

Important Dates and Deadlines

2019 AIHA Board Election	February 15–March 1
AIHA Seeks SMEs on the Field Use of Direct-Reading Instruments — Deadline	March 1
AIHce EXP Student Poster Abstracts — Deadline	March 4
Exposure Assessment Virtual Conference: Intro to Exposure Assessment Strategies and Statistics	March 4–7
AIHce EXP Student and Early Career Professional Sponsorship — Deadline	March 6
AIHA Seeks Volunteers for Standards Advisory Panel — Deadline	March 8
Exposure Assessment Virtual Conference: Data Management and Data Statistics	March 11–14
AIHce EXP 2019 Early-Bird Registration Rates — Deadline	March 17
AIHce EXP 2019 Travel Contest — Deadline	March 17
Exposure Assessment Virtual Conference: Foundations of Exposure Modeling	March 19–21
Road Course: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	March 25–28
Open Call: Applications for AIHA Continuing Education Committee — Deadline	March 27

CALL TO ACTION

[Call for Questions: New Synergist Town Hall Webinar on Protective Clothing](#)

The second webinar in *The Synergist's* Town Hall series with Bulwark FR is planned for early May, and we're looking for AIHA members' help in creating the presentation—these webinars are built from questions submitted by AIHA members. Submit your questions via [Catalyst Open Forum](#) or email to synergist@aiha.org.

[AIHA Board Elections](#)

AIHA has partnered with eBallot, a nationally recognized company formerly known as Votenet, to provide a safe, secure web-based voting system during the 2019 Board of Directors election cycle. From February 15 - March 1, 2019, AIHA members will use their last name and membership identification number to access the voting system. **Deadline: March 1**

[Shape or Provide Information for the Next Generation of Health Metrics](#)

AIHA is seeking up to 12 subject matter experts to participate in a new project to establish a standardized set of leading health metrics that occupational health and safety professionals can use to manage and report on OHS programs. **Deadline: March 1**

[AIHA Seeks SMEs on the Field Use of Direct-Reading Instruments](#)

AIHA is seeking 10 to 12 subject matter experts to participate in a project to update and revise the *Field Use of Direct-Reading Instruments Body of Knowledge*. To participate on this team, please complete the [participant application](#). **Deadline: March 1**

[Last Call: AIHce EXP Student Poster Abstracts](#)

As a student, it's hard to find opportunities to let others in the field know that you're preparing to enter the workforce when you complete your studies. Displaying a poster at a major conference like AIHce EXP is a fantastic way to gain visibility for your research and your ideas. **Deadline: March 4, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern**

[AIHce EXP Speaker Toolkit](#)

Speakers and presenters will find a wealth of information, guidelines and suggestions to help you to prepare and deliver a solid, visually stimulating and informative presentation. Learn how to promote your session before the conference even kicks off! **Toolkit Review Deadline: March 4**

[Last Call: AIHce EXP Student and Early Career Professional Member Sponsorships](#)

As an AIHA student or early career professional member, AIHA is offering you opportunities to expand your knowledge AND your network. To ensure your success, AIHA will be sponsoring a select number of student or early career professional members to attend AIHce EXP 2019! **Deadline: March 6**

[AIHA Seeks Volunteers for Standards Advisory Panel](#)

AIHA is seeking three new members to join the Standards Advisory Panel, or SAP. Individuals can submit a self-nomination for SAP membership or nominate a candidate for a role in the SAP by completing the [participant application form](#). **Deadline: March 8**

[AIHce EXP Call for Education Session Moderators](#)

A moderator's primary responsibilities will include introducing speakers and ensuring that all sessions proceed on schedule. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis and all applications must be received via our [online form](#). (All assigned moderators must be an active AIHA or ACGIH member.)

[Open Call: Applications for AIHA Continuing Education Committee \(CEC\)](#)

The CEC comprises 12 members who are asked to commit to participate in the committee for four years. The CEC's mission is to ensure the highest possible quality for AIHA training programs and educational opportunities for professionals in occupational and environmental health. **Deadline: March 27**

STUDENTS

[NEW! Academic Track Added to AIHce EXP 2019](#)

Advancing worker health and safety depends on supporting the next generation of IH professionals. With that mission in mind, AIHA is pleased to announce the debut of a brand new academic track specifically for students.

[NEW! Student Poll](#)

The Student Local Sections Council wants to know what degree programs are represented in our community so we can better serve you by taking a [student poll](#).

[3M PSD Occupational Health and Safety Scholarship Program](#)

3M PSD will award three \$5,000 scholarships to outstanding students pursuing an education in a graduate occupational health and safety/industrial hygiene program at universities in the United States. **Deadline: March 15**

[AIHA Publishes White Paper on Hiring EHS Generalist Graduates](#)

The American Industrial Hygiene Association released a new white paper that explores the future of environmental health and safety multidisciplinary professionals, also known as EHS generalists.

[Need Help Navigating Your Professional Career?](#)

AIHA offers its student members access to [CareerAdvantage](#) a reliable online job board as well as a [mentoring program](#) where you can either be a mentor or find a mentor to help you in your professional development.

AIHA NATIONAL

[Attention: All International OEHS Professionals & Practitioners in Developing / Emerging Economies](#)

AIHA is pleased to offer digital versions of the following publications at 80% OFF list price. It is our desire to promote and expand awareness of fundamental IH/OH education at affordable prices to those residing in lower per capita income regions ... get the details [here](#).

[I'm Up for the #IAMIH Leadership Challenge, Now What?](#)

In order to participate you need to record at least one presentation of either Safety Matters or CODENAME:IH and post on *Catalyst* in the #IAMIH Leadership Challenge community. [Click here](#) to learn more on how to participate!

[Woman Power: Female Trailblazers are the Keynote Speakers at AIHce EXP 2019](#)

First Female U.S. Navy F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot, Carey Lohrenz, and Executive Director & Founder of the USC Center for Body Computing, Leslie Saxo, to Present Keynote Sessions at AIHce EXP 2019.

[Volunteer with AIHA](#)

Are you motivated by a strong desire to improve things or help people? Develop skills, gain hands-on experience, broaden your network, build community awareness and make an impact. Consider [joining an AIHA technical or professional development committee or working group](#) today!

AIHA Offers its Government Members Extended Membership

Due to the financial difficulties the recent government shutdown caused to many families across the U.S., AIHA extended membership to its government members until the end of March.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

A Green New Deal for Worker Health and Safety?

When it was finally introduced earlier this month, the Green New Deal (H.Res.109 / S.Res.59) sparked still more questions and thrust a raft of interrelated issues onto the national stage. Among those issues is worker health and safety...read [more here](#).

New Inspector General Report Finds OSHA Compliance Assistance and Enforcement Efforts Lacking

The US Department of Labor's Office of the Inspector General released its Semiannual Report to Congress ...read [more here](#).

New NORA for Healthcare and Social Assistance Released

Looking for something interesting to read? Then look no further than NIOSH's newly-released National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) for Healthcare and Social Assistance ... read [more here](#).

Members of Congress Introduce Workplace Violence Legislation

This bill would, among other things, direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an OSH standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan ... read [more here](#).

Want Weekly Government Relations Updates?

Join the [GR community page](#) on *Catalyst* for weekly updates, opportunities, announcements, news and more.

LOCAL SECTIONS

Better Service for Local Sections

We rely on members of local sections to participate in AIHA volunteer groups and national advisory groups, and to provide assistance in local government affairs. Most previous and current AIHA Board members have been local section members. Our local sections' participation provides the grassroots support needed for our association and profession to be successful... read [more here](#).

[Open Call: Local Sections Council Vice Chair](#)

The Local Sections Council is currently looking for an individual to serve as Vice Chair of the [Local Sections Council](#) (the position is a two-year term). Any AIHA member in good standing may run. [Nominations](#) must be submitted no later than **May 15**.

Grant Opportunity: LS GR Services

Is your local section interested in enhancing its government relations activities? If so, then you're encouraged to apply for AIHA's local sections government relations grants program! Click [here for more](#).

Upcoming Local Section Events

[Alabama Local Section: AIHA Future of the Profession 2019](#)

03/01/2019 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (ET)

[St. Louis Local Section: Professional Development Conference](#)

03/04/2019 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (ET)

[Carolinas Local Section: Spring PDC Conference](#)

03/06-08/2019 Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa

VIRTUAL SECTION

[Professional Growth from Anywhere in the World](#)

Where we live can prevent us from being included in regional and localized events and opportunities, leaving us somewhat in the dark...read [here for more](#).

[AIHA Virtual Section](#)

AIHA members living in regions without a local section, can join an optional add-on virtual section for only \$25. International members from developing economies may join without AIHA membership. Call **703-849-8888** to join or [click here](#) to find out more.

AIH Foundation

Filling the Talent Pipeline

When I graduated with a degree in Environmental Science, I wasn't even aware of the industrial hygiene profession. My journey in industrial hygiene started with a long conversation with a friend of mine who was an industrial hygienist ... read [more here](#).

2019 FunRun at AIHce

AIHF presents the [33rd Annual Fun Run/Walk](#). Have fun, get exercise, and support the AIHF! You don't have to be a marathon runner to participate; you can run the 5K or walk 2.5K and know that you are helping the Foundation serve IH/OH professionals in need. Not an early riser? Register as a "Sleep In" entry.

CATALYST

Top 5 *Catalyst* Discussion Posts This Month—The IH/OEHS Online Community

- 1) [Overexposure to Crystalline Silica from Amorphous Silica](#) (by Robert E. Sheriff)
- 2) [3D Printing and Nanoparticle Exposure - Quantifying Question](#) (by Tandra Rene Williams)
- 3) [Think Cannabis is Harmless? So did I. But I Know Better Now | National Post](#) (by Andrew Cutz)
- 4) [Calculating Flow Rate from Outlet Velocity Pressure](#) (by Jonathan Joyce)
- 5) [Reduced Oxygen in European Data Centers](#) (by Peter Hamlin)

New Communities on *Catalyst*

Catalyst now features the following online communities that are open to all AIHA members. Introduce yourself and get the conversation started.

- [CPAG Content Priority - Big Data](#)
- [CPAG Content Priority - Business Case](#)
- [CPAG Content Priority - Changing Workforce](#)
- [CPAG Content Priority - Exposure Banding](#)
- [CPAG Content Priority - Global Standard of Care](#)
- [CPAG Content Priorities - Sensor Technologies](#)
- [CPAG Content Priority - Total Worker Exposure](#)

Ready for all that *Catalyst* has to offer? First you need to be an AIHA member. [Join now](#) and begin creating connections and networking today! If you already are a member continue your conversations on *Catalyst* [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

International Association of Women Recognizes 2019-2020 Influencer

The International Association of Women (IAW) recognizes Dawn Bolstad-Johnson as a 2019-2020 Influencer ... read [here for more](#).

U.S. Navy Researcher Wins NIOSH Safe-in-Sound Award

On Feb. 9, NIOSH presented the 2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award to Kurt Yankaskas, a program management officer with the Noise-Induced Hearing Loss Research Program of the Office of Naval Research ... read [here for more](#).

ECHA: Companies Should Prepare for "No Deal" Scenario Ahead of Brexit

The European Chemicals Agency, ECHA, is urging companies to prepare for a "no deal" scenario ahead of the United Kingdom's upcoming withdrawal from the European Union, an action often referred to as "Brexit" ... read [here for more](#).

TSCA Inventory Update Indicates Which Chemicals Are Active in U.S. Commerce

EPA's February 2019 update to the Toxic Substances Control Act Inventory indicates whether a chemical is being actively manufactured, processed or imported in the U.S. ... read [here for more](#).

Toxicological "Toolbox" Update Includes More Data on Sensitization, Irritation

A recent update to the QSAR Toolbox, a free software application intended to support reproducible and transparent chemical hazard assessment, includes more data on sensitization, irritation and corrosion and aquatic toxicity ... read [more here](#).

ACGIH Adopts TLVs for Chemicals Including Fluorine and Indium Tin Oxide

On Jan. 31, ACGIH announced that its board had ratified the 2019 Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, or BEIs. ACGIH has adopted TLVs for several chemicals, including fluorine, indium tin oxide, and propylene glycol ethyl ether ... read [more here](#).

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Ten Tips for Safe Operation of Your Dust Collector

When properly maintained, your dust collector can keep workers safe and protect the environment ... read [more here](#).

Achieving Operational Excellence (AIHA President's message)

As I mentioned in my previous column, the AIHA Board created a task force in October to review the relationship between the Board and our local sections ... read [here for more](#) (*must be an AIHA member to access article*).