

Important Dates and Deadlines

AIHA Fall Conference on Leadership and Management	October 30–31
AIHF Online Scholarship Application Opens	November 1
Product Stewardship 2017	November 2–4
AIHA Board Nominations	November 3
AIHA Named Award Nominations	December 5
Fellows Nominations	December 31
Call for Reviewers: IOHA 2018	January 15

LOCAL SECTIONS

TENNESSEE VALLEY SECTION

The **Tennessee Valley Section** will celebrate its 70th anniversary at the annual TVS-AIHA Fall PDC and Conference, which will be held **November 1 -3** in Knoxville, Tennessee. The day-and-a-half-long conference will feature presentations on occupational health, safety, and industrial hygiene topics given by local and regional professionals. On the evening of Thursday, **November 2**, TVS-AIHA will host a 70th anniversary celebration where all conference attendees are welcome to help celebrate this milestone.

POTOMAC LOCAL SECTION

The **Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association**, the **Washington Conservation Guild** and the **Smithsonian Institution's Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management** will once again collaborate with the **Lunder Conservation Center** to host the second annual [Professional Development Seminar](#). This year's day-long event will take place **November 1** at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington DC.

WESTERN NEW YORK LOCAL SECTION

The **Western New York Local Section** will have Julia Germaine of Temescal Wellness present a presentation on Safety of Cannabis in the Workplace on November 1. RSVPs are due by Friday, **October 27**.

CHECK OUT UPCOMING LOCAL SECTION EVENT

Don't forget you can see upcoming local section events near you via the following [page](#).

#IAMIH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE – PHOTO ESSAY MINI-CHALLENGE

The **#IAMIH Leadership Challenge** is excited to announce the **Photo Essay Mini-Challenge**! In 1,000 words or less, share your story on when and how the passion for IH/OH profession sparked for you. AIHA will select the best entries for publication in the "SynergistNOW" blog, AND one winner's region will be awarded 5 challenge points towards the challenge. Submit your essay and an accompanying photo by **November 10** to [Ashlee Wilcox](#).

NATIONAL

DISASTER RESPONSE RESOURCE CENTER

AIHA urges response and recovery workers and the public to guard against hazards during [disaster response and recovery efforts](#). Some common hazards include downed power lines, carbon monoxide poisoning, exposures during flood and mold cleanup, and risk of structural collapse.

DONATE TO PUERTO RICO

The Industrial Hygiene Program at the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico, [is seeking donations of protective gear](#) for communities affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. These communities will be facing the threat of infectious diseases in the coming months while dealing with dangerous recovery efforts. The program wants to provide them with the necessary knowledge and supplies to protect themselves during these activities.

AIHA AND ASSE ANNOUNCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) and the American Society of Safety Engineers® (ASSE) represent the world's foremost professionals in occupational and environmental health and safety, and have pledged to work together on all matters of mutual interest to reach their common goals. The two organizations signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) that details several areas of collaboration.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

AIHA has upgraded its member database. Learn how to [log in for the first time](#). With our new database update, we're changing the email address we send AIHA communications from. **Please whitelist email@communications.aiha.org** in your spam filters so you can continue receiving AIHA emails as dictated by your profile preferences.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWALS

Be on the lookout for your dues renewal notice within the next few days (the process has been slightly delayed with the upgrade to the member database). Eligible members who renew by November 15 will automatically be entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes, including a complimentary registration to AIHce EXP 2018 in Philadelphia, PA.

AIHA NATIONAL CONTINUING TO COLLECT LOCAL SECTION DUES

Once again, AIHA will be collecting Local Section dues from our national members during the 2018 renewal cycle. Membership in an [AIHA Local Section](#) does more than just keep you informed—it provides you with a total spectrum of activities that enhance your professional growth, while promoting the occupational health and safety field.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FINAL CALL FOR AIHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AIHA is seeking nominations for four Board of Directors positions that will be vacated in May 2018: vice president, secretary-elect, and two at-large director positions. The deadline for [electronic submission forms](#) is **November 3**.

AIHA FELLOWS

You are cordially invited to nominate an exceptional IH/OH professional for the prestigious [2018 AIHA Fellow Award](#). Being selected as an AIHA Fellows is a top honor—the designation is limited to no more than five percent of the membership. The deadline to submit a [Nomination for Fellow](#) is **December 31**.

AIHA NAMED AWARD

Being a recipient of an AIHA Named Award is a highly regarded honor. Recipients serve as a powerful and positive example to those aspiring to reach the next pinnacle in their career through their contributions and service to the profession, the practice of industrial hygiene, and the Association. The deadline to submit the [online submission form](#) is **December 5**.

AIHA ANNOUNCES 2017 HENRY F. SMYTH, JR. AWARD RECIPIENT

AIHA is pleased to announce Robert D. Soule, PhD, CIH, CSP, as the recipient of the 2017 Henry F. Smyth, Jr. Award. Dr. Soule will be honored during the 2017 AIHA Fall Conference on Leadership and Management, which will be held October 30–31 in Tampa, FL. As this year's recipient, Dr. Soule will present the annual Henry F. Smyth, Jr. Award lecture at the conference.

AIHceREPLAY EARNS 2017 LEARNIE AWARD

AIHA has won a 2017 Learnie Award for its AIHce:REPLAY series. The [Learnie Awards](#) recognize associations who have pioneered a new way of learning. AIHce:REPLAY, is a virtual way attendees can relive important sessions and topics presented at prior AIHce EXP events, including full video, audio, and slides.

CALL FOR REVIEWERS: IOHA WASHINGTON 2018

Give back to the profession by becoming an International Abstract Reviewer for the IOHA Washington 2018 conference! AIHA is reopening the [Call for Reviewers](#) and will be accepting applications through **January 15, 2018**. For more information... [read more here](#).

NEW GROWTH FOR THE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

If you've attended AIHce in the past three years, you're probably familiar with the [Product Stewardship Conference](#). Hosted by AIHA's [Product Stewardship Society](#), the conference has fast become the go-to event for product stewards, bringing together professionals from over a dozen product use areas and throughout the... [read more here](#).

THE 2017 STATE OF THE EHS INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

In our pursuit of innovation and progress, the role of the environmental, health and safety professional has never been more apparent, or more critical than it is today. As in any industry, the responsibilities of those who work in EHS continue to evolve as a result of technological advancements, a constantly shifting regulatory landscape, and the emergence of new risks to... [read more here](#).

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ACTIONS WORKING GROUP

AIHA's Government Relations Beta Group, created in June of this year, quickly found itself with more than 300 members, and spawned a number of subgroups. With what might be considered critical mass reached, and the clear need for more formality, the time had come for the Beta Group to evolve. The Beta Group's new form is the ACTIONS (AIHA Coalition of Technical Influencers on New Solutions) Working Group. You're invited [to join](#)!

AIHF

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS

Are you an IH student (or know one) in need of a scholarship? Don't let this opportunity slip by you! Starting **November 1**, the online portal to apply for an [AIHF Scholarship](#) will open. The portal will give you the details you need for eligibility criteria and requirements. Deadline to submit is **January 19, 2018**.

ESTABLISH AN AIHF SCHOLARSHIP

The AIHF would like to expand the scholarship program by increasing the number of deserving scholarships awarded each year. Students look to the AIHF to help them in achieving their aspiration to become an IH professional just like you. Support the AIHF by [establishing a scholarship](#) today. Donations are tax deductible, so get your donations in by **December 31**.

STUDENTS

AIHA STUDENT LOCAL SECTIONS

Check out the latest edition of the [AIHA Student Local Section Council Newsletter](#). If you're interested in creating an AIHA Student Local Section, please contact [Thursa Pecoraro](#).

WORKPLACE CONTAMINANT CONTROLS DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

The **American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee (HPECC)**, and **Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB)** are co-sponsoring a [workplace contaminant controls development challenge](#) directed to students to promote worker health and safety in developing countries. First place prize is \$500 to be awarded to the most innovative and feasible solution. Submissions are due by **December 1**.

[NIOSH](#)

APPLICATION OF BIOLOGICAL MONITORING METHODS FOR CHEMICAL EXPOSURES IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

NIOSH announced the availability of a draft chapter to be published in the NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods (NMAM) entitled “**Application of Biological Monitoring Methods for Chemical Exposures in Occupational Health**” and is now available for [public comment](#).

NIOSH TO RESEARCH HEALTH, SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL ROBOTS

NIOSH has announced the launch of its new [Center for Occupational Robotics Research](#), which is intended to assess the potential benefits and risks of robot workers and develop guidance for safe interactions between humans and robots. Advancements in sensing technology have led to the development of smarter, collaborative robots that work alongside, move among, or are worn by human workers.

[OSHA](#)

NEW OSHA TRAINING INSTITUTE EDUCATION CENTERS ANNOUNCED

Northampton Community College (Pennsylvania) and the Oklahoma State University have been selected as the newest additions to the [OSHA Training Institute OTI Education Centers](#), which are non-profit organizations that offer training on OSHA standards and occupational safety and health issues to workers and employers nationwide.