

## Important Dates and Deadlines

<a href="#">Open Call: Local Sections Council Vice Chair</a> <b>Deadline</b>	May 15
<a href="#">Open Call: AIHF Board of Trustees Member-at-Large</a> <b>Deadline</b>	May 17
<a href="#">Women in IH (WIH) Leadership Summit (earn 4.5 CM points!)</a>	May 18
<a href="#">Virtual AIHce EXP 2019</a>	May 20-22
<a href="#">Calling All Mentors</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Honarium Payment Forms Due</a>	June 10
<a href="#">Seeking Nominations for ABIH Board</a> <b>Deadline</b>	June 15
<a href="#">Safe + Sound Week 2019</a>	August 12-18
<a href="#">Product Stewardship 2019</a>	Registration now open
Leadership Workshop ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	November 15-17

## CALL TO ACTION

### [AIHF Board of Trustees Member-at-Large](#) - **Deadline May 17**

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation Board of Trustees seeks nominations for the position of member-at-large trustee.

### [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.

### [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.

### [Women in IH Professional Development Committee](#)

Inspired to take on greater leadership roles at work and in the community? Looking to connect with others on the same journey? The Women in IH (WIH) volunteer committee is open to all AIHA members interested in developing valuable leadership skills.

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## STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

### [Student Discounts at AIHce EXP](#)

Students save over \$600 on full conference registration and can attend for just one day for \$40. You can also get 25% off select publications purchased on-site and 10% off Professional Development Course registrations. Call 703-849-8888 to get your promo code!

### [Academic Track at AIHce EXP](#)

AIHce EXP is introducing an academic track at conference, developed in partnership with faculty advisors, with content designed to help you map out your career and deepen your connections.

### [Student Lounge Sponsored by AIHA](#)

NEW this year! Attend special student-only events, chat with fellow IH/OH students, network with AIHA student leaders, and enjoy the respite of a comfortable lounge amidst all the bustle of conference.

### [CareerAdvantage Development Fair at AIHce EXP](#)

From speed networking to resume advice, the development fair is one of the best places to sharpen your interview skills and meet top employers.

### **Focus on the Future**

From student-focused initiatives such as the AIHA Mentoring Program and the IH Professional Pathway™ to broader benefits like *Catalyst* and *The Synergist*, AIHA has many resources that are useful to early-career professionals. Read [more here](#) (must be a member to access link).

### [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.

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## AIHA NATIONAL

### [Where are My Benefits?](#)

Can't seem to log into *Catalyst*? Haven't been receiving *The Synergist* or *JOES*? Do you no longer have access to the job board on *CareerAdvantage*? The answer is simple, you forgot to pay your membership dues and no longer have access to AIHA member benefits. Just visit our [membership page](#) and stay in the loop!

### [Finding the Power for Women's Success in Leadership](#)

Explore essential leadership skills, discover your leadership potential, and transition from a technical professional to management with the **Women in IH Leadership Summit**, Saturday, May 18. Leadership experts will be on hand with a unique blend of vision, inspiration, and practical skills that will set you up for success. [Read more.](#)

### [Be a Leader. 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.](#)

### [CareerAdvantage Development Fair at AIHce EXP](#)

The connections you'll need to maintain a successful career can be found at AIHce EXP's CareerAdvantage Development Fair, which will be held May 20–22 in Minneapolis, MN. Mingle with thousands of IH/OEHS professionals and take advantage of career-coaching services. [Learn more.](#)

### [Keep up with the News with Newswire Newsfeed](#)

The Newswire newsfeed accompanies AIHA's Tuesday e-newsletter, The Synergist Newswire. The Newswire newsfeed is a resource that members can check throughout the week to keep up with what media organizations are saying about topics related to industrial hygiene and occupational health and safety. [View Newsfeed.](#)

### [New Outreach Resource for #IAMIH Leadership Challenge](#)

**\*\*New Resource for HS Presentations!** AIHA has a brand-new Code Name IH power point for a high school to college level audience to make your presentation even more amazing and engaging! You can find all our downloadable resources in our Outreach Resource Center on the AIHA site (scroll down on the page to the I AM IH Outreach Materials section)... [more.](#)

### [AIHA Issues White Paper on More Potential Hazards of e-Cigarette Use](#)

Developed by AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality and Risk Committees, the paper presents evidence that e-cigarettes can release airborne contaminants that may affect both users and people in their vicinity.

### [Past ABIH® Chair Named a 2019 Distinguished Fellow by the American Industrial Hygiene Association](#)

One of those selected this year for the prestigious Fellow of AIHA (FAIHA) designation is an American Board of Industrial Hygiene® Past Chair, David C. Roskelley, MSPH, CIH®, CSP.

### [Upton Sinclair Memorial Lecture Examines the Dangers of Neglecting Farm Safety in the Midwest](#)

The lecture will take place at AIHce EXP 2019 on Monday, May 20 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Meitrodt's lecture, titled "The Price of Neglecting Farm Safety in the Midwest," offers an inside view of the reporting behind his award-winning four-part series article "Tragic Harvest" and its impact on farm safety in Minnesota.

### [Spreading the Occupational Health Message to Colleges](#)

Larry Sloan, AIHA's CEO, writes: "During my recent extended trip out West, I had the pleasure of addressing undergraduate occupational health and safety students at Cal State Sacramento. This was the first time that I had addressed a class of undergraduates who were not studying industrial hygiene per se, and since my visit occurred during the university's spring break, I wasn't sure what to expect."

### [Mentoring: Something for Everybody](#)

Ina Xhani, AIHA's Communications Specialist writes in the *SynergistNOW* blog, how many times have you said to yourself, "I wish I had someone to learn from"? That's what the Mentoring Program provides. AIHA members looking for support are paired with professionals who have more experience. But how do you find the perfect mentor/mentee for you?

### **Where Can I Find Quick Takes?**

Quick Takes can now be found under the 'Membership' tab on the [AIHA site,](#) posted on the [Local Section,](#) [Volunteer Groups](#) and *Catalyst* pages, and directly to you via email.

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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### [Call for Local Section Council Vice Chair](#)

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

### **Invite an AIHA Board Member or CEO to Present at Your Next Meeting**

If you would like to invite a member of the AIHA Board of Directors, CEO or another member of the national senior staff, please contact Thursa La via email at [tla@aiha.org](mailto:tla@aiha.org). Not sure if you have already made a request? The [travel calendar](#) is now accessible!

### **Grassroots Engagement with SkillsUSA**

[SkillsUSA](#) is a national association serving high school, college and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations, and for further education. More than 340,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA each year, organized into more than 19,000 local chapters and 52 state and territorial associations. Please consider reaching out to a [State Director](#) for the opportunity to work with your local section on occupational health and safety.

## VIRTUAL SECTION

### [Face to Face Meet up at AIHce EXP](#)

Tuesday, May 21 at 3:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Conference Room. This is a great opportunity to meet other members.

### [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.**

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## AIH FOUNDATION

### [FunRun at AIHce EXP](#)

On Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30am 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? Make a sleep-in donation!

### **Head Shot Café in the AIHA Booth at AIHce EXP 2019**

Everyone needs a professional head shot of themselves to attach to a resume, provide for a publication or conference and for networking. Well, you have an opportunity to have your make up done with a professional makeup artist and have your professional head shot taken with donations going to the AIHF! That's a win for everyone. See all the [special events](#) happening at conference!

### [Matching Donations](#)

Can your company match your donation? Find out and increase your impact on the lives of deserving students and their professional development.

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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

### **A Summer to Remember**

Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, writes: "According to OSHA, every minute a young worker (age 15–25) is injured on the job, and every day a young worker loses their life as a result of a workplace incident. While shocking, sometimes statistics don't tell the full story... [read more](#)."

### **Events in Congress**

Visit the [GR page on Catalyst](#) for various weekly events on the federal and state level.

### **OSHA's Safe Summer Jobs Social Media Campaign Starts Next Week**

OSHA is collaborating with AIHA and seven other organizations to launch a [new social media campaign](#) focused on keeping our young workers safe. On social media, the campaign hashtag is #MySafeSummerJob. Please join us in promoting the importance of workplace safety!

### **House Committee NIOSH and OSHA Funding Recommendations Align with AIHA**

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). For additional information, please click [here](#).

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## EDUCATION

### **[Virtual AIHce EXP 2019 - May 20-22](#)**

Virtual AIHce EXP is the most convenient and affordable way to access quality education and insights about the IH/OEHS industry. Meet your budget comfortably with registration options at several price points.

### **[Synergist Town Hall Webinar: Answer Your Top FR/CP Questions](#)**

May 8 at 2:00pm-3:00pm (ET)

Do you know why some lab coats are blue? Or what happens to your FR/CP if your lab coat gets wet? Find out the answers to these questions and more during Bulwark's Town Hall Webinar, presented by Mark Saner.

### **[CIH Crash Course](#)**

This online CIH review course is designed to help you focus your studies on the key areas you need to know and has been recently updated to reflect the current CIH exam.

### **[Professional Development Courses](#)**

Join us for our inaugural AIHA University Pop-Up, located at the University of Illinois at Chicago, October 27–28. Choose from 8 essential PDCs and dive deep with a full-day course. [Learn more](#).

### **[Requirements of 2019 Edition of NFPA 652 Standard on Combustible Dust - On Your Way Towards Compliance?](#)**

Webinar: June 20, at 1:00pm-2:00pm (EST). Earn 1 Contact Hour

This webinar provides an overview of NFPA 652 and the recent changes reflected in the 2019 edition. We'll break down the key requirements and how the new standard directly applies to facilities and operations.

### [Featured in Risk Assessment](#)

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

### [OEA Certificate Program](#)

Prove your competency in assessing workplace exposures and hazards. If you're an IH technician, or are looking for training opportunities for your staff, register today for AIHA's OEA Certificate Program. Earn 4 contact hours. Based on the Occupational Exposure Assessment Body of Knowledge (BoK), this certificate program provides education on the competencies listed in Technical Level IH 1.

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## CATALYST

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

- 1) [Acceptable Levels of Airborne THC](#) - Robert E. Sheriff
- 2) [# of IH Per Employees](#) - Morgan Mink
- 3) [Notre Dame Cathedral Fire](#) - Laurence Svirchev
- 4) [Poly Carbonate and UV absorption](#) - David S. Abrams
- 5) [Measuring EMF at Electrical Substations](#) – Eric N. Wanger
- 6) [#IAMIH Leadership Challenge](#)

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## IN THE NEWS

### Groundbreaking Legionella Prevention Model Reported

A groundbreaking hazard analysis formula showcased in the April 2019 issue of *The Synergist* is expected to significantly aid users in preventing Legionella growth in buildings' water systems. Designed by J. David Krause, Ph.D., MSPH, CIH, vice chair of AIHA's Indoor Air Quality Committee and a nationally known expert in toxicology, public health and risk assessment, the tool evaluates the combined effectiveness of control measures used to prevent Legionella and other waterborne pathogens... [read more](#).

### Forgotten Workers

Doctors Without Borders has operated occupational health clinics in the urban slums of Dhaka since 2013. In recent years the organization has increased efforts in the region to assess hazards, design and implement interventions, and measure hazard mitigation... [read more](#).

### Round the Clock: The Health Perils of Working Overnight

According to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, one in four Canadians does shift work, while one in five works nights. This includes nurses, police officers, paramedics, factory workers, office cleaners, and truckers, among others—jobs where the time of day or night doesn't matter... [read more](#).

### OSHA Publishes Silica FAQ

Nanozen's Personal Real-Time Wearable Particle Sensor, DustCount 8899, is now intrinsically safe and good for respirable, inhalable, and wildfire particulates. Check out OSHA's FAQ for crystalline silica regarding the use of direct-reading instruments to conduct real-time monitoring of respirable dust... [read more](#).

### **Paris Firefighters Used This Remote-Controlled Robot to Extinguish the Notre Dame Blaze**

The Paris Fire Brigade has seen its share of logistical challenges, but the massive conflagration that consumed parts of the Notre Dame cathedral on the night of April 15 required a fight of epic proportions... [read more](#).

### **UN: Work-Related Causes Kill 2.8 Million Workers Each Year**

A report released by the International Labour Organization has warned that 2.78 million workers die from occupational accidents and work-related diseases each year... [read more](#).

### **Respiratory Protection for Public Workers**

Stephanie Lynch, product manager at OHD, writes: "Despite all the work they do to keep our communities functioning, many public workers are not provided the same safety and health protections as those of us who work in the private sector." ... [read more](#).

### **CSB Urges EPA to Review, Update Hydrofluoric Acid Study from 1993**

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is urging EPA to review and update its 1993 study on hydrofluoric acid to determine whether existing risk management regulations for petroleum refineries are adequate to protect against catastrophic releases of HF... [read more](#).

### **New Rule Allows Indefinite Manufacture of Closed-Circuit Escape Respirators Used in Mining**

The Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule in the Federal Register on April 19 that permits respirator manufacturers to continue to sell an older type of closed-circuit escape respirator to meet the needs of the mining industry... [read more](#).

### **NIOSH Highlights Research, Resources Addressing Opioids in the Workplace**

A new NIOSH web page collects resources intended to help workers, employers, and medical providers with issues related to opioids in the workplace... [read more](#).