

Important Dates and Deadlines

Workplace Contaminant Controls Development Challenge DEADLINE!	December 1
Nominations Now Open - AIHA Named Awards DEADLINE!	December 5
Nominations Now Open - Fellows Award DEADLINE!	December 31
IOHA Call for Proposals Opens	January 3
AIHF Now Accepting Online Scholarship Application DEADLINE!	January 19
AIHce Student Poster Abstracts DEADLINE	March 2018
AIHce EXP 2018	May 21–23
Leadership Workshop	July 20–22
Future Leaders Institute	September 2018
IOHA 2018	September 24–26

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AIHA Named Awards—DEADLINE DECEMBER 5! 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.

AIHA Fellows—DEADLINE DECEMBER 31! You are cordially invited to nominate an exceptional IH/OH professional for the prestigious [AIHA Fellow Award](#). Being selected as an AIHA Fellow is a top honor—the designation is limited to no more than five percent of the membership.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Call for Volunteer Beta Testers for the Catalyst—AIHA’s new online community. We have a few slots left for beta test volunteers for Catalyst, AIHA’s new online community. Our Beta Program will begin on **December 14** when you will receive a brief demo of site tools and features to get you started. If you would like to **volunteer to help**, please email [Liz Kincheloe](#). Your participation is key in furthering this social networking initiative. We thank you for your time and support in helping AIHA bring this exciting new community platform to our members!

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**.

DONATE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO WITH AMAZON WISH LIST

The Industrial Hygiene Program at the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico, is seeking donations of protective gear for communities affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. These communities will be facing the threat of infectious diseases in the coming months while dealing with dangerous recovery efforts. The program wants to provide them with the necessary knowledge and supplies to protect themselves during these activities. Please visit Amazon to check out their [wish list](#).

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

The [AIHA Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee](#) (HPECC), and [Workplace Health Without Borders](#) (WHWB) are co-sponsoring a workplace contaminant controls development challenge to promote worker health and safety in developing countries. For this inaugural challenge, the focus is on silica exposures arising from work with agate. The challenge is to develop an inexpensive, portable, local exhaust system to properly contain the silica dust generated while workers shape and polish the agate stones. This contest is limited to students currently enrolled in a US college or university. Individual or team submissions are allowed, and multiple submissions are also allowed. **The prize is \$500 and submissions are due to Dr. James Couch (couchjr@umich.edu) by December 1.**

Answer the call for social change and become a member of the [Minority SIG \(MSIG\)](#). AIHA is changing and the MSIG is a change agent looking at issues that affect minorities, underserved populations and underprivileged people. You don't have to be a minority to join, just have an interest in the common cause of seeing equality in EHS. MSIG is reflective of the diversity within the workforce, the world and AIHA. Become a part of professionals engaging in dialogue to develop strategies and execute a plan to resolve minority group issues and concerns around the world. Select the Minority SIG and join us when you renew your membership!

AIHA LOCAL SECTIONS

The Next Generation in Industrial Hygiene. The Metro-NY AIHA Local Section will hold the [71st Annual Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition \(NEIHce\)](#) on December 1. This event is co-sponsored by the AIHA Philadelphia Local Section and the AIHA New Jersey Local Section. Attendees will earn 6 contact hours.

Safety Matters in Utah: who knew making a difference could be so easy? I'm not a dynamic leader, and I'm not out to change the world. I'm not in the "inner circle" of anything, really. I'm just someone who decided I was going to try to make a difference, and [Safety Matters](#) gave me that opportunity. By now, you're likely familiar with... [read more here](#).

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)

The AIHF [scholarship application portal](#) is now open! Scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds provided through contributions from AIHA members, individuals, corporations, and local sections. The AIHF Scholarship Selection Committee will determine the scholarship awards during the selection process.

Did you know that you can make [a tax-deductible donation](#) to the AIHF when you [renew your AIHA membership](#)? Scholarship awards are based on donations received during a calendar year. Donations must be postmarked **no later than December 31** to qualify for the current scholarship award cycle.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

AIHA Joins with the White House and More than 20 Stakeholder Groups to Help Protect First Responders from Occupational Exposure to Fentanyl. Responding to this crisis and the need for new protective guidance, the American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) partnered with the White House to help develop new [Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders](#).

Help Protect OSHA's Silica Dust Rule from Congressional Threats! Members of Congress are threatening to halt implementation of OSHA's silica dust rule, which could place approximately 2.3 million American workers at greater risk of exposure. [Take action now](#) to stop Congress from making this misguided error and help save lives from silicosis.

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[Renew your AIHA membership](#) by December 15 and receive a free copy of our new e-book, *The Essentials of Exposure Assessment II*, a \$19.95 value. Eligible members who renew online by December 15 will automatically be entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes, including a complimentary registration to AIHce EXP 2018.

New membership database—AIHA has undergone a membership database upgrade and the biggest impact is in how you sign on as a member. **For your first time signing in, you'll need to reset your password.** If you follow [these simple three steps](#), we'll get you all the information you need to sign into the new Member Center.

Email communications notice—with our new database update, we're changing the email address we send AIHA communications from. **Please whitelist email@communications.aiha.org** in your spam filters so you can continue receiving AIHA emails as dictated by your profile preferences. Thank you!

AIHA urges response and recovery workers and the public to guard against hazards during disaster response and recovery efforts. The [Disaster Response Resource Center](#) offers a list of resources that consumers and occupational and environmental health and safety professionals may find helpful during emergency response, recovery, and remediation efforts.

T. Renee Anthony, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA has been selected as [the new editor in chief](#) of the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (JOEH)*. Dr. Anthony, an associate professor in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health, College of Public Health, University of Iowa, will take the reins January 1.

AIHA congratulates [Robert D. Soule, PhD, CIH, CSP](#) as the recipient of the 2017 Henry F. Smyth, Jr. Award. The honor is presented annually to an individual who has recognized the needs of the industrial hygiene profession and contributed to the improvement of the public's welfare.

The [2018 AIHA Buyer's Guide](#) is here! This guide is your comprehensive resource for industrial hygiene, safety and environmental products and services. It offers all the information you need to make your purchasing decisions. AIHA members received a printed copy of the *Buyer's Guide* with the November issue of *The Synergist*.

AIHA welcomes two new employees. Alla Orlova, MA, AIHA Director, Education, comes to us with over twenty five years of experience in non-profit and academic educational programming and technical content development. She is multi-lingual (Russian, German, and Latin) and her previous experience includes working for InfoComm International, the Society for Marketing Professional Services and the American Institute of Architects for adult learning program design, development, and delivery.

Lynae Brown, AIHA Member and Customer Relations Representative, comes to us as a highly resourceful, innovative, and enthusiastic professional who possess a considerable amount of knowledge regarding customer service, data management, and office procedures.

SYNERGISTNOW BLOG

Outreach: Purposefully Reaching Further Than Yourself. Chances are, when you hear the word “outreach,” a lot of thoughts pop into your brain. Charity, community involvement, giving a helping hand to someone in need, and dozens more, I bet. But what about outreach *in the context of your...* [read more here](#).

Where in the World Are We with Our Strategic Plan? Did you know that 2018 marks year 3 of AIHA’s current strategic plan? Did you even know we had a plan? Hopefully the answer to the second question is “yes.” But if you were *not* aware we have a strategic plan and would like to understand why, the short answer is... [read more here](#).

#IAMIH: Don’t Let a Lapse Become a Slump. Industrial hygienist Eric Dangoy recently received his Master’s in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Illinois in Chicago. His formal education may be complete for now, but like any industrial hygienist, Dangoy is always learning. For two years he’s turned... [read more here](#).

PLEASE NOTE... The AIHA Offices will be closed in recognition of Thanksgiving on November 23–24. The office will also be closed December 25–January 1.