

Important Dates and Deadlines

Ohio Safety Congress and Expo	March 7-9
AIHA Carolinas Spring 2018 PDC and Conference	March 7-9
Town Hall: NEW! CPAG and Volunteer Groups Project Evaluation/Approval Process	March 13
EPA Webinar: Strategies for Managing Pesticide Spray Drift	March 15
Student and Early Career Professionals Monthly Conference Call 1:00 p.m. (ET)	March 16
Now Accepting Applications: Future Leaders Institute Deadline	March 16
AIHce EXP 2018 Advance Rate Deadline	March 18
Road Course: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	March 19-22
22nd Annual Joint Technical Conference of the Central New York Chapters of the Air & Waste Mgmt.	March 18
CEC Accepting Membership Applications Deadline	March 28
IOHA Registration Opens	March 30
2017 - 2018 Student Local Section of the Year Award Deadline	April 15
NIOSH Total Worker Health Symposium	May 8-11
AIHce EXP 2018	May 21-23
Leadership Workshop	July 20-22
Special Ballot Proposed Bylaw Changes	July (TBD)
Road Course: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	September 17-20
IOHA 2018	September 24-26
Future Leaders Institute	September 21-23
Product Stewardship 2018	September 27-29
Road Course: Exposure and Chemical Monitoring—Beyond IH Fundamentals	October 15-17

OPPORTUNITIES

Protect First Responders and Others from Opioid Exposures

The broader opioid epidemic afflicting our nation is also placing at risk the first responders and many other workers who we all depend upon to help manage the consequences of this epidemic, and for our own personal safety and security. We need your help to encourage your Members of Congress, State and municipal policymakers to introduce and pass similar resolutions. [Take action today!](#)

CEC Accepting Membership Applications **Deadline March 28**

The AIHA Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is now [accepting self-nominations](#) for membership. The committee comprises 12 members who serve four one-year terms. The CEC's mission is to ensure quality educational opportunities that broaden knowledge, enhance technical competencies, and provide IHs with practical tools and skills. CEC members receive a variety of benefits, including free PDC registration(s) for auditing courses at AIHce EXP.

Now Accepting Future Leadership Institute Applications **Deadline March 16**

Ready to focus on strengthening your leadership skills? [Apply to participate in the Future Leaders Institute \(FLI\)](#)! The FLI program, being held at the [Marriott Marquis Washington, DC](#) from September 21-23 is designed to help you leverage your strengths and learn the best practices that make for effective managers and leaders. From strategic decision making to building networking skills, completing the FLI program will bring you closer to meeting your personal and professional goals.

Stephen C. Davis Future Leaders Institute Memorial Grant

The [Memorial Grant](#) provides up to \$1,000.00 USD in travel assistance to a maximum of four participants per cohort attending the AIHA Future Leaders Institute (FLI). To be eligible, attendees must live or work outside of the United States.

Student Community on Catalyst

Calling all AIHA student members! Join more than 296 of your peers in the [Catalyst Student Community](#). Find valuable information, share what you know, and make deeper connections that will maximize your network. **Check out the latest on student and early career professionals AIHce EXP 2018 [sponsorship opportunities](#)!**

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Student and Early Career Professionals Committee (SECP)

SECP will hold its monthly conference call on March 16 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. (ET). To access the call, please dial 800.768.283 and use code 1453900#. To access the online component, please click [here](#).

Women in IH at AIHce EXP 2018

[Women in IH](#) will feature two sessions at AIHce EXP 2018—Leadership Journeys to Success Part I & II. These sessions are a follow-up event to the Women in IH Focus Group event held at AIHce 2017 where attendees indicated that they wanted real world examples of career choices and discussion from successful female IHs.

NEW! AIHA Code of Conduct

The new [AIHA Code of Conduct](#) outlines and summarizes the behavior expected of members and volunteers representing AIHA in any forum, mailing list, public meetings or private correspondence. We ask that all volunteers sign the COC as an acknowledgement of having read the document.

Annual Report

Want to be recognized as an AIHA Outstanding Volunteer Group or a Stars Award winner, center stage during the Mark of Excellence Breakfast, held in conjunction with AIHce EXP 2018? Then we need your volunteer group annual report, which is a requirement for all volunteer groups. Please submit your annual report to [Thursa La](#).

Golden Seed Award

The [Student and Early Career Professionals \(SECP\) Committee](#) is seeking nominations for the Golden Seed Award. This award is to be given to an individual who has made significant contributions to industrial hygiene, above and beyond their typical job responsibilities.

Secretary Nominations

The Volunteer Groups Secretary is an elected position. Nominees for secretary are to be volunteer group members in good standing and are elected to serve for the upcoming calendar year during the committee's annual meeting, held at AIHce.

Catalyst—YOUR Online Community

Have you logged in and updated your profile in the new online community, [Catalyst](#)? Join the conversation, build community, and connect with your peers right now! Enter a place for knowledge exchange, content curation, idea incubation and professional networking with leaders and partners in your field. Some of the top threads to date include:

- [Job Exposure Matrix](#)
- [Conferences for IH's](#)
- [Big Data](#)
- [Should AIHA Have an Official Position Document on Guns in the Workplace?](#)
- [Elongate Mineral Particles \(Naturally Occurring Asbestos\)](#)
- [Apps for EH&S Professionals](#)
- [Model Curriculum for Industrial Hygiene Technicians in Austin Texas](#)

Town Hall: NEW! CPAG and Volunteer Groups Project/Document Evaluation/Approval Process

The Content Portfolio Advisory Group (CPAG) is now charged with evaluating and approving all volunteer groups documents such as white papers, fact sheets, guidelines, etc. Join this townhall to learn about CPAG, the new process and procedures and the periodic review of existing documents. **March 13 at 2:00 p.m. (ET). Dial 800.768.2983/Code 8460735#/online component.**

STUDENTS

Be in The Know! Opportunities Abound

Did you know that there is a [special one-day student rate for AIHce EXP 2018](#)? Were you aware that the AIHF offers annual scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000? Are you connecting with the Student and Early Career Professionals Committee or the Early Career Professionals Committee, just to name a few? If not, it may be due to your communication preferences in your profile. Please “opt-in” to email communications to be “in the know.”

Get Involved!

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. Don't have a student local section at your university? Consider forming one.

2017 - 2018 Student Local Section of the Year Award

We are currently accepting applications for AIHA Student Local Section of the Year. The winning student local section will receive a monetary award of \$1,000 for the section's general fund. We will present the AIHA Student Local Section of the Year Award at the Mark of Excellence Breakfast Event during the May 2017 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHce) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Deadline: April 15.**

NEW CIH Online Review Courses

The Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center (MAPERC) launches a series of CIH Online exam review and certification maintenance courses for practicing industrial hygienists studying for the Certified Industrial Hygiene Exam and safety professionals seeking the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) and/or the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) credits. These courses provide 24/7 access to self-paced lectures, peer-to-peer networking, community discussion boards and instructor-led online review sessions. Visit www.CIHonline.org for more information and to register. You can also follow the MAPERC on Twitter @MAP_ERC for more information on worker safety and health and to learn about continuing education opportunities.

AIHA LOCAL SECTIONS

AIHA Matching Funds for State Legislative and Regulatory Services

AIHA will provide matching funds to Local Sections who are interested in hiring a lobbyist/government relations firm to provide enhanced State legislative and regulatory services. Local Sections will be in charge, with the network of State government relations firms/lobbyists to be coordinated by Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, to help improve messaging and coordination between States and throughout the nation. Interested? Please contact [Mark Ames](#).

AIHA Carolinas Spring 2018 PDC Conference

[Spring PDC Overview](#)—*Applied Toxicology for Industrial Hygienists: Acutely Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace*. **March 7-9**.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Oppose Passage of Kentucky HB 314 in the State Senate!

Support transparency and public input in occupational safety and health regulations. Legislation is being rushed through the Kentucky State Legislature that threatens to reduce transparency and public input into occupational safety and health regulations. Your help is needed today [to oppose this legislation](#).

MSHA Not Likely to Weaken Respirable Dust Rule

David Zatezalo, MSHA's Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, recently told Members of Congress [at a hearing on MSHA's policies and priorities](#) that he had no plans to roll back MSHA's respirable dust rule, despite a prior indication by the Administration that it may do so.

States Take Action on Indoor Environmental Quality, Cannabis Industry Health and Safety Legislation

Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, and New York are among the States that have recently begun [taking action](#) on a variety of indoor environmental quality (IEQ), and (separately) cannabis issues. The IEQ legislation focuses on Legionella, mold, and related issues.

Cannabis Businesses in California May Need to Meet OSH Training Requirements

Newly introduced [legislation](#) in the California State Assembly would require applicants for a State license to operate a cannabis business to provide a statement that they currently employ, or will employ within one year of receiving a license, one supervisor and one employee who have successfully completed the 30-hour Cal/OSHA general industry course that is provided by a Cal/OSHA authorized training provider.

Use the New After-Action Form to Record Your Safety Matters Activities!

Have you delivered a Safety Matters presentation? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We're in the process of assessing the use and impact of Safety Matters, and are eager to [collect lessons learned](#) from our members to help others be even more effective.

NATIONAL

AIHA to Hold Special Ballot for Bylaws Amendments

In July, AIHA will invite members to vote on [proposed changes](#) to the association's bylaws that would redefine categories of membership and introduce a new procedure for nominating the officers of AIHA's Board of Directors. The Board has developed an [FAQ document](#) to explain the rationale behind the proposed amendments.

The Symbiotic Workplace

In March 2016, NIOSH researchers published a paper in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* that described the effects of collaborative robots in workplaces. The researchers observed that robots “are creating three different types of workers... *continue reading [here](#)*.”

SynergistNOW Blog: Photo Essay Contest: A Noise Study on an Aircraft Carrier

Adventures, exploring the unknown, challenges, new experiences—all things that bring excitement. Most people wouldn’t believe such giddy endeavors could exist as part of an everyday job. Through most of my education, I wouldn’t have believed it either. However, as luck—or fate—would have it, during my last year of study... *continue reading [here](#)*.

SynergistNOW Blog: Trending Our Content

How can AIHA best use the resources it has developed over seven decades as an association? This is one of the key questions we’ve grappled with for the last few years. But merely producing content isn’t the point; the content we create should be guided by an overarching strategy. This idea was incorporated into AIHA’s [strategic plan](#)... *continue reading [here](#)*.

AIHce EXP 2018

You’ve got the go-ahead from your boss, but you haven’t registered for AIHce EXP 2018 yet? Now is the best time to get the best value before the **Advance Rate deadline on March 18**. Read the insider tips on [getting the most out of your registration dollar](#).

IOHA 2018

The [11th Annual International Occupational Hygiene Association \(IOHA\) International Scientific Conference](#) is the must-attend conference for occupational hygiene professionals worldwide. The conference will be held at the [Marriott Marquis Washington, DC](#). The theme of IOHA Washington 2018 is “Bringing Better Health to Workers Worldwide.” **Registration for IOHA opens March 30**.

SynergistNOW Blog: OSHA’s New Regulation on Crystalline Silica: What You Need to Know

OSHA has issued two new standards to protect workers from exposure to respirable crystalline silica. Enforcement of this rule first went into effect for the construction industry last September. On June 23, 2018, enforcement will begin for general industry and maritime operations. To help you comply with the new crystalline silica rule, here’s a quick rundown... *continue reading [here](#)*.

News Roundup: Federal Agency Nominations, Rule Updates

Over the past month, news has been trickling out of the federal agencies that oversee occupational safety and health. In case you missed it, here are some of the highlights... *continue reading [here](#)*.

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY

PSS Launches the *Professional Practices of Product Stewardship*

The [Professional Practices of Product Stewardship](#) provides deep insight into the core areas of product stewardship, including the fundamentals of product stewardship, product risk management, product life cycle management, management of product compliance and liability, and product stewardship strategy and program management and offers guidance and support to both those new to product stewardship and those who have been involved for many years.

PSS Discussion Group

The Product Stewardship Society has launched a discussion group to facilitate communication among product stewards. The discussion group is hosted on [LinkedIn](#), which provides an easily accessible forum making it easy for you to interact and exchange ideas with your peers.

STEM EDUCATION COALITION

Wolf: Budget Aims to Bolster Economy, Workforce through Education, Skills Training

GANT News

Governor Tom Wolf laid out his plan to ensure Pennsylvania's workforce has the skills and education to succeed in 21st century jobs as the commonwealth's economy continues to grow. The proposal includes the first major investment in workforce development and skills training, including dedicated funding for STEM and computer science education... *continue reading [here](#).*

What One Community Has Done to Create a Culture of STEM

Fipboard

In case you haven't heard, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education is incredibly important to maintaining America's historical role as the world's biggest and most innovative economy. Oh, wait...you have probably heard that. In fact, we've all heard that... *continue reading [here](#).*

Life Imitates Art as Disney Opens STEM Center

AV Club

Disney has announced that its donating \$1 million to the Boys & Girls Club of America to help expand its STEM programs. That comes from ComingSoon, which says Disney's money will also be used to establish a STEM Center of Innovation in Oakland, California... *continue reading [here](#).*

OSHA

New OSHA Publications Address Silica Standard Requirements, Tree Care Hazards

Two [new OSHA publications](#) provide work site safety solutions for workers who are exposed to respirable crystalline silica dust and for those who work in professional tree care. The revised fact sheet on OSHA's respirable crystalline silica standard for general industry and maritime (PDF) summarizes the major requirements of the standard. The second document, "Solutions for Tree Care Hazards" (PDF), includes an illustration that highlights potential tree care hazards such as falling tree limbs, overhead power lines, and high noise levels.

NIOSH

NIOSH Proposes Additions to 2018 Hazardous Drug List

NIOSH proposes that 20 new drugs, along with two others that already have special-handling information specified by the manufacturer, be added to the agency's hazardous drug list for healthcare settings in 2018. The agency also proposes one class of drug, botulinum toxins, for placement on the list. A [new draft document](#) lists the proposed additions for public comment.

NIOSH to Highlight Link Between Research and Healthier Workplace Practices

On Wednesday, March 21, NIOSH will host a [new webinar](#) in its Total Worker Health webinar series, "Numbers to Know How: Linking Research to Healthier Workplace Practices." NIOSH encourages occupational health and safety professionals, health educators, program managers and administrators, human resources professionals, risk managers, and employers to attend the webinar. [Registration](#) is free.

President's Budget Proposes to Consolidate NIOSH Activities, Research within NIH

President Trump's budget proposal for fiscal year 2019, [seeks to consolidate](#) NIOSH's activities and research, including the Energy Employee Occupational Injury Compensation Act program, within the National Institutes of Health. The proposal explains that NIOSH, which is currently part of CDC, would initially be established as a new NIH institute, but could eventually become more fully integrated into existing NIH institutes and centers.

CSB

Last week, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board [announced](#) that Stephen J. Klejst has been appointed as the new executive director for the agency. Klejst will lead CSB's investigations and recommendations staff. He most recently worked at the National Transportation Safety Board as deputy managing director and director of NTSB's railroad, pipeline, and hazardous materials division.

EPA

EPA Proposes Rule to Fund Risk Evaluations Under Amended TSCA

A [new rule](#) proposed by EPA would impose fees on chemical manufacturers and importers to support development of risk evaluations for chemicals, collection and review of toxicity and exposure data, and review of confidential business information. These activities are estimated to cost EPA approximately \$80.2 million annually from 2019 through 2021.

EPA to Host Webinar on Managing Pesticide Spray Drift

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs encourages pesticide applicators and others who work with pesticides and pesticide application equipment to attend the webinar "[Strategies for Managing Pesticide Spray Drift](#)," which will take place on Thursday, March 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET. Presenter Greg Kruger, PhD, a weed science and application technology specialist with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, will discuss strategies for reducing pesticide spray drift.

MSHA

Underground Coal Mines Must Install Proximity Detection Systems by March 16

Mine operators have until March 16, 2018, to equip continuous mining machines operating in underground coal mines with proximity detection systems in accordance with recent MSHA regulations. The [agency's final rule](#) on proximity detection systems for continuous mining machines in underground coal mines, which went into effect in March 2015, is intended to protect miners who work near the machines from pinning, crushing, or striking accidents.

MSHA Deploys New Technology Intended to Improve Mine Inspectors' Efficiency

MSHA has begun deploying [new technology](#) intended to help mine inspectors and enforcement staff work more efficiently. The Mobile Inspection Application System, or Mobile IAS, is an application that replaces the previous 18-year-old system that required inspectors to carry bulky laptops, cameras, reference material, and documentation from previous inspections.