The year is going too quickly. We have accomplished an incredible amount of activities already but I’d like to see even more.

One major new accomplishment is that AOEC has entered into an agreement with Environmental Health Perspectives, the journal of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). AOEC members will be given discounted subscriptions to EHP for $66 per year instead of the usual $225 per year. This discounted subscription would include 12 monthly issues and Internet access (AOEC members would not get EHP supplements or EHP-Toxicogenomics issues but would have access to both on the EHP Web site). We have agreed to strongly encourage our members to submit articles for both the Grand Rounds in Environmental Medicine and Case Studies in Environmental Medicine features in the journal. In addition, the AOEC logo will be included in articles published by AOEC members who are subscribers through this offer as well as their institutional logo. The actual subscription forms will be sent out soon.

The joint AOEC/American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) educational session “Current Research in Occupational and Environmental Medicine” publicized in our last issue was held at the American Occupational Health Conference. It was very successful and we are looking forward to repeating it next year.

The planning for the workshop on environmental health promotion we are collaborating with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) continues. Tony Suruda and I participated in a planning meeting in Las Vegas in April. More details will be announced as planning progresses.

We are finalizing a memorandum of understanding with the Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN). I have been discussing collaborative efforts with MCN and Dr. Joseph Fortuna of the ACOEM. One of the first steps in this partnership has already taken place with meetings held in Philadelphia in April where Dr. Fortuna, Dr. Ed Zuroweste of MCN and I discussed potential activities. While we are trying to formalize the relationship, we are continuing other activities with MCN. AOEC Vice-President Anthony Suruda conducted an educational session for MCN clinicians in Yuma, AZ in April. David Goldsmith, PhD of the George Washington University clinic, organized a session on occupational health including Michelle Watters from the AOEC clinic at the University of Illinois and AOEC staff member, Ingrid Denis at the National Farmworker Health Conference. Ingrid took the opportunity to distribute materials about AOEC as well as copies of one of our newest educational modules, Where Do You Play? A Boy and His Rash. This module as well as three others are now available and are described in more detail on page 4.

AOEC will hold two regional meetings this year. The first will take place in Albany, NY on June 19, 2002. The second will take place in El Paso, TX. Dates for the latter meeting are not yet final but it is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15-16, 2002.
AOEC Member News

Twenty-nine physicians have been elevated to Fellowship in the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM). Fellow is the highest class of membership within ACOEM and recognizes physicians who have been engaged in the full-time practice of occupational and environmental medicine and have exhibited significant leadership in ACOEM. AOEC congratulates the fellows who are also AOEC members:

- Stanley C. Haimes, MD, MPH, FACOEM
- Christopher J. Martin, MD, MS, FACOEM
- Anthony Suruda, MD, MPH, FACOEM
- Thomas H. Winters, MD, FACOEM

Dr. John Balbus joined Environmental Defense in Spring 2002 as director of Human Health program. Before coming on board, Dr. Balbus served as a researcher, professor and physician at George Washington University (GWU). He is also founding director of GWU's Center for Risk Science and Public Health.

Rubin Addresses Indiana Physicians

On April 24, 2002, former AOEC president, Rachel Rubin, MD, MPH provided an in-service presentation to nearly 20 physicians at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart, IN to enhance their ability to evaluate patients who may have been exposed to groundwater contaminated with trichloroethylene and carbon tetrachloride at and around the Conrail Rail Yard National Priorities List site.

Her presentation included discussion on how to take an exposure history and information about trichloroethylene and carbon tetrachloride which will aid the physicians in explaining to patients the basic toxicity related to those two chemicals. The presentation was sponsored by the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry through the AOEC cooperative agreement and the Indiana State Department of Health.
The success and notoriety of the PEHSU Program is attributed in part to the various collaborative activities and documents that promote this health education and consultation program. For instance, the January 2002 edition of the *AAP News* (the news magazine of the American Academy of Pediatrics) featured an article written by Dr. Robert Amler (Chief Medical Officer for ATSDR) and Dr. Benjamin Gitterman (AAP Environmental Health Committee member and co-director of Region 3 PEHSU). The article outlines the services offered by the PEHSU Program and provides examples of actual medical consultations made by physicians to several PEHSU sites.

The PEHSUs are now highlighted on the *HealtheHome* web site of the Children’s Health Environmental Coalition (CHEC). This organization is “dedicated to educating the public, specifically parents and caregivers, about the environmental toxins that affect children’s health”. As part of the AOEC outreach effort, Katherine Kirkland wrote an introductory article on the PEHSUs. The article is accessible on the CHEC website: http://www.checnet.org/healthehome/education/articles.asp.

Also, there is a link to the AOEC website that list the toll free phone numbers for the PEHSU sites. CHEC’s web site has a great deal of useful information for parents on what they can do to make their homes more environmentally safe. It has a broad range of articles from integrated pest management, teen working hazards to eating healthier. An excellent site to recommend to parents looking for general information on environmental health.


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**UNIDAD PEDATRICA AMBIENTAL**

While the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) sites share the same goal in providing pediatric environmental health education and consultation, each has its unique characteristics based on their geographic location, population demography and expertise of their staff and medical institution. This is the first of a series highlighting a specific PEHSU site.

The Unidad Pediatrica Ambiental (translated as “Pediatric Environmental Unit”) /Mexico Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (UPA-Mexico) not only brings a different cultural perspective to the PEHSU Program but also distinct children environmental health priorities such as waterborne contaminants (especially microbial pollution) and lead exposure from ceramic pottery.

This site is located in Morelos, Mexico, a region 50 miles south of Mexico City with an estimated population of 1,800,000 people (at least one-third children). The weather is a tropical 65°F year round! However, Morelos is challenged with environmental hazards associated with rapid industrial and urban growth along with significant agricultural activity, including heavy use of pesticides.

The UPA-PEHSU is meeting these challenges by initially providing intensive and focused didactic and hands-on training for health care providers and medical students through the National Institute for Public Health (INSP) and the Children’s Hospital of Morelos. In preparation for implementing community based children’s environmental health education to the general public, the Children’s Hospital will conduct a Lead Awareness Drive. The UPA-PEHSU staff will distribute brochures and offer blood lead screening. Also part of the outreach activity will be a dish exchange program where lead-glazed ceramics can be exchanged for a lead free dish.

For more information about The Unidad Pediatrica Ambiental /Mexico Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (UPA-PEHSU) go to www.upa-pehsu.com
The following is a current list of all presentations that are donations from members. We appreciate the generosity of our members. These are not peer reviewed but with that caveat, we are pleased to add them to our library. Most can be requested via e-mail (E) and all can be requested by CD-ROM (CD).

> **Lead, It’s Everywhere**, 2002, Alan M. Ducatman, MD, MSce. The module will teach clinicians about the history, sources, routes and extent of lead exposure, about health effects, surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment strategies, and about lead poisoning prevention. Module includes slide/CD presentations, expanded annotated slide presentation guide for teachers and students, relevant key articles and reviews and program evaluation form.

> **Occupational Health and the Heart**, 2002, John Meyer, MD, MPH, West Virginia University, University of Manchester, UK. Grand rounds type presentation including references, script, covering various issues in occupational cardiovascular toxicity (carbon monoxide, nitrates, carbon disulfide, noise). Also available as slide program.

*The above are both replacements of presentations by Glenn Pransky, MD, MOccH., University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

> **Smoking and Occupational Health**, 2002 William Beckett, MD, MPH, Dina Markowitz, PhD, University of Rochester. Presentation of the occupational health problems associated with smoking. Also available as slide program.

The following modules are part of the series: Community Environmental Health Education Modules for Health Care Providers and the Lay Community prepared by The Center for Population Health at the University of New Mexico under the direction of Karen Mulloy, DO, MSCH. They are workbooks in Adobe pdf format with small group exercises rather than Powerpoint presentations.


> **Where do You Play? A Boy and his Rash**, 2000. A pediatric case study to illustrate a public health and prevention approach to the acute and chronic health risks of pesticide exposure. Module consists of a notebook with instructor’s guide, case study, mini-lectures designed to teach history-taking and analysis of exposures, appendices of relevant materials, references, and evaluation.

> **An Introduction to Basic Risk Assessment**, 2002. Introduction to risk assessment using case studies to illustrate a public health and prevention approach. Module consists of a notebook with instructor’s guide, case study, mini-lectures designed to teach history-taking and analysis of exposures, appendices of relevant materials, references, and evaluation.

> **Aging Worker (The)** by Richard Sall, MD, Business Health Network.

> **Bioterrorism and the Civilian Response** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, George Washington University Medical Center, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **Bioterrorism-version 2** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, George Washington University Medical Center, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **CAFOs- What Are They and Do They Cause Respiratory Disease** by Susanna Von Essen, MD, MPH, University of Nebraska.

> **Carcinogenesis** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, George Washington University Medical Center, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **Concepts in Risk Communication**, Rebecca Parkin, MPh, PhD, George Washington University, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome** by Richard Sall, MD, Business Health Network.

> **Eliminating Silicosis as an Occupational Risk** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, George Washington University, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **Hepatitis A and B: Travel Risks** by Gordon Early, MD, MPH.

> **Hepatitis C and the Rest of the Alphabet** by Gordon Early, MD, MPH.

> **How to Read an OSHA Standard**, Barbara Coyle, RN, COHN-S, WI Division of Public Health.

> **Indoor Air Quality** by John Oudyk, CIH, Ontario Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW). Uses Canadian standards and laws.

> **Lead: Sources of Occupational Exposure, Clinical Toxicology and Control** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, George Washington University Medical Center, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.

> **Metal Working Fluids**, William Beckett, MD, MPH, University of Rochester School of Medicine.

> **Molds** by Tee Guidotti, MD, MPH, Sylvie Cohen, MD, George Washington University Medical Center, Division of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.
All of the following were developed under the AOE Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) funded through a cooperative agreement with Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry with assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

➤ Recognizing the Impact of Air Pollution on Children’s Health - Larry K. Lowry, PhD, Jeffrey L. Levin, MD, MSPH, Debra C. Cherry, MD, MS, SWPEHSU/University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. Details special concerns for pediatric populations regarding both indoor and outdoor air quality issues.

➤ Mercury in a Home - Larry K. Lowry, PhD, Debra C. Cherry, MD, MS, SWPEHSU/University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and Larissa Velez, MD, North Texas Poison Center, Dallas. Case study of a mercury contamination case.

➤ The Home Environment, Children and Health - Marthaelen Corral, MD, SWPEHSU/University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. Designed for lay audience regarding basic environmental issues. Available in English or Spanish.

➤ Schools as a Pediatric Environment - Larry K. Lowry, PhD, Jeffrey L. Levin, MD, MSPH, SWPEHSU/University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. Overview of the school as an environment where children spend a majority of their time.

➤ Special Problems of Children of Migrant Workers - Larry K. Lowry, PhD, SWPEHSU/The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. Focus on Mexico/US border region.

➤ The Environment and Your Health - Larry K. Lowry, PhD, SWPEHSU/The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. For teen/undergraduate audience. Case study of teenagers and mercury exposures. (CD)

➤ Pediatric Cancer Clusters - Joel Forman, MD, PEHSU, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Introduction to cancer clusters. Includes Toms River study information.

➤ Breast Feeding and Street Drugs - Joel Forman, MD, PEHSU, Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

➤ Lead Poisoning in Children: An Introduction - Joel Forman, MD, PEHSU, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Basic primer on childhood lead poisoning.

➤ Pediatric Environmental Health Issues: An Introduction - Joel Forman, MD, PEHSU, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Overview of issue. What issues should be addressed by general pediatricians.
I apologize for the lateness of this issue. You should have received an AOEC News in April but just the fact that this is a twelve page edition should let you know we’ve been busy. Grace Paranzino’s column details much of the new programmatic activities. We also are working on a number of basic association activities.

In the next two weeks all the clinics will be receiving packets with their current directory listing and staff listings. We will ask all member clinics to update both and plan to distribute new directories in July.

The Board met in March to discuss strategic planning for the organization and to revisit the goals of AOEC. This process has continued via e-mail and there will be a second meeting prior to APHA in November. Clinic members will be receiving the draft goals in the next two weeks to review and we will publish the results for all members to comment on in the next AOEC News.

I would also like to remind members of some of the benefits of AOEC of which you may not be taking advantage.

A side benefit to the AOEC database many of you may not be aware of is the AOEC exposure coding system. This is a user friendly listing of common occupational and environmental exposures set forth in a systematic fashion. There is a look-up program available via the AOEC web site. This program will look up exposures based on official scientific name as well as synonyms. While it doesn’t conta in all possible exposures, it is an excellent program to categorize a majority of exposures seen in an occupational and environmental clinic. The program was developed under our NIOSH cooperative agreement and is available to anyone who would like to use it. Please check out the program on the AOEC website. The look-up program is not only available for use on-line but is also down loadable (one of those new phrases of the internet age) or can be sent via CD. Updates are done periodically based on exposures submitted to the AOEC database not in the program or from users of the program.

Asthma, both non-occupational and occupational is a topic of concern to everyone in the field of occupational health. One criticism of the exposure coding system was the lack of a systematic system for determining what would be called an “asthmagen”. In order to address this problem, AOEC awarded William Beckett, MD, MPH of the University of Rochester a grant to develop a formal AOEC protocol. Dr. Beckett will be presenting his protocol to the Northeast Regional meeting of AOEC (see page 7 for details on the meeting) in Albany on June 19, 2002.

If any of you are not on the OEM List, I strongly recommend joining. The list has recently undergone a behind the scenes make-over which provides even better service than before. For those who don’t like getting loads of messages there are two options. One is the digest which compiles all of the daily messages each day in one combined e-mail message and the other is the announcement list. The latter is the only portion of the OEM List that is tightly controlled. Only Gary Greenberg and the AOEC office can post directly to this list. If you have an announcement of an upcoming conference or course you would like distributed to the announce list, please let us know. Gary tries to catch all the announcements placed on the OEM List but even he occasionally misses something.

Finally, I would like to put in an initial plug for running for the AOEC Board. Elections will be held later this summer but, like the national politicians, it is never too early to start thinking about throwing your hat into the ring. This summer three spots will be open: one clinic slot and two individual slots. Members serve three year terms and attend two Board meetings per year. The remaining communication is conducted via e-mail or conference calls. If you are interested in possibly running, please contact me for further information or contact one of the current Board members to ask their view of serving on the AOEC Board of Directors.
AOEC will be hosting a Northeast Regional Meeting on June 19, 2002 in Albany, NY. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the New York State Occupational Health Clinic Network meeting which will be held on June 20, 2002 in the same location. We have tried to contact all AOEC members in the Northeast region but if you haven’t heard from us directly, you are still cordially invited to join us. As usual, AOEC has a broad definition of region. For this meeting we tried to contact all members north of North Carolina and east of Lake Michigan. We went east to the Atlantic Ocean and north to Hudson Bay. The actual meeting site is the Clarion Hotel and Suites in Latham, NY.

The meeting will include opportunities for members to present what their clinic’s interests are and offer an opportunity to talk with others about their interests. There will be two excellent educational presentations. Mark Russi, MD, MPH of Yale University will discuss the latest research in bloodborne pathogens for health care workers exposed on the job. William Beckett, MD, MPH, Occupational Medicine and Pulmonary and Critical Care Divisions, University of Rochester, will present his work on developing an AOEC protocol for deciding what will be designated as an asthma causing agent in the AOEC exposure coding system.

For those interested in staying over for the NY Clinic Network meeting, Stephen Levin, MD, Mt. Sinai – Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, will be presenting the next morning on current research in adult lead poisoning. Other issues to be discussed on Thursday include health and safety issues of concern to organized labor, quality assurance, and ongoing NY issues.

For those members staying over for the New York Occupational Health Clinic Network meeting or just catching late flights back, there will be an AOEC social on June 19. This will take place in the meeting hotel from 5:00-7:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the AOEC office.
The University of California, Irvine, is seeking an outstanding Occupational Medicine Board Certified physician to become the Director of our occupational medicine residency program. The type of faculty appointment, such as tenure-track or clinical, will be determined based on the candidate's qualifications and interests. University funding for the base salary will be provided regardless of the type of appointment. The ideal candidate would have experience or clear potential for a research-oriented career. However, UC-Irvine will also strongly consider candidates who have outstanding clinical qualifications with residency teaching experience.

The University advertisement for this position was previously published and is included below:

Tenure-track occupational medicine faculty position. The Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine, is seeking an occupational medicine physician with a strong academic interest to join our faculty as a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor. Our program provides occupational medicine specialty services with a broad referral base. In addition to an exciting clinical practice, the successful candidate will be responsible for directing our well-established occupational medicine residency program and will have an active research program. The division has particular interests in a faculty member with expertise in occupational stress and cardiology, pulmonary disease or immunology, emphasizing clinical or epidemiological research. We will consider all candidates with outstanding qualifications and demonstrated potential for research excellence. The candidate must be board certified in occupational medicine and eligible for licensure in the State of California. Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates should send CV and 3 references to Dean Baker, MD, MPH; Professor and Chief, Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, 19722 Mac Arthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA 92612. (dbaker@uci.edu) The University of California is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence through diversity.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is seeking a Deputy Director of the Division of Respiratory Disease Studies (DRDS), Morgantown, WV.

The DRDS is a multi-disciplinary center for research and public health activities providing national and international leadership for the prevention of work-related respiratory illness, injury and death. DRDS engages in public health surveillance, and conducts both hypothesis-testing and opportunity-driven field studies as well as environmental, clinical, and laboratory research to develop improved understanding of the causes and preventive approaches to diminish the burden of occupational lung disease and injury.

The Division is organized into three branches: Field Studies Branch, Surveillance Branch, and the Laboratory Research Branch. DRDS is staffed with approximately 120 scientists, research fellows and support staff. The annual operating budget is approximately $11.5 million dollars.

The Deputy Director is a senior leadership position, responsible for the planning, direction and execution of the activities and services of the Division while contributing to overall Division and Institute leadership. The Deputy Director assists the Director on scientific policies, activities and operations, and represents the Division in meeting with other Federal officials, stakeholders, and representatives of labor and industry.

Salary is dependent upon qualifications and ranges from $76,271 to $116,633. Additional compensation in the form of Physicians Comparability Allowance, Physicians Special Pay or a Recruitment/Relocation bonus may apply. Relocation expenses will be paid.

Programmatic Contact: Gregory R. Wagner, MD, Director, (304)285-5749, Gwagner@cdc.gov
Administrative Contact: David Hamilton, Human Resources Management Office (HRMO), 1095 Willowdale Road, MailStop 1101 Morgantown, WV 26505 (304)285-6070/6071 E-mail: zml4@cdc.gov Fax: (304)285-5891
The Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, School of Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook is seeking an Occupational Medicine physician. The Division extends its clinical and educational expertise to Long Island. The Island’s industries include small and medium size plants, several large companies mostly of electronics and high technology fields. Eastern Long Island is largely agricultural with a significant migrant labor force. The Island’s environmental and occupational problems are not unique, but the opportunity to engage in careful evaluation and analysis of the hazards is a challenging one. In addition to interest in the community populations for occupational and environmental diseases and injuries, the Division contractually assumes the responsibility for its University Hospital Employee Health Service.

The position includes clinical and consulting work, research, teaching, and administrative responsibilities. Candidates must have an MD and be licensed to practice medicine in NYS. Residency training and board certification in Occupational Medicine and certification in primary care specialty is highly desirable. The academic level and salary are commensurate with the candidate's training and experience.

Send CV to: Wajdy L. Hailoo, MD, Division Head Division of Occupational & Environmental Medicine State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York 11794-8036.

The Robert Wood Johnson Medical School - UMDNJ is currently recruiting for an Occupational Health Nurse (32 hours/week) to staff a medical office located at the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory in Princeton, New Jersey. Two years of experience in occupational health nursing, including experience in performing spirometry, audiometry, vision testing, electrocardiograms, phlebotomy, and drug screening, is required. This position offers significant administrative and clinical responsibilities in the setting of a Department of Energy Laboratory involved with advance physics research. Contact Dr. Glenn Greene at (732) 445-0123, ext. 626, or via e-mail at ggreene@ehsi.rutgers.edu.

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler (UTHCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) have a strong commitment to teaching in professional and graduate programs; 2) develop, oversee, and teach a proportion of graduate coursework and thesis research activities for masters level students and occupational medicine residents in an environmental science program which emphasizes occupational health; and 3) establish an active, independent, extramurally-funded research program. Candidate must possess a doctoral level degree in epidemiology or closely related field, with 3-5 years of documented teaching experience preferred. A strong track record of competitive research funding is also desired. Areas of interest include occupational lung disease and occupational/environmental asthma. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current curriculum vitae and arrange for three letters of reference to: Jeffrey L. Levin, MD, MSPH, Professor and Chair, Department of Occupational Health Sciences, The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, 11927 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154, (903)877-5900, fax (903)877-7982, e-mail jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu. UTHCT is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and female applicants are encouraged to apply.

Bayhealth Medical Center, Dover, DE seeks an Occupational Health Clinical Coordinator

Requirements:
- RN, preferably BSN, or advanced certificate.
- OH experience
- supervisory experience preferred
- current Delaware license or able to obtain one
- flexible and fun loving attitude

Description: Occupational Health RN to supervise LPN, Occupational Health technicians, lab/x-ray staff in an Occupational Health setting and also an urgent care setting. Contact: Maria Pini Lindley, 302-674-7979 or Maria_Lindley@Bayhealth.Org

Department of Family Medicine, Wayne State University has faculty positions available in the following areas: Family Practice Residency Program, Occupational Medicine, and Practice-based Research. Board-certified family or occupational medicine physicians with prior teaching and/or research experience desired.

Immediate opening for a Program Director of the Occupational Medicine Residency Program. ABPM certified occupational medicine physician to assume a challenging position with clinical, administrative and scholarly responsibilities. 3-5 years experience in the field of occupational medicine and teaching experience highly desirable.

Multiple research collaboration opportunities are available within the academic medical center and community. Academic rank commensurate with experience, competitive salary and benefit plan.

Send CV to: Maryjean Schenk, MD, MPH, MS, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Wayne State University, 101 E. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201 (313) 577-1421
Courses & Upcoming Events

June 2002
- AOEC Northeast Regional Meeting (see page) and New York State Clinic Network Meeting, June 19-20, 2002, Latham, NY. Contact: AOEC office 202/347-4976 or Email: kkirkland@aoec.org.

July 2002
- SOEH International Pesticide Exposure and Health, July 8-12, 2002, NIH Natcher Center, Bethesda, MD. Contact: Robin Turner, robin@degnon.org

- 15th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Institute, Center for Occupational & Environmental Health, University of California, Berkeley, July 29-August 2, 2002, Concord, CA (San Francisco area). Phone: 510/643-7277 or visit: http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/

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- The 2002 North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology, September 24-29, 2002, Palm Springs, CA. Visit: www.nacct.org or contact: 925/828-7100, Ext. 0


October 2002
- Mold, Spores & Remediation Hands-On Workshop, October 21-24, 2002, Cincinnati, OH. Contact: aschmid@acgih.org, phone 513/742-2020 or visit: www.acgih.org


- Third International Symposium on Silica, Silicosis, Cancer and Other Diseases (ISSSCOD3), October 23-25, 2002, Santa Margherita, Ligure, Italy. For more information visit: www.silicaandhealth.com.


March 2003
A unique doctoral program is available to prepare researchers in the area of health services research with a focus on occupational safety and health issues. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health offers a joint PhD program in Health Services Research in Occupational Safety and Health (HSROSH). This program facilitates research and collaboration with faculty in the Department of Health Policy and Administration and the University's Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center, as well as in Carolina's Injury Prevention Research Center and Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research.

Specific areas of study include the organization, financing, and management of occupational health services and delivery systems; evaluation of quality, outcomes, cost-benefit, and cost-effectiveness of occupational safety and health services; and injury trend analysis related to workers' compensation and disability management. Diverse approaches are needed to address important areas.

The residential program requires graduate coursework including the health policy and administration department core courses; methods; health services research; occupational safety and health; and a minor area such as epidemiology, economics, sociology, or political science. The program is designed to be completed in four years. Traineeships funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are available for full-time students admitted to the program. These traineeships are open only to citizens of the United States or those with permanent visa status.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed and submitted an application form, supplemental application materials, three letters of recommendation, official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, and official report of GRE scores. Deadline for admission consideration is January 1, 2003.

For more information, please contact either Bonnie Rogers (919-966-1765; rogersb@email.unc.edu) or Susan Randolph (919-966-0979; susan.randolph@unc.edu). Other information is available at the website: www.sph.unc.edu/hpaa.

Obtain a Master of Public Health Degree with a concentration in Occupational Health Nursing via Distance Learning. The distance learning course of study through the University of North Carolina is a combination of internet-based study, independent study, and two on-campus summer sessions, each lasting 2 1/2 weeks. Program may be completed in 2 1/2 years.

For more information, contact Bonnie Rogers, Program Director, University of North Carolina: phone 919-966-1765 or email: brogers@sph.unc.edu or Judy Ostendorf: phone 919-966-2597 or email: judy_ostendorf@unc.edu.
The University of Utah Occupational Medicine program has a Residency position available for either a PGY-2 or a PGY-3 for 2002-2003.

For information, please contact Karen Bradakis, Program Coordinator: 801-581-3841 or kbradakis@dfpm.utah.edu

PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE Lead in Brass Keys Information Sheets

California has one of the toughest lead disclosure laws in the country. Due to that law, information sheets are available from the Public Health Institute on a number of lead exposures. The latest is on potential lead exposure from brass keys. These information sheets are available through the web site at [www.chilhealthcare.org](http://www.chilhealthcare.org).

The information sheets recognize that keys are not a primary source of lead exposure but are published to prevent added exposure to already vulnerable populations.

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