibility requirements](#) and how scholarships are awarded.

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In Memoriam

James Earl "Jim" Long

[James Earl "Jim" Long](#) of Somers Point, N.J., passed away on May 17, 2018 at the age of 90. Mr. Long served as president of AIHA from 1980–1981.

Margaret Wan

Margaret Wan of St. Petersburg, FL, passed away on August 3, 2018. Ms. Wan was actively involved within the AIHA volunteer community and served on numerous volunteer groups including the International Affairs Committee, Communications and Training Methods Committee, Ergonomics Committee, and Environmental Issues Committee. She also served as Past President, AIHA Florida Local Section.

Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Achieves Highest-ever Impact Factor

The *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* [attained an impact factor](#) of 1.462 in 2017, according to JOEH publisher Taylor and Francis.

Core Competencies Document Updated

A diverse team of AIHA members recently updated the association's [Core Competencies for the Practice of Industrial/Occupational Hygiene](#) document, which outlines the essential knowledge, skills, and abilities that an IH/OH working at different levels of practice should possess.

AIHce EXP 2019 Call for Proposal Portal Open!

Contribute to the conference and the profession by [submitting a presentation](#) in your area of expertise.

Deadline: September 5.

Important AIHce 2019 Dates:

- **September 5, 2018** – Deadline for submission of PDCs, Education Sessions, Ignite, and Professional Posters
- **November 2018** – Acceptance notifications for PDCs and education sessions will be sent
- **March 2019** – Deadline for submission of Student Posters
- **April 2019** – Acceptance notifications for Student Posters will be sent

Top Five Reasons You Should Present at AIHce EXP

Have you ever thought about sharing your expertise? AIHce EXP is a [fantastic opportunity to advance your career](#) and inspire and energize your colleagues with the solutions they need to meet the challenges they face in their work.

IOHA Education Program

Learn from top influencers in the IH/OEHS industry, bringing their expertise from around the world to the [11th IOHA International Scientific Conference](#). Join us in *bringing better health to workers worldwide!*

Nancy Leppink, JD Named IOHA 2018 Keynote Speaker

[Ms. Leppink](#) is the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Chief of the Labour Administration, Labour Inspection, Occupational Safety and Health Branch. Her topic is *The General Consequences of Globalization on Worker Health and Safety in Developing Countries*.

AIHA Receives Two dotCOMM Awards

AIHA has received a Platinum Award for the second [IH Heroes™ comic](#) *On the Fly* and a Gold Award for AIHA's [Annual Report](#). The [dotCOMM Awards](#) is an international competition honoring excellence in web creativity and digital communication.

AIHA's Outreach and Public Awareness Programs Receive APEX and Content Marketing Awards

AIHA won a Grand Award in the Electronic Media category for the [IH Heroes™ comic](#) and a Certificate of Excellence for the [IH Heroes™ series](#) by the [APEX Awards for Publication Excellence](#).

Hamilton Club

The primary goal of the [Hamilton Club](#) is to strengthen our partnerships to further the mission of creating knowledge to protect worker health. Just as Alice Hamilton's work exerted a profound influence on the field of industrial hygiene, AIHA considers its top participants as thought leaders and contributors who, through their innovation and expertise, are shaping the future of the profession.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

OSHA Proposes Rule on the Tracking of Workplace Injuries & Illnesses

OSHA has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to better protect personally identifiable information or data that could be re-identified with an individual by removing provisions of the "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" rule. If you believe that AIHA should comment, please provide your feedback via a [short survey](#).

Safe + Sound Week is August 13 to 19 – Are You Participating?

There are [a lot of reasons](#) to get involved in Safe + Sound Week! [Register now](#) to join the **more than 900** organizations already planning to participate. You can also find free trainings and events being held near you on the [Safe + Sound Week map](#), including a [workshop from Maryland OSHA](#) and webinars from the [National Safety Education Center](#) and [Chief Insurance Solutions LLC](#).

Want to participate, but don't know where to start? Watch the webinar, [Safe + Sound Week 2018 – Are You Ready to Show Your Commitment to Safety?](#), or download [Safe + Sound Week for Any Schedule](#) for ways your organization can celebrate.

Congressional Democrats Call for NIOSH Study on Young Worker Protections

More than 40 US House Democrats have called on the US Department of Labor and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to halt plans to issue a new rule later this year until NIOSH conducts a review. The [forthcoming proposed rule](#) would allow 16 and 17-year-olds to work in additional, currently restricted or prohibited nonagricultural occupations, and is part of the Administration's broader efforts to spur the economy through support for apprenticeships.

Kentucky Abolishes OSH Standards Board, Transferring Powers to Office of the Secretary of the Labor Cabinet

Kentucky has eliminated its Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board; an [Executive Order](#) by Governor Matthew G. Bevin has determined that the OSH Board is unnecessary.

AIHA Joins the Professional Certification Coalition!

AIHA has joined the [Professional Certification Coalition \(PCC\)](#)! PCC was created in response to recent legislation in Louisiana and elsewhere that indicated the need to educate policymakers on the important roles that professional certifications play in our society.

INDUSTRY NEWS

[Prevalence of Black Lung Disease in Coal Miners Reaches 25-Year High](#)

A new NIOSH report shows that the prevalence of black lung disease is continuing to increase among coal miners in the U.S., with the most pronounced increase occurring in central Appalachia.

[EU-OSHA Database Collects Tools, Guidance on "Dangerous Substances"](#)

A new database launched by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, or EU-OSHA, contains more than 700 practical tools and guidance documents on managing dangerous substances.

[Lead Identified as "Substance of Very High Concern" in EU](#)

The European Chemicals Agency, or ECHA, recently added 10 new substances, including lead, to its Candidate List of substances of very high concern for authorization.

[**NIOSH: Workers at Recycling Facility Exposed to High Levels of Flame Retardants**](#)

Sampling conducted by NIOSH investigators at an electronics recycling facility revealed that exposures to certain flame retardants were significantly higher than exposures found in the general population.

[**Report: Elevated Mercury Levels in Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Workers**](#)

Five of seven workers at a fluorescent light recycling facility in Wisconsin were found to have elevated mercury levels during an investigation of potential environmental contamination at the facility.

[**IARC Classifies Six Substances**](#)

A working group of experts has classified isobutyl nitrite, methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, and technical-grade trimethylolpropane triacrylate as "possibly carcinogenic to humans."

[**NIOSH Evaluates Respiratory, Noise Exposures at Steel Pickling Plant**](#)

Many employees reported work-related irritant symptoms at a steel pickling plant where NIOSH recently conducted a health hazard evaluation.

[**National Academies Calls for Improvements in Coal Mine Dust Sampling, Monitoring**](#)

The use of personal coal dust monitors in coal mines should be expanded to obtain accurate information about exposures to respirable coal dust, according to a report released by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

[**MSHA to Study Health Effects of Respirable Coal Mine Dust Standards**](#)

MSHA is requesting information from stakeholders to assist the agency in developing the framework for a retrospective study to assess the health effects of its 2014 respirable coal mine dust rule.

[**NIOSH Outlines Agency Efforts to Confront the Opioid Crisis**](#)

NIOSH recognizes that the potential for opioid addiction may result from injuries that happen in the workplace and that the effects of opioid use and misuse affect both the work and home environments.

[**NIOSH Identifies Combustible Dust Hazard at Wastewater Treatment Plant**](#)

High temperatures and the presence of combustible dust presented potential fire hazards at a wastewater treatment plant where NIOSH staff recently conducted a health hazard evaluation. [**CDC Report Suggests Heat Index of 85°F as Screening Threshold for Preventing Heat-related Illness**](#)

In cases where employers do not have access to wet bulb globe temperature measurements for outdoor work sites, a Heat Index of 85° Fahrenheit could be used as a screening threshold to prevent heat-related illness, according to a CDC report.

[**First U.S. Consensus Standard Published for Construction, Demolition of Wind Turbines**](#)

A newly published consensus standard establishes the minimum requirements for protecting the safety and health of workers involved in the construction and demolition of wind turbines.

[**OSHA Clarifies Responsibilities for Protecting Temporary Workers from Noise, Airborne Contaminants**](#)

Two bulletins recently published by OSHA address respiratory protection and noise exposure and hearing conservation for temporary workers.