



QUICK TAKES June 2019

Important Dates and Deadlines

Call for Nominations: AIH Foundation Board of Trustee Member-at-Large	May 31
Honarium Payment Forms Due	June 10
Leading Health Metrics F2F Core Team Meeting	June 12-13
Seeking Nominations for ABIH Board Deadline	June 15
Safe + Sound Week 2019	August 12-18
Product Stewardship 2019	Registration now open
Leadership Workshop (<i>by invitation only</i>)	November 15-17
Calling All Mentors	Ongoing

CALL TO ACTION

[Call for Nominations: AIH Foundation Board of Trustees Member-at-Large](#) - **Deadline May 31**

The AIHF Board of Trustees is issuing a Call for Nominations for the position of Member-at-Large Trustee. This position serves a two-year term, to commence after the annual Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

[Seeking Nominations for ABIH Board](#) - **Deadline June 15**

ABIH is seeking CIHs or QEPs to serve a four-year Board of Director positions term beginning January 1, 2020.

[Honarium Payment Forms Due](#) **Deadline June 10**

PDC instructors receive an honorarium for course delivery to help offset travel expenses. Forms will be provided on-site by the PDC monitor and are due back to AIHA by June 10. Requests received after this date will not be honored and will result in a forfeiture of payment.

[Leading Health Metrics F2F Core Team Meeting](#)

The meeting will be held on June 12-13, 2019 at the AIHA office in Falls Church, VA. Feel free to email mscalhoun@aiha.org if you have any questions or concerns.

[Product Stewardship 2019 - Registration now open!](#)

Registration for the Product Stewardship Society's annual conference is now open, which will be held September 10-12 in Columbus, Ohio. The conference will bring together professionals to share expertise, best practices, challenges, and developments in product stewardship.

[Safe + Sound Week 2019](#)

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

[Change Lives. Be a Mentor.](#)

We need you! Give back to the profession and help 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.](#)

STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

[Join a Student Local Section](#)

Participation in a student local section is one of the primary paths to association leadership and is an excellent way for interested students to get active in the association and the industrial hygiene profession. For more information on how to join a student local section, please contact AIHA at (703) 846-0768 or [via e-mail.](#)

[Navigate your Way Using Our IH Professional Pathways](#)

A program for IHs created from a desire to align association resources and development opportunities at the various career stages of the profession which encourages and supports the attainment of credentials such as certifications and registrations.

[Volunteering- What's in it for You](#)

All AIHA members in good standing can join and actively participate on any volunteer committee and earn CM points while doing so. By helping others, you help yourself—we all win when we volunteer!

[Find a Mentor](#)

Everybody needs a road map to get on the right track. Find out how to [get paired with a mentor](#) in the industrial hygiene profession. Mentorship can help you climb the ladder of success.

NATIONAL

Tennessee Valley Local Section Wins the #IAMIH Leadership Challenge

The second #IAMIH leadership challenge concluded with the naming of the top regional winner who went above and beyond with their presentations and outreach. We congratulate them on their efforts and their contribution to the movement to raise public awareness of IH. To find out more about the #IAMIH challenge visit [our page on Catalyst](#) and find out how you can participate.

Marketplace & Resource Center

- [Publications marketplace](#): when you need books and you need them now.
- [Buyers guide](#): all the information you need to make your purchasing decisions.
- [Formaldehyde, mold resource center](#) and [disaster response resource center](#): where to go for facts, questions, guides and more.

Our Best-Selling Publications

Check out our [top 20 best-selling publications](#) from the AIHA marketplace to help you find the titles on topics you care about.

Who are the IH Heroes?

An award-winning comic book series following one of our 8 IH Heroes in the field, of various career stages, as they work through challenges to protect workers and the public from various dangers.

Career Advantage

Calling all job seekers...the Career and Employment Services Committee assists AIHA members in identifying employment and career opportunities and provides forums such as the development fair, online job board, career counseling, and webinars to enhance career transition skills. Open to AIHA members.

Member-Get-a-Member

Actively share your personal and professional experiences as an AIHA member with colleagues, peers and prospects to stimulate the growth and long-term sustainability of the Association. Find out more how you can help raise awareness and visibility of the profession.

Consultants Listing

A searchable print and online directory of its consultant members. This listing is the leading directory of industrial hygiene (IH) and other occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) consultants and is available to anyone to use FREE of charge.

AIHce EXP HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond Exposures: Cummings Lecturer Calls for New Focus on Employment Quality

Industrial hygienists must shift their focus toward the social aspects of work in order to protect workers in the new economy, argued Noah Sexias at the Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award Lecture at AIHce EXP ... read [more here](#).

Researcher Sketches Grim Outlook for Fight Against “Superbugs”

The already alarming number of deaths caused by organisms resistant to prescription drugs is likely to rise unless significant resources are directed to address the problem, according to Aurora Le, a researcher from the Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington who discussed the challenges of so-called “superbugs” at AIHce EXP 2019 ... read [more here](#).

AIHce Speakers Focus on Industrial Hygienists' Role in the Opioid Crisis

Industrial hygienists and environmental health and safety professionals have the ability to make worthwhile contributions to combat the opioid crisis, even as daily attention at the national, state, and local levels remains high, members of AIHA’s Opioids Responder Working Group stressed at an AIHce EXP 2019 session focused on emergency preparedness and training for workers at risk of exposure to opioids ... read [more here](#).

Dunn Lecturer Shares Advice for Lowering Noise Exposure, Measuring Return on Investment

Dennis Driscoll, a noise prevention and hearing conservation specialist, discussed practical ways to lower occupational noise exposure and quantify the benefits of hearing conservation and prevention programs during the Derek E. Dunn Noise Lecture at AIHce EXP 2019 ... read [more here](#).

Reporter Highlights Dangers of Neglecting Farm Safety at AIHce EXP

Investigative reporter Jeffrey Meitrodt of Minneapolis' Star Tribune became the nineteenth journalist to present the annual Upton Sinclair Memorial Lecture at AIHce EXP 2019. Meitrodt’s reporting behind his award-winning series of articles “Tragic Harvest” and its impact on farm safety in Minnesota spurred AIHA's Social Concerns Committee, which sponsors the lecture, to invite him to speak at the conference ... read [more here](#).

Fighter Pilot Brings Lessons in Leadership to AIHce EXP

Opening keynoter Carey Lohrenz kicked off AIHce EXP 2019 by sharing lessons learned from her career in the U.S. Navy, where she made history by becoming the first female F-14 Tomcat fighter pilot...read [more here](#).

Late-Breaking Session Addresses 2018 Nerve-Agent Attack

John Koerner of the Department of Health and Human Services and Jennifer Hornsby-Myers of NIOSH addressed attendees at AIHce EXP 2019 today to share what they had learned about the dangers of fourth-generation nerve agents and the ways emergency responders can protect themselves if they encounter these highly toxic substances ...read [more here](#).

AIH FOUNDATION

[Make a Donation](#)

Donate to AIHF and help advance the profession by awarding scholarships to deserving students for funding education and professional development in industrial hygiene and related disciplines. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank You for Coming to AIHce EXP

Thank you to those of you who made it to AIHce EXP and participated in all the sessions, FunRUN, headshot café, and other events. It was great seeing you and also recognizing our scholarship recipients this year and the generous donors who made it happen!

LOCAL SECTION

[What are the Benefits of Joining a Local Section?](#)

Membership in an AIHA local section provides you with a wide range of networking opportunities in the occupational health and safety field. AIHA national membership is not required in joining an AIHA local section, but membership in both organizations is strongly encouraged to maximize benefits.

[Distinguished Lecturer Program](#)

The AIHA Distinguished Lecturer Program focuses on providing lectures on national and international occupational and environmental health issues that affect the practice of industrial hygiene.

VIRTUAL SECTION

Virtual Webinar: Freeze Frame- Focus on Health & Safety

June 20 at 1:00 p.m. ET

This interactive presentation, given by Corey Briggs, MSPH, CIH, CET, FAIHA, takes virtual members through a tour of a fictitious worst workplace using photographs of various hazards, risks, and compliance issues. The overall goal of this presentation is to educate participants about hazard and risk identification and discuss examples of both common and uncommon compliance audit and assessment scenarios.

EDUCATION

[Webinar: Requirements of 2019 Edition of NFPA 652 Standard on Combustible Dust](#)

On Your Way Towards Compliance? Join us Thursday, June 20 at 1 PM ET for a breakdown of the key requirements and how the new standard directly applies to facilities and operations.

[New to AIHA eLearning: Occupational Exposure Assessment Certificate Program](#)

Prove that you've mastered the skills required to assess workplace exposures and hazards at the industrial hygiene technician level. You'll also earn 4 contact hours!

[Exposure and Chemical Monitoring - Beyond IH Fundamentals](#) (Face to Face education)

Building on IH fundamentals, this intermediate three-day course is designed to provide additional training and knowledge in the aspects of industrial hygiene chemical monitoring through group exercises and discussion on October 21-23 in Westerville, OH. Receive 24 CM contact hours.

[AIHA's University Pop-Up](#)

A new program that brings professional development courses (PDCs) to a local region. This provides an opportunity for IH and OEHS professionals to access high quality education outside of AIHce EXP. This year, the following courses are being offered on October 27 and 28, 2019 in Chicago, IL. Each course runs from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks included.

[The Role of Context in Ethical Decision-Making for the Industrial Hygienist](#)

Explore the role of context in ethical decision-making by attending our November 7 webinar from 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET. Earn 2 contact hours.

[Welding: An Exercise in Applied Industrial Hygiene](#) (e-learning)

8 Contact hours

Adapted from a popular PDC, this course describes common welding and thermal cutting processes and the health/safety hazards associated with these processes.

[Featured in Risk Assessment](#)

Integrate risk assessment into your OEHS management plan with one of our self-study courses, webinar/presentation recordings, or publications.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

OSHA Nominee Withdraws

After years of frustration, President Donald J. Trump's nominee to lead OSHA, Scott Mugno, has finally thrown in the towel, withdrawing his nomination from consideration...read [more here](#).

OSHA Requests Information on Possible Updates to the Lockout/Tagout Standard

OSHA is considering updates to its Lockout/Tagout Standard and has a bevy of questions they are seeking answers to. You can find these questions and much more in OSHA's request for information (RFI) at <https://bit.ly/30n5xFn>.

AIHA Member Testifies Before Michigan House Education Committee

It's always exciting when we're able to tell you about an AIHA member who testified before a government entity! This time it was Anthony Oliveri, PhD, MPH, who testified before the Michigan House Education Committee in support of House Bill 4282...read [more here](#).

Funding for OSHA NIOSH Approved by House Appropriations Subcommittee

Members of Congress on the House Appropriations Committee are recommending \$346.3 million for NIOSH for fiscal year 2020 (a \$10 million increase over the current, FY 2019 level) and approximately \$661 million for OSHA (an increase of \$103 million over the FY 2019 level) ... read [more here](#).

DOL Secretary Testifies on FY 2020 Budget Request Before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee

Fielding an array of questions about his department's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 and related activities, Secretary of Labor R. Alexander Acosta testified on May 2 before the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee...read [more here](#).

FEMA Acting Administrator Testifies Before Congress on FY 2020 Budget Request

Acting Administrator Peter Gaynor took to the Hill earlier this week to discuss FEMA's FY 2020 budget request...read [more here](#).

Money, Money Everywhere...

Appropriations season is in high gear on Capitol Hill, with lots of things to read and watch on every issue imaginable. If you're interested in a bit of fun and want to be amazed at the ease with which Members of Congress talk about shuffling millions of dollars around, then check out <https://appropriations.house.gov/> and <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/>.

Trending on Catalyst This Month—The IH/OEHS Online Community

- 1) [Cority/Medgate Industrial Hygiene Module](#) - Hooman Golshahi
 - 2) [VOC Concentration Calculation](#)- Robert F. Cashins
 - 3) [Cr+6 Sampling](#) - Ron B. Read
 - 4) [Preventing Hearing Loss in the Workplace](#) - Social Media Post
 - 5) [Safety Aspects of Benchtop X-ray Diffraction System](#) - Sophie Naftalovich
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IN THE NEWS

Can Ergonomics Programs Help Solve the Opioid Crisis?

Much attention is being paid to the opioid crisis in the United States, and rightfully so. In 2017, opioid-related overdoses caused 47,600 deaths, an average of 130 every day...read [more here](#).

Something Worth Hearing

Mark Ames, AIHA's director of Government Relations, writes: "My father is losing his hearing. ... For years he worked at a circuit board processing facility where he was surrounded by loud noise for much of his shift. I know because I often visited him as a child, and can still remember the sound, as well as the slightly acrid smell of chemicals that pervaded his workspace and would seep into his uniform." [read more](#).

New Draft Toxicological Profile for Lead Published

A new draft toxicological profile for lead is now available for review and public comment from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ... read [more here](#).

Final Rule to Revise Existing Provisions in OSHA Standards

OSHA issued a final rule to make 14 revisions to existing provisions in its recordkeeping, general industry, maritime, and construction standards. These revisions are part of OSHA's Standards Improvement Project...[read more](#).

ISO Surveys Users on Global Management Systems Standard ISO 45001

The International Organization for Standardization has launched a survey on the use of the global standard ISO 45001 ... read [more here](#).

OSHA: \$10.5 Million in Training Grants Available

OSHA announced the availability of \$10.5 million in Susan Harwood Training Grants to fund

training and education for workers and employers on workplace safety and health hazards, responsibilities, and rights ... read [more here](#).

Report Calculates Global Toll of Occupational Accidents, Diseases

A new report issued by the International Labor Organization quantifies the number of people who die each year around the world from work-related accidents and work-related diseases ... read [more here](#).

Big Data in EHS

The AIHA Rocky Mountain Local Section and the ASSP Colorado Chapter recently hosted a two-day workshop on Big Data in the EHS field...read [more by Ben Kollmeyer here](#).

Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemic May Be Result of High Heat, Toxins

A mysterious epidemic of chronic kidney disease among agricultural workers and manual laborers may be caused by a combination of increasingly hot temperatures, toxins, and infections, according to researchers at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus ... read [more here](#).

OSHA Aims to Keep Young Workers Safe This Summer

The social media campaign #MySafeSummerJob educates young workers about safety rights in the workplace, how to speak up about dangerous work conditions, and how to protect themselves on the job ... read [more here](#).