

Important Dates and Deadlines

Call for AIHce Conference Program Committee Volunteers Deadline	May 7
National Safety Stand-Down	May 7-11
NIOSH Total Worker Health Symposium	May 8-11
IOHA Collaboration Award Call for Nominations Deadline	May 13
AIHF Donor and Scholarship Recipient Reception (<i>by invitation only</i>)	May 20
AIHce EXP 2018	May 21–23
Volunteer Groups Secretary Elections Deadline	June 1
ABIH Board Nominations Deadline	June 15
Webinar: Evaluating Effectiveness of a Contractor Management Program: A Case Study	June 21
Volunteer Groups Business Plans and Funding Requests Deadline	July 1
Leadership Workshop	July 20–22

OPPORTUNITIES

Certificate Program—Earn 4 Contact Hours!

Proper operation of direct-reading instruments is essential to for the accurate evaluation of air contaminants. From calibration to instrument troubleshooting, we've got you covered with AIHA's new certificate program, [Field Use of Direct-Reading Instruments for the Detection of Gases and Vapors - Operations Level](#).

IOHA Collaboration Award Call for Nominations—Deadline: May 13

The [Collaboration Award](#) celebrates an OH/OH organization who has chosen to collaborate with other countries or organizations to share ideas and technologies to improve the caliber of occupational hygiene worldwide.

AIHA to Hold Special Ballot for Bylaws Amendments

AIHA will invite members to vote on [proposed changes](#) to the association's bylaws. The Board has developed an [FAQ document](#) to explain the rationale behind the proposed amendments.

Call for Volunteer Groups Secretary Nominations—Deadline: June 1

Nominees for secretary are to be AIHA members in good standing and are elected to serve for a period of one year, to commence at AIHce.

American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) Board Requests Nominations—Deadline: June 15

Calling all Certified Industrial Hygienists®, Qualified Environmental Professionals® or Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists® who are interested in serving on the ABIH Board. Self-nominations will be accepted. Learn more about [responsibilities and the application process](#).

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

The [Nanotechnology Working Group](#) has sponsored a new fact sheet entitled, [Nanomaterial Product Stewardship: National Security Implications of Export-import Activities](#).

The [Indoor Environment Quality Committee](#) have selected the following recipients of the **Lila Albin Award**—Aleksandr B. Stefaniak, Ryan F. LeBouf, Jinghai Yi, Jason Ham, Timothy Nurkewicz, Diane E. Schwegler-Berry, Bean T. Chen, J. Raymond Wells, Matthew G. Dulling, Robert A. Lawrence, Stephen B. Martin, Jr., Alyson R. Johnson and M. Abbas Virji for *Characterization of Chemical Contaminants Generated by a Desktop Fused Deposition Modeling 3-Dimensional Printer*.

The [Environmental Issues Committee](#) has selected Gerald Markowitz, PhD and David Rosner, MSPH, PhD as the recipients of the **Rachel Carson Award** in recognition of their environmental advocacy. The award is presented to those EH&S persons who have achieved outstanding success and distinction in their EH&S business, profession or life's work.

The [Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee](#) **Best Paper Award** is being awarded to S. Williams Ischer, M.B. Farnell, G.T. Tabler, M. Moreira, P.T. O'Shaughnessy and M.W. Nonnenmann for *Evaluation of a Sprinkler Cooling System on Inhalable Dust and Ammonia Concentrations in Broiler Chicken Production*.

The [Aerosol Technology Committee](#) is awarding the **David L. Swift Memorial Award** to Taekhee Lee, Larry Lee, Emanuele Cauda, Jon Hummer and Martin Harper for their paper entitled, *Respirable Size-Selective Sampler for End-of-Shift Quartz Measurement: Development and Performance*.

The **Upton Sinclair Memorial Lecture Award**, a highly anticipated event at AIHce that is hosted by the [Social Concerns Committee](#), will feature journalist Sara Mojtehdzadeh, who will present her expose on *North America's Invisible Workers*.

The [Respiratory Protection Committee](#) is awarding the **John M. White Award** to Tyler M. Brady, Amanda L. Strauch, Claudia M. Almaguer, George Niez, Ronald E. Shaffer, Patrick L. Yorio and Edward M. Fisher for *Transfer of Bacteriophage MS2 and Fluorescein From N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators to Hands: Measuring Fomite Potential*.

Other Volunteer Group Awards to be announced during or post-AIHce include:

- [Construction Committee](#) **Rochelle Crew Memorial Award**
- [Biosafety and Environmental Microbiology Committee](#) **H. Kenneth Dillion Memorial Award**
- [Safety Committee](#) **Donna Doganiero Award**
- [Student and Early Career Professionals Committee](#) **Golden Seed Award**
- [Communication and Training Methods Committee](#) **Margaret Samways Memorial Student Poster Award**

Each year, AIHA Volunteer Groups strive to be named an Outstanding Volunteer Group; the groups that are selected will be recognized center stage during the [Mark of Excellence Breakfast](#) event at AIHce EXP. This year's recipients are:

- [Confined Spaces Committee](#)
- [Emergency Response Planning Committee](#)
- [Ergonomics Committee](#)
- [Exposure and Control Banding Committee](#)
- [Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee](#)
- [Incident Preparedness and Response Working Group](#)

- [Indoor Environment Quality Committee](#)
- [International Affairs Committee](#)
- [Laboratory Health and Safety Committee](#)
- [Mentoring and Professional Development Committee](#)
- [Nanotechnology Working Group](#)
- [Protective Clothing and Equipment Committee](#)
- [Real Time Detection Systems Committee](#)
- [Sampling and Laboratory Analysis Committee](#)
- [Social Concerns Committee](#)
- [Stewardship and Sustainability Committee](#)
- [Student and Early Career Professionals Committee](#)

Volunteer Groups Annual Business Plans and Funding Requests—Deadline: July 1

All Volunteer Groups are required to submit an annual Business Plan and Funding Requests for proposed projects that will require funding. Funding requests are reviewed by staff, Board Liaison, AIHA Finance Committee, with final approval by the AIHA Board of Directors.

STUDENTS

Student Community on Catalyst

Did you know that there is a [Student Member Community](#) on Catalyst—460 students strong and growing? This is the perfect place to discuss what you’re looking for to further your IH/OEHS knowledge.

Student Survey

Calling all students! AIHA National is asking all student members to participate in a [brief student survey](#). We are looking to you when developing resources, content, education (include topics of interest for webinars), mentoring and professional development needs specifically for IH/OEHS student members.

BLOG on Catalyst: Ideas to Make AIHce Education Fun for Young Professionals and Students

“I was a fresh graduate from the University of Toledo, who was lucky enough to start a job working for a company who sent me to the conference. The AIHce is an amazing place to go for...” *read the [full blog here](#).*

2017—2018 Student Local Section of the Year Award

Congratulations to the University of Michigan Student Local Section for being selected as the Student Local Section of the Year! The section will be recognized during the Mark of Excellence Breakfast event at AIHce EXP 2018 Wednesday, May 23rd.

Student Local Section Council Meetings and Training

Monday, May 21

- Connecting Campuses—2:30 p.m., The Hub, Exhibit Hall B

Tuesday, May 22

- Student Local Section Council Business Meeting—11:30 a.m., room 202A, Pennsylvania Convention Center

AIHA LOCAL SECTIONS

BLOG on Catalyst: Leading a Local Section

“Have you ever wondered what it’s like to manage a local section of AIHA? Well, I finally got the opportunity. Most people are unaware of the commitment and dedication of the...” *read the [full blog here](#).*

Local Section Meetings and Training Schedule at AIHce

Monday, May 21

- Local Section President/President-Elect Training—10:00 a.m., The Hub, Exhibit Hall B
- Local Section Secretary Training—2:00 p.m., The Hub, Exhibit Hall B
- Local Sections Treasurer Training—3:00 p.m., The Hub, Exhibit Hall B

CATALYST

Catalyst Cyber Hunt

Have you heard?! The [Catalyst CyberHunt](#) is underway, so do not delay! Follow the simple instructions, submit your answer, and you’ll be entered to win an amazing prize that includes a Catalyst-branded Lands’ End tote bag, an Amazon Echo Dot, Catalyst t-shirt (made in the U.S.A.), and a paid registration to AIHce 2019!

Government Relations Tab Added to Catalyst

Check out the new [GR Tab](#) for the latest information on regulatory activities and agency meetings! We’re busy posting information about Federal and State agency meetings and rulemakings, so check them out often!

Our Most Active Members!

The Catalyst team would like to give a shout out to our most active members:

- [Tihomir Armic](#), University of Illinois School of Public Health
- [Bernard L. Fontaine, Jr.](#), CIH, CSP, FAIHA
- [Andrew Havics](#), CIH, PE, FAIHA
- Simileoluwa Ishau, University of Cincinnati
- [Roberta Smith](#), RN, MSPH, CIC, COHN-S, CIH
- Barbara Franciszka Trybula, CIH

Top Discussion Threads

Only AIHA members have full access to the hottest discussion topics on Catalyst! Gain insight, discover solutions, or become an IH hero by participating via the discussion threads.

- [Percentage of Workers An OEL/TV Covers](#)
- [Confined Space](#)
- [Particle Counting for Mold Remediation](#)
- [Job Exposure Matrix](#)
- [Should Tests be Required for HIV and Hepatitis B and C?](#)

Interested in Blogging?

Bloggging on Catalyst is a great way to share your story and network with other members. Be sure to [check out the blogs](#) posted, and let us know if you have something to contribute: kincheloe@aiha.org.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

AIHA and Several Others Take Action on Title Protection in Louisiana

As currently drafted, [Louisiana House Bill 748](#) would prohibit individuals possessing a “certification” from a voluntary program from using the term “certified” as a title. As such, this bill would harm the ability of individuals who have earned a voluntary professional designation such as the CIH or CSP, to stand out and clearly communicate their enhanced value to businesses, governments, and consumers, as such designations use the term “certified” in their titles.

NIOSH Seeks Feedback on Draft National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) for Wholesale and Retail Trade

Have you had a chance to check out NIOSH’s draft NORA for Wholesale and Retail Trade? AIHA is preparing submit comments in response to NIOSH’s request for feedback. In the meantime, you can find the draft NORA [here](#).

Modernizing Federal Labor Laws Examined by US House Committee

The US House Education and the Workforce Committee held a hearing entitled “Worker-Management Relations: Examining the Need to Modernize Federal Labor Law.” Additional information on the hearing can be found [here](#).

New Report Details Occupational Deaths from National, State Perspectives

Workplace fatalities are increasing. In 2016 alone, more 5,000 workers died because of workplace injuries, and more than 50,000 died from a work-related disease, according to [Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect](#)—a new report issued by the AFL-CIO.

Dozens of Opioid Bills Addressed by US House Committee; Action Also in the Senate

The US House Energy and Commerce Committee reviewed more than 60 bills and amendments on a wide number of issues related to the crisis. To view the legislative text and archived webcast of the markup, please click [here](#).

NATIONAL

Value of Membership in Action—AIHA Annual Report

The [AIHA Annual Report](#) is back and in a more modern format, to better keep you informed on our highlights and accomplishments in 2017. Our effectiveness and longevity rests with the 8,500 members who support the association through membership, active volunteerism, and involvement in AIHA products, services, and events.

From Athlete to IH

“Growing up, I had never heard of industrial hygiene let alone knew what an industrial hygienist did. I grew up in an ‘athletic family’—my father was a collegiate track and field coach, and my mother was a personal trainer and stay-at-home mom. When heading off to college...” [read the full post here](#).

Synergist Webinars

Synergist Webinars are presentations by sponsoring companies on topics of importance to industrial hygiene and occupational health and safety professionals. Create a [free AIHA.org account](#) and check out the recorded webinars [here](#).

CareerAdvantage Development Fair at AIHce EXP 2018

This year's [Building Careers for Life Development Fair](#) features sessions designed to help those in the occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) field advance their current careers and find and maintain positions in the industry.

AIHA Network

[AIHA Network](#) is an online television network focusing on current and relevant news, commentaries, and spotlights on AIHA and IH/OH hot topics in the industry.

Reserve Your Seat in one of AIHce EXP's Professional Development Courses

AIHce EXP's [Professional Development Courses](#) (PDCs) are in-depth, formal learning experiences designed to broaden knowledge, enhance technical competence, and provide practical tools and skills for the workplace. PDCs are held on Saturday, May 19; Sunday, May 20; and Thursday, May 24. They are half-, one-, or two-day courses, and **include a free networking lunch**, with full day course registration.

Featured PDCs

- [Transforming Risk Decision-Making and Judgment Skills - New!](#)
- [Choosing the Correct Radiation Detection Instrument for Your Needs](#)
- [Legal Issues and Exposures in Your IH Practice](#)

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)



Securing the future of the profession, through scholarship awards to IH's best and brightest minds

Scholar Spotlight



When reflecting on the determinates of health, we consider where people live, work, play, pray, and age. I believe that where an individual works can also greatly influence.

-Angela Chiappone
Chicago Local Section Scholarship

OSHA

Fifth Annual National Stand-Down Begins May 7

Thousands of worksites will join OSHA and its partners for the annual [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) May 7–11, with events across the country. The lack of proper fall protection is the [most frequently cited](#) OSHA violation.

Workers' Memorial Day: Remembering Those Who Have Lost Their Lives on the Job

Events were held across the country last week in recognition of [Workers' Memorial Day](#), including a tribute to fallen workers during the Cleveland Indians' game on April 28. April 28 is also the day OSHA first opened its doors in 1971, after Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

Chicago Event Focuses Attention on Tragic Cost of Work Zone Hazards

During last month's [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#), events across the country encouraged safe driving around work zones. The official kick-off was held April 10 in Chicago at the site of a highway interchange.

Save the Date: OSHA to Hold First in Series of Stakeholder Meetings on Whistleblower Issues June 12

OSHA invites public participation in an upcoming stakeholder meeting on whistleblower practices and experiences related to the railroad and trucking industries. The first meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 12 at 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Safe + Sound Campaign: Free Webinars in May Focus on Worker Participation in Jobsite Safety

Free webinars from the [Safe + Sound Campaign](#) are available this month to help improve worker participation in developing workplace safety and health programs.

NIOSH

Draft-National Occupational Research Agenda for Respiratory Health; Extension of Comment Period

On March 15, NIOSH published a notice in the [Federal Register \[83 FR 11537\]](#) announcing the availability of a draft NORA Agenda entitled *National Occupational Research Agenda for Respiratory Health* for public comment. In a request from an interested party, NIOSH is extending the public comment period to July 13.

Join NIOSH on May 16 for the 2nd Installment of Expanding Research Partnership Webinar Series!

The Expanding Research Partnership Webinar series continues the learning and discussions on NIOSH research and partnerships from the [Expanding Research Partnerships: State of the Science Conference](#). Additional information about this webinar and registration information is available [here](#).

Nominations Open for the 2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards™

[Nominations](#) will be accepted for the 2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award™ until July 15. The award, given by NIOSH in partnership with the National Hearing Conservation Association, recognizes those who demonstrate, by example, the benefits of developing or following good hearing loss prevention practices.

Request for Proposal Open for Respirator Study in Healthcare Settings

A [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) is open until May 7 for the *Respirator Study: Assessment of Elastomeric Respirators in Healthcare Delivery Settings*, to determine the feasibility and capability of U.S. healthcare delivery organizations to routinely use reusable respirators and/or rapidly convert to their use during a public health emergency.