

## *AOEC E-News April 2011*

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### *AOEC Activities*

The NIOSH conference, *Eliminating Health and Safety Disparities at Work*, is to be held on September 14 and 15, 2011 in Chicago. The conference is co-sponsored by NIEHS, EPA and OSHA and is hosted by the UIC School of Public Health. Registration is now available at: <http://www.aoecdata.org/Conferences/HealthDisparities/index.html>

Pending final legal paperwork, the AOEC staff should soon take over the administrative responsibility for the *Society for Occupational and Environmental Health* (SOEH). The two organizations will continue to be separate entities with their own Boards of Directors, newsletters and web sites. However, having AOEC staff provide the management duties will allow greater cooperation between the two organizations. Those of you who are members of SOEH can expect your dues notices and an update within the next six weeks.

AOEC members are asked to submit comments on an EPA petition to require that pesticide labels be in both English and Spanish. The impetus for this petition came from Dr. Jose Rodriguez, a migrant clinician in who is the medical director of Hospital General Castaner, a Migrant/Community Health Center in center of the Puerto Rico. Currently, although many manufacturers have labels for their products in Spanish due to international sales, there are no requirements for labels on non restricted use pesticides to be provided in Spanish in Puerto Rico. This is not just a problem in Puerto Rico. Between 1998 and 2005, 3,281 cases of acute occupational pesticide poisonings among agricultural workers were identified through the NIOSH supported Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupational Risks (SENSOR) Pesticides program and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Of these cases, 727 (22%) had information on race or ethnicity. Of these 727 cases, 502 (69%) were Hispanic.

EPA is accepting comments on the petition until June 28, 2011. The petition and EPA's March 30, 2011 Federal Register notice announcing it are available in docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0014 at [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You may submit comments at the same web site.

While H&S issues are falling by the wayside in many states, the state of Washington is moving ahead with a vengeance. Businesses in Washington are now required to fix workplace hazards even when they appeal a citation from the Department of Labor & Industries. L&I will now put together a group of stakeholders to develop the rules to implement this new bill. Visit [www.Lni.wa.gov](http://www.Lni.wa.gov) for more information.

Earlier this month the University of Pennsylvania Program on Regulation rolled out a new website called "RegBlog," (<http://www.regblog.org>), which features news, research reports, and opinion pieces on regulatory issues. Recent topics covered have included the Obama executive

order on regulation, constitutional litigation over health care, and the effect of federal budget cuts on agency efforts to increase transparency and right-to-know. If you want to find out more about RegBlog, please email [regblog@law.upenn.edu](mailto:regblog@law.upenn.edu) with any questions.

### **Joseph Schwerha 1938-2011**

Many of us remember him in his role at the University of Pittsburgh Occupational Medicine clinic both as the AOEC contact and as the former residency program director. He also served as the former General Manager of Health Services and Corporate Medical Director at United States Steel. He was very active in many aspects of the occupational medicine community.

Dr. Schwerha was a mentor to many in the residency programs, as well as a respected colleague, a family man, and, most of all, a friend and gentleman to many of us in occupational health.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-j-schwerha&pid=150620945>

### ***View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director***

I sent out an update earlier this month when the FY2011 budget was finally passed. There are a few updates to that earlier memo. One of the main issues to be resolved is what CDC Director Frieden does to the various Center budgets. While the federal budget dictates certain cuts, Dr. Frieden has the authority to distribute funding throughout the various Centers unless said funds are specifically allocated by Congress. What this means in a practical sense is that NCEH could lose a lot of their asthma funds to another Center also working on asthma issues. Dr. Frieden also has the authority to require the CDC Centers to increase the percentage of their funding that goes to support CDC infrastructure. This too could mean another cut to NIOSH or NCEH programs as funds go from Center specific projects to CDC operational funds.

While the details of that are being finalized, we're on to the 2012 budget. You don't need a crystal ball to know there are more budget battles ahead for occupational and environmental health agencies and public health in general.

The Education and Research Centers (ERC) program and the entire Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry (AFF) sectors are still zeroed out in the President's 2012 budget. While no one expects the President to formally change his budget, I'm told that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) wasn't terribly receptive to a letter from Senator Murray and Rep. George Miller expressing their concerns.

[http://murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=NewsReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=10f5ee80-916b-41ee-9524-742fc79e9874](http://murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=NewsReleases&ContentRecord_id=10f5ee80-916b-41ee-9524-742fc79e9874)

OSHA and EPA aren't targeted by the President's budget but all the media and press releases are reporting that the 2012 budget bill H.CON.RES.34 that just passed the House does. There's just one problem. The version of the House bill available from the Library of Congress web site doesn't get to that level of detail. In fact, there is very little detail at all.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:1:./temp/~bd54u6::/bss/> Once again, the heavy lifting on detailed budget issues will have to be resolved by the various appropriations committees.

For those of you who want to voice an opinion on the budget issues, your Congressional representatives can be reached through either <http://www.senate.gov/> or <http://www.house.gov/>. Unfortunately, reaching your Congressional representatives is somewhat problematic. E-mails tend to get lost in the huge volumes that are sent daily (think your own e-mail volume and multiply by several factors of 10) and letters still get sent to a special facility to be sterilized thanks to the 2001 anthrax letters. The best option is to call your representatives nearest local office and get a fax number.

### *New from Federal Agencies*

#### **NIOSH**

On April 14, NIOSH released "Current Intelligence Bulletin 63: Occupational Exposure to Titanium Dioxide." This Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) marks the first time NIOSH has released two separate guidelines for the same chemical based on particle size. Occupational exposures to TiO<sup>2</sup> can include exposures to particles in the nanoscale of size.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-04-18-11.html>

NIOSH, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and The Joint Commission announced on April 8 a joint letter to hospital and health care employers, reminding them that hazardous drugs such as antineoplastic drugs can pose serious job-related health risks to workers if proper precautions are not used in handling the drugs. The letter highlighted the need for safe practices as recommended by NIOSH in its Alert on hazardous drugs.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-04-08-11.html>

A new NIOSH Workplace Solutions bulletin, April 2011, recommends developing a hazardous-energy-control program, including lockout and tagout procedures and worker training, to prevent occupational injuries and death during machine maintenance and servicing.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2011-156/>

#### **OSHA**

##### *New Heat Illness H&S Materials*

OSHA has developed heat illness educational materials in English and Spanish, as well as a curriculum to be used for workplace training. Additionally, a new Web page provides information and resources on heat illness – including how to prevent it and what to do in case of an emergency – for workers and employers. The page is available at

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>.

Federal OSHA has worked closely with the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration to adapt materials from that state's successful outreach campaign on heat illness for use in this national effort. In addition, OSHA is now partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on weather service alerts that will incorporate worker safety precautions when heat alerts are issued across the U.S. NOAA also will include pertinent worker safety information on its Heat Watch Web page at <http://www.noaawatch.gov/themes/heat.php>.

## **CDC/ATSDR**

May is Asthma Awareness Month. CDC will release its Asthma *Vital Signs* on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, which coincides with World Asthma Day. More information can be accessed on the CDC *Vital Signs* website: [www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/).

## **EPA**

EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is accepting public nominations for experts to serve on the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council), Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), and Science Advisory Board (SAB), and certain SAB standing committees (e.g. SAB Drinking Water Committee, SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, SAB Exposure and Human Health Committee, SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee, Radiation Advisory Committee).

The public may provide nominations to the Council, CASAC, and SAB, as described in the Federal Register Notice published on April 15, 2011, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-04-15/pdf/2011-9212.pdf>. More information about each of these groups, and how to make nominations, can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-04-15/pdf/2011-9212.pdf>

## **MSHA**

***Last Chance to comment: Comments must now be received by midnight EST on May 2, 2011.***

The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration has extended the comment period for the proposed rule "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors." Information about the proposed rule and how to comment is found at: <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/11/15/2010-28676/lowering-miners-exposure-to-respirable-coal-mine-dust-including-continuous-personal-dust-monitors> MSHA will accept post-hearing written comments and other appropriate information for the record from any interested parties.

## ***Positions Available***

### **Denver Health (DH) Director of Denver Public Health (DPH)**

The Director oversees the clinical, community-based, core public health and research activities of DPH and reports to the CEO of DH. DPH is a component of DH, a national model integrated academic urban safety net health care system that includes a 500 bed acute care hospital, the 911 paramedic system, eight community health centers, the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center, a 100 bed non-medical

detoxification center, the Rocky Mountain Center for the Medical Response to Terrorism, Mass Casualties and Epidemics, and an HMO. The system serves 160,000 users. DH is formally affiliated with the University of Colorado Schools of Medicine and Public Health where all faculty have full-time academic appointments.

Candidates must be a physician executive, Board Certified, preferably in a primary care discipline or preventive medicine and have a minimum of eight years as the director of complex organizational units. A Masters in Public Health or Health Administration is preferred. Visit <http://denverhealth.org/DH Careers/PhysicianPositions/DirectorDenverPublicHealth.aspx> for more information. Interested candidates should submit their curriculum vitae, a letter detailing their qualifications and references to Paul Melinkovich, MD, Director of Community Health, 777 Bannock Street, and MC0278, Denver, CO 80204-4507 or email: [paul.melinkovich@dhha.org](mailto:paul.melinkovich@dhha.org).

### **Luther Midelfort-Mayo Health System OM Physician**

Physician to join established Occupational Medicine department. BC/BE primary care physician with Occupational Medicine experience appropriate. MRO certification desired. Emphasis on clinical skills, complex injury treatment, illness evaluation and return-to-work desired. No call. EMR, PACS. Two year salary guarantee and incentive. Complete benefit package. Luther Midelfort is a physician-directed, 250-physician, multispecialty clinic and integrated hospital owned by Mayo Clinic. Eau Claire, metro area of 95,000, home to 11,200 students at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is 90 minutes east of Minneapolis/St Paul. Contact Cyndi Edwards, 800-573-2580; fax 715-838-6192; e-mail [edwards.cyndi@mayo.edu](mailto:edwards.cyndi@mayo.edu). EOE

### **Bellevue/NYU Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic Occupational Health Nurse**

The BNOEMC is located in New York City and is affiliated with NYU Langone Medical Center. The clinic provides evidence-based clinical, preventive and educational occupational health services to working populations in NYC at high risk for occupational diseases and documents the diseases and exposures that affect this very diverse population.

Job Responsibilities include patient evaluation and counseling; case management which includes coordinating patient follow-up, clinical services and rounds and working with the multi-disciplinary team; assisting with workplace and home environmental evaluations and interventions; developing and coordinating an occupational disease/exposure screening program and other clinical screening projects; assisting with the development and writing of research grants and reports; and occupational health outreach.

Job Qualifications include RN or RNP with at least one year clinical nursing experience, and at least one of: 1) Masters' degree in public health or related field, or 2) Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist (COHN-S), or 3) demonstrated familiarity with occupational health, epidemiology, clinical toxicology and industrial hygiene. Other requirements include excellent English written and verbal communication skills and working knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint). Interested candidates should send your resume to: George Friedman-Jimenez, MD, Medical Director, Bellevue / NYU Occupational & Environmental Medicine Clinic, 462 First Ave, Room A722, New York, NY 10016 or email your resume to [george.friedman.jimenez@nyu.edu](mailto:george.friedman.jimenez@nyu.edu). You may call Dr. Friedman-Jimenez at (212) 562-4572 if you have questions about the position.

**Department Of Veterans Affairs - Occupational Health Director  
Philadelphia VA Medical Center**

The Philadelphia VAMC is seeking a candidate for one full-time Director of Occupational Health Services Staff Physician position, responsible for the overall functioning, supervision and clinical operation of the Occupational Health Services program.

Job Announcement Number: 48-11

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=97616107&JobTitle=Staff+Physician+-+Occupational+Health+Director&q=48-11&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=0&y=0&AVSDM=2011-03-09+09%3a36%3a0>

**Drexel University School of Public Health-Associate/Full Professor**

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health is recruiting for a University-funded position as an **Associate/Full Professor** for a tenured or tenure track appointment (depending on qualifications). The successful candidate will have demonstrated expertise in areas of occupational and environmental health research and be able to mentor junior faculty. Of particular interest is research in areas of health effects of environmental exposures, injury epidemiology and occupational health psychology.

The ideal candidate will have shown abilities to [a] develop research methods in exposure assessment and/or epidemiology and [b] translate research findings into community-level interventions. Experience working internationally on collaborative multi-center projects is desirable. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate level course in their area of expertise. Additional qualifications include a Doctoral degree in relevant discipline and prior experience teaching and supervising graduate students. Application review will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Send a letter of interest and CV to: Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Drexel University School of Public Health, 1505 Race Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or via email [alf13@drexel.edu](mailto:alf13@drexel.edu)

**Director, Division of Occupational Medicine Department of Preventive Medicine**

The Mount Sinai School of Medicine seeks an experienced Physician (MD), Board-certified in Occupational Medicine at the Associate to full Professor level, to direct the Division of Occupational Medicine located within the Department of Preventive Medicine. The qualified candidate must have strong academic credentials, supervisory experience and a willingness to lead a strong academic program in a complex environment.

The Mount Sinai Division of Occupational Medicine, one of the largest and most renowned academic occupational medicine programs in the United States, traces its origins to the pioneering epidemiologic studies of workers exposed to asbestos led by the late Irving J. Selikoff, MD. Today the Division encompasses clinical programs in occupational medicine, including the New York State-funded Irving J. Selikoff Center in Occupational Medicine; the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program providing diagnostic and treatment services to over 25,000 workers and volunteers who served in New York City after 9/11; the World Trade Center Data and Coordination Center; research programs in occupational epidemiology and ergonomics; and training programs in occupational health - a residency program in occupational medicine, the NIOSH-supported New York-New Jersey Education and Research Center (ERC) and teaching programs for medical and MPH students.

Interested candidates should submit a CV to: [philip.landrigan@mssm.edu](mailto:philip.landrigan@mssm.edu) or call: 212-824-7046.

### **Mine Safety and Health Administration: Two Openings**

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances

U.S. Department of Labor Job Announcement Number: DOL-SES-MSHA-11-09

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=97989567&JobTitle=Director%2c+Office+of+Standards%2c+Regulations+and+Variances&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&jbf565=1&Facet=E&where=Arlington%2c+VA&x=0&y=0&jbf574=DL\\*&AVSDM=2011-03-23+09%3a10%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=97989567&JobTitle=Director%2c+Office+of+Standards%2c+Regulations+and+Variances&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&jbf565=1&Facet=E&where=Arlington%2c+VA&x=0&y=0&jbf574=DL*&AVSDM=2011-03-23+09%3a10%3a00)

Director, Technical Support

Job Announcement Number: DOL-SES-MSHA-11-08

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=98062335&JobTitle=Director%2c+Technical+Support&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&jbf565=1&Facet=E&where=washington%2c+dc&x=0&y=0&jbf574=DL\\*&AVSDM=2011-03-25+10%3a15%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=98062335&JobTitle=Director%2c+Technical+Support&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&jbf565=1&Facet=E&where=washington%2c+dc&x=0&y=0&jbf574=DL*&AVSDM=2011-03-25+10%3a15%3a00)

### **San Francisco Police Department—Physician Opening**

The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) has a physician job opening in their Medical Liaison Unit. The incumbent serves as a specialist in occupational health, conducts pre-employment physical examinations of candidates for the Police Department; assesses medical or physical competence of staff to perform assigned duties; participates in the identification and assessment of occupational hazards and injuries; develops and implements preventive and educational strategies; makes expert diagnoses, interpretations and recommendations on a consultative level. Please refer to the job announcement and information on how to apply at:

<http://www.jobaps.com/sf/sup/BulPreview.asp?R1=PEX&R2=2230&R3=056844>

### **Fellowship Training Program in Medical Toxicology**

The Drexel University College of Medicine (Philadelphia, PA), Department of Emergency Medicine, Division of Medical Toxicology is recruiting candidates for their Fellowship Training Program in Medical Toxicology. Our program is one of the nation's oldest Fellowship Training Programs in Medical Toxicology. This 24 month training program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and emphasizes occupational and environmental toxicology with strong training in emergency and critical care toxicology. In addition, extensive opportunities are available for research, publication and teaching in the setting of a progressive and innovative medical school. Program graduates are eligible to sit for the certification examination in Medical Toxicology by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. For additional information contact Program Director, Michael I. Greenberg, MD, MPH at [mgreenbe@drexelmed.edu](mailto:mgreenbe@drexelmed.edu)

### ***Conferences and Meetings***

#### **Safe Lifting and Moving In Health Care: Tools·Policies·Programs for Injury Prevention May 12, 2011**

**Naperville, Illinois**

This conference will provide strategies and resources to design and sustain safe lifting and moving programs in acute care, long term care, community, and home care settings. Participants will discover

why safe lifting and moving programs are cost-effective in reducing injuries among care givers and their patients/residents/clients; hear case examples of successful lifting and moving programs in acute care, long term care, and long term care settings; become familiar with the latest developments in assistive equipment and devices in health care; receive technical assistance in designing or sustaining lifting and moving programs; get updates on the safe lifting law in Illinois, national legislative trends and OSHA guidelines. Registration: <http://guest.cvent.com/d/wdqt6r>. More information: [lovem@uic.edu](mailto:lovem@uic.edu)

### **American Thoracic Society Conference**

**May 13 – 18, 2011**

**Denver, CO**

<http://www.thoracic.org/>

### **AIHce 2011 Innovate. Integrate. Inspire.**

**May 14 -19, 2011**

**Portland, OR**

Co-sponsored by AIHA® and ACGIH® The Premier Conference & Exposition for OEHS Professionals. Online registration and hotel reservations for AIHce 2011 will open in December. [www.aihce2011.org](http://www.aihce2011.org)

The 2nd International **Symposium on Wood Dust** will be held concurrently with the AIHce. More information at [www.wooddust2011.org](http://www.wooddust2011.org)

### **13th Annual Occupational Health Symposium Session III: Safety and Ergonomics**

**May 20, 2011**

**Coralville, IA**

This program will provide current information on selected occupational safety and ergonomics topics and provide important resources and networking opportunities necessary for keeping current in safety, ergonomics, industrial hygiene, occupational health and safety. CE credit: AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM, American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) Certification Maintenance (CM) Points, Nursing CEUs and General CEUs. **Contact:** Colleen Gross-Advani at 319.335.4684 or [colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu](mailto:colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu)

### **Provincial Education Day and 2011 Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Association Conference**

**May 25 – 27, 2011**

**Banff, Alberta**

The conference is open to all nurses. The conference theme is *Refresh...Mind, Body, Spirit*. For Complete Conference Session and Registration Information

[http://www.aohna.ab.ca/2011/2011\\_05\\_27\\_aohna\\_conference\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.aohna.ab.ca/2011/2011_05_27_aohna_conference_brochure.pdf)

The conference is being held at the luxurious Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Phone ~1-800-441-1414 or via e-mail ~ [bshreservations@fairmont.com](mailto:bshreservations@fairmont.com) ~ Request AOHNA conference rate.

### **Occupational Health and Safety Principles & Nursing Certification Review**

**May 25 & 26, 2011**

**Chicago, IL**

State of the art information in the field of occupational and environmental health and safety; Comprehensive workbook/resource manuals and classroom materials; Test taking techniques and strategies for examination preparation; written tests prior, during, and at conclusion of seminar; Participative lectures. Contact Marilyn B. Bingham, MS at 312-996-6904, [syn@uic.edu](mailto:syn@uic.edu) or register at <http://guest.cvent.com/d/6dqg5d>

## **Occupational and Environmental Exposures of Skin to Chemicals Conference**

**June 5-8, 2011**

**Toronto, ON**

Presenting new research on the current challenges in the prevention of occupational and environmental dermal exposures. <http://www.oeesc.org/>

## **Radiation Safety Officer Training for Laboratory Professionals**

**June 6 - 10, 2011**

**Boston, MA**

This 40-hour training program is specifically designed to train researchers and safety officers with the necessary skills to implement a radiation protection program in the biotechnology, university, hospital, or medical laboratory setting. <https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/RSO>

## **Agricultural Medicine: Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals**

**Iowa City, IA**

**6/13/2011 - 6/17/2011**

This program will provide current information on agricultural injuries, zoonotic diseases, musculoskeletal diseases and ergonomics, skin diseases, respiratory diseases, noise induced hearing loss, cancer, behavioral health issues, health effects of pesticides, and general environmental hazards. CE offered: AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM and Nursing CEUs. **Contact:** Kay Mohling at 319.335.4219 or [kay-mohling@uiowa.edu](mailto:kay-mohling@uiowa.edu)

## **Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene: The Application of Basic Principles**

**June 13 - 17, 2011**

**Boston, MA**

This intensive one-week program presents the principles and practice of industrial hygiene and its basis in science, engineering, and medicine. <https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Industrial-Hygiene>

## **Preventing and Treating Biological Exposures**

**June 15-17, 2011**

**San Diego, CA.**

The second annual CDC-sponsored occupational health colloquium is presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Eagleson Institute, and Elizabeth R. Griffin Research Foundation and sponsored by the American Biological Safety Association, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and the California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

The gathering is designed for occupational medicine, infectious disease and emergency physicians; physician assistants and nurse practitioners; occupational health nurses; veterinarians and biosafety professionals. For more information, go to [www.eagleson.org/OCCHEALTH](http://www.eagleson.org/OCCHEALTH) or call Eagleson Institute at 207-490-1076.

## **International Forum on Occupational Health and Safety: Policies, Profiles and Services**

**June 20-22, 2011**

**Espoo, Finland**

Important dates:

Deadline for early registration 31 March 2011

Further information available at:

[http://www.ttl.fi/en/international/conferences/ohs\\_forum\\_2011/pages/default.aspx](http://www.ttl.fi/en/international/conferences/ohs_forum_2011/pages/default.aspx)

**Public Health Leadership: The Key to a Healthier Nation**  
**USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium**  
**June 20 – 23, 2011**  
**New Orleans, LA**

The conference will feature 3 1/2 jam-packed days of informative keynotes; track sessions on an array of topics; more than 80 companies showcasing the latest products and services; a full-day of profession-specific topics and more. Visit [www.phscofevents.org](http://www.phscofevents.org) for more information or to submit abstracts. For additional information contact: [info@phscofevents.org](mailto:info@phscofevents.org)

**National Healthy Homes Conference**  
**June 20-23, 2011**  
**Denver, CO**

The 2011 National Healthy Homes Conference is a federally-sponsored event bringing together a wide range of sectors to better coordinate efforts in making housing healthy, safe, and environmentally sustainable. This Conference is hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Information available at <http://www.healthyhomesconference.org/>

**American Public Health Association's Midyear Meeting**  
**June 23-25, 2011**  
**Chicago, IL**

Join APHA members to discuss *Implementing Health Reform - A Public Health Approach*. This meeting will equip attendees from federal, state, local and tribal agencies and organizations with the tools needed for implementing the provisions of the Affordable Care Act and improving health outcomes in communities across the country. For a full description of the meeting, visit [www.apha.org/midyear](http://www.apha.org/midyear).

**34th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Summer Institute**  
**Norfolk, Virginia**  
**July 25-29, 2011**

Presented by the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center at the University of North Carolina, the **34th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Summer Institute** is designed to provide practical information and a forum for the exchange of ideas among participants with widely diverse backgrounds. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/institutes/summer11/index.htm>

**25th Annual Occupational Health Nursing Certification (COHN and COHN-S) Review**  
**Norfolk, VA**  
**July 25-27, 2011**

The course is taught by Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, RN, FAAOHN, Judy Ostendorf, MPH, COHN-S, CCM, FAAOHN and Kathleen Buckheit, MPH, RN, COHN-S/CM/SM, FAAOHN.  
[http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/ohn\\_cert\\_rev\\_11.htm](http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/ohn_cert_rev_11.htm).

**NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training for Workers Screening Course**  
**7/28/2011 - 7/29/2011**  
**Coralville, IA**

The course is designed to provide a comprehensive theoretical framework combined with practical training necessary to conduct spirometry testing and screening for workers. CE offered: Nursing CEUs.  
**Contact:** Colleen Gross-Advani at 319.335.4684 or [colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu](mailto:colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu) (Note: Hotels filling up fast due to RAGBRAI aka bike ride across Iowa)

**4th Summer School Occupational Health Crossing Borders, Munich, Germany  
August 1st to August 13th, 2011**

**Munich, Germany**

Prof. Dr. Katja Radon is the academic director for the program. The overall aim is to train physicians and other health specialists currently working or being trained in occupational health (OH) from low and middle income countries. It provides the opportunity to explore the different OH systems throughout the world while discussing important aspects in the field across Europe, paying particular attention to the system in Germany. The German Academic Exchange Service is supporting 25 participants with a scholarship, covering the tuition fee, a subsidy for the flight and accommodation. Course fees are 400€ Euros registration fee, 300€ Euros tuition fee and 1000€ Euros for accommodation. Prerequisite for an application is very good knowledge in English as well as a sound knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods. The Summer School is being accredited with 6 ECTS points as well as 60 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits by the Bavarian Chamber of Physicians.

For further information and application please see [www.cih.lmu.de](http://www.cih.lmu.de) or email to [occupational-health@med.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:occupational-health@med.uni-muenchen.de).

**NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course  
8/24/2011**

**Coralville, IA**

The course is designed to provide a review of current testing standards and guidelines, common errors and corrective actions and how to differentiate between normal, obstructive, restrictive and mixed disease lung function patterns. CE offered: Nursing CEUs. **Contact:** Colleen Gross-Advani at 319.335.4684 or [colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu](mailto:colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu)

**6th International Scientific Conference on Bioaerosols, Fungi, Bacteria, Mycotoxins in Indoor and Outdoor Environments and Human Health.**

**September 6 - 9, 2011**

**Saratoga Springs, New York, USA**

The program will Natural disaster, flooding, water damage and emergency response, Advances in health outcome research, treatment, prevention and education, Remediation and Mitigation, Young Investigator Research, Developing and transitional countries, Novel concepts and approaches in patient diagnosis and care. Registration: <http://www.bioaerosol.org/node/13>

**EPICOH 2011**

**Oxford, UK**

**September 7-9, 2011**

22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference on occupational epidemiology has a strong focus on methodology, including exposure assessment. The early bird registration ends June 30, 2011. More information about the 2011 Oxford conference at <http://epicohoxford2011.org.uk/>

**19th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work**

**September 11-15, 2011**

**Istanbul, Turkey**

The program will consist of an opening, plenary sessions, technical sessions and symposia as well as a high-level closing session, to elaborate on the motto and the themes of the World Congress. Speaker's corners, poster sessions, a safety and health exhibition and the international Film and Multimedia Festival round up the conference program. \$500 USD (Early Bird Registration). For more information:

<http://www.safety2011turkey.org>

**Pulmonary Function Testing****September 12-13, 2011****Salt Lake City, UT**CEUs offered. **Contact:** Luz Dominguez at 801-581-7909 or [luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu)**The International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE)****September 13-16****Barcelona, Spain**

Specific themes; Sustainable transport and health: Impact of transport on health and approaches to reduce health impacts; impact of climate change: from water scarcity to Saharan dust episodes; early exposure - later life: in utero and early life exposures and effects in later life; and new methods and technologies.

Regular session abstracts are due March 15. For students there are some travel support awards available.

Much more information is available at <http://www.isee2011.org/>.

**Eliminating Health and Safety Disparities at Work****September 14 and 15, 2011****Chicago, Illinois**

This first national conference on occupational health and safety disparities will bring together people from multiple disciplines and perspectives to address the social, cultural, and economic factors that create and perpetuate disparities due to the work environment. The conference is co-sponsored by NIEHS, OSHA, and EPA. Registration is at <http://www.aocdata.org/Conferences/HealthDisparities/index.html>

Additional information contact: Sherry Baron: [sbaron@cdc.gov](mailto:sbaron@cdc.gov), Andrea Steege: [asteege@cdc.gov](mailto:asteege@cdc.gov),

**CAOHC-Approved Occupational Hearing Conservation****Full Certification:** September 14-16**Recertification:** September 15**Salt Lake City, UT**

The purpose of this CAOHC-approved course is to provide instruction in audiometric testing through lecture and practicum experience for occupational health professionals who administer audiometric testing as required by regulations including the OSHA Hearing Conservation Amendment (29 CFR 1910.95) and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Health Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure 30 CFR 62. CEUs offered. **Contact:** Luz Dominguez at 801-581-7909 or [luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu)

**Fourth International Conference on Unemployment, Job Insecurity and Health From unemployment to sustainable participation in Work - Research, Interventions and Policies****September 21-23, 2011****Hanasaari Cultural Center, Espoo, Finland**

Call for abstracts now open.

Proposals for poster or paper presentations and symposia are considered.

Deadline for proposals is April 15, 2011. More information at

[www.ttl.fi/ujih2011](http://www.ttl.fi/ujih2011) <<http://www.ttl.fi/ujih2011>**Ergonomics and Human Factors: Strategic Solutions for Workplace Safety and Health****October 3 - 6, 2011****Boston, MA**

This program provides a unique perspective on ergonomics and human factors in industry, ranging from musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) of the low back and manual materials handling to human error and organizational factors. <https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Ergonomics>

**Occupational Medicine for Primary Care Providers: Focus on Gulf Oil Clean-up HHE Issues  
October 7-8, 2011**

**New Orleans, LA**

Main contact: Vickie Mason at UTSPH, toll-free 866.394-8700. Alternate contact Mitzi Harris at UTHSC-Tyler 903.877-5636.

**The Fifth National Occupational Injury Research Symposium, NOIRS 2010**

**October 18-20, 2011**

**Morgantown, WV**

NIOSH's partners in the symposium, an international forum on latest research for preventing work-related injuries, are the Liberty Mutual Institute for Research and Safety, and the National Safety Council.

Deadline for abstracts: April 1, 2011. Additional information: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirs/2011/>

**Advancing Exposure Science for Environmental Health  
International Society for Exposure Science (ISES) Annual Meeting  
October 23-27, 2011.**

**Baltimore, MD**

The 21st meeting of ISES will gather scientists from all over the globe to share current research activities and explore emerging trends in exposure science and environmental health. Information at:

<http://ises2011.memberclicks.net/>. For questions, please contact [ises2011@icfi.com](mailto:ises2011@icfi.com).

**The National Worker Health and Safety Training Conference and Summit**

**October 28-29, 2011**

**The Maritime Institute, Baltimore, MD**

This conference will help health and safety activists gain the tools they need to improve workplace conditions, as well as provide a forum for developing strategies for policy advocacy.

The annual Summit, focusing on developing strategies for policy advocacy, will take place as part of this conference and will begin with lunch at noon on Saturday October 29.

Participants will be able to register for the full two day conference or for just the half day Summit on Saturday. Additional information and online registration at [www.coshnetwork.org](http://www.coshnetwork.org). If you have questions, please contact Peter Dooley at [peterfdooley@gmail.com](mailto:peterfdooley@gmail.com)

**NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher**

**November 18, 2011**

**Salt Lake City, UT**

CEUs offered. **Contact:** Luz Dominguez at 801-581-7909 or [luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu)

**NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training for Workers Screening Course**

**November 17-18, 2011**

**Coralville, IA**

Continuing Education credit offered: Nursing CEUs. Contact: Colleen Gross-Advani at 319.335.4684 or [colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu](mailto:colleen-gross-advani@uiowa.edu)

***Ongoing Educational Courses***

**Two New Nursing CNE Activities on Asthma Triggers Posted**

In conjunction with Dr. Helen Miner, Director of AHEC and Dr. Barbara Huggins from "Dose of Health" CBS 19, the Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health developed two continuing education courses targeted toward school nurses. Both courses discuss Asthma Triggers and Asthma Management techniques. The Asthma Primer course is designed to provide a medical knowledge base of the disease

and provide resources and tools for management of the disease in the school setting. After this program the school nurse should be able to identify causes, signs, and symptoms of Asthma and be able to identify asthma triggers and their impact on learning. The school nurse will also be able to identify how their school can become Asthma friendly environments, control asthma episodes, and manage asthma in students. The Asthma Triggers course goes into depth, describing different categories of asthma triggers and how they can be identified. Both courses stress the importance of utilizing an Asthma Management Plan that is personalized for each child. You can access the courses free of charge at [www.swcpeh.org/providers\\_ceupres.asp](http://www.swcpeh.org/providers_ceupres.asp)

So far over 80 continuing nursing education units have been awarded to over 40 school districts in Texas. However, the courses are eligible to be taken by any healthcare professional in the United States. If you have any questions regarding the courses, you may contact the program administrator, Shannon Cox at 903-877-5045 or at [shannon.cox@uthct.edu](mailto:shannon.cox@uthct.edu).

**The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine** ([www.necoem.org](http://www.necoem.org)) has nine highly informative lectures on occupational and environmental medicine for its podcast site. These were lectures delivered during the December 2009 NECOEM Conference in Boston. Simply go to [www.necoem.libsyn.com](http://www.necoem.libsyn.com). Lectures included: 1. Moving Beyond Fossil Fuels: Good Science Makes Good Policy (John Spengler, PhD and Richard Donahue, MD, MPH) 2. Surgical Considerations for the Injured Worker With Low Back Pain (Terrence Doorly, MD) 3. Adolescent and Child Labor, at Home and Abroad (Rose Goldman, MD, MPH) 4. FMLA: A Corner of the Bermuda Triangle (Adam Forman, Esq.) 5. Respirator Safety in Workers With COPD and Asthma (Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, MPH) 6. Components of Long Working Hours and Implications for Occupational Medicine (David Lombardi, PhD) 7. Pandemic Influenza: Protection of Healthcare Workers (Don Milton, MD, DrPH) 8. Diagnosis of Shoulder Injuries in Occupational Medicine; Lecture and Demonstration (Tom Gill, MD) 9. Orthopedic Management of Occupational Hand Injuries (David Ring, MD, PhD)

### **Free Online CME Course for Health Care Providers – Adult Lead Poisoning**

The California Department of Public Health's Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is pleased to announce a new online course - *Overview of Adult/Occupational Lead Poisoning in California*. Based on the latest health information about lead poisoning, this course:

- Describes the problem of adult lead poisoning
- Uses a case to illustrate issues and challenges in diagnosing lead poisoning in adult patients
- Offers guidelines for providing state-of-the-art clinical management of adult lead poisoning
- Provides an overview of the medical responsibilities under OSHA Lead Standards

While developed for a California audience, the material in this course is applicable to anyone interested in the care of lead-exposed adults. Course available at:

<https://chtapps.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/servlet/QaStudy?tid=269>

### **US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity**

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program of the University of Texas School of Medicine-San Antonio (UTSOMSA) provides in vivo training experiences at the US-Mexico Border for medical students, residents and other health professionals in an unique and informative setting. STEER engages nearly 100 instructors, most of them volunteers, including health department leaders, community healthcare workers, and professors, to teach the dozens of ½ to 1-day segments that make up the 4-week program.

STEER program is offered monthly if there are at least three qualified applicants. Limit of 10 students per rotation. See the website <http://steer.uthscsa.edu> for information and a downloadable application, or contact directly: [steer@uthscsa.edu](mailto:steer@uthscsa.edu).

### **NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses**

All the currently approved NIOSH spirometry courses which are available are listed at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/drds/spirometry/schedule.asp>

### **Education and Research Center (ERC) Courses**

By topic <http://niosh-erc.org/courses/topic.shtml>

### **North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

#### **Occupational Health Nursing**

Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes online anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf ([judy\\_ostendorf@unc.edu](mailto:judy_ostendorf@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website: [http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance\\_mph\\_in\\_occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_2083\\_7115.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance_mph_in_occupational_health_nursing_2083_7115.html)

Earn a Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill. Earn 11 – 12 academic credits in 12 months, which could be transferred into the MPH Program. You can attend classes online anytime of the day or night. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf ([judy\\_ostendorf@unc.edu](mailto:judy_ostendorf@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website: [http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_certificate\\_16754\\_11740.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_16754_11740.html)

#### **Continuing education for occupational health nurses:**

[http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc\\_email\\_review\\_courses3.htm](http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc_email_review_courses3.htm)

#### **Certification Review Courses:**

[http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc\\_email\\_review\\_courses2.htm](http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc_email_review_courses2.htm)

### **Correspondence Course: Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)**

*Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management*, that is based on the Royce Moser, MD, MPH text, "Effective Management of Health and Safety Programs--A Practical Guide, 3rd Edition". Reflecting the additional chapters and other material in the 3rd edition, it is approved for a maximum of *45 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. It is also approved by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as meeting the requirements of an educational module under the ABPM re-certification program. Information on the book can be found at <http://www.oempress.com/product/347/1>. A brochure for the correspondence course can be found at <http://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/ContEdProg/pammgmt1.pdf>.

### **Free Online Continuing Education Course for Health Professionals on Pediatric Environmental Health**

Now Available at: [http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health\\_professionals/pediatrics.html](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health_professionals/pediatrics.html)

This course is based on the Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit: An American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed clinical tool. This is an online course developed in conjunction with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, the University of California San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Greater Boston. Free 1.5 Credit Hours for: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, other health professionals (check the course site). Access this interactive online course in the comfort of

your own home or office to increase your knowledge base of common pediatric environmental health issues. Users can log in and out to complete the course in several sessions.

Additional ATSDR Environmental Health and Medicine continuing education offerings can be found at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes>

### **Massachusetts Nurses Association- Health and Safety Courses Online**

Available at <http://www.massnurses.org/nursing-resources/continuing-education/mna-ce-online>

*Course topics currently include:* Workplace Violence, Fragrance Free! Creating a Safe Healthcare Environment, Latex Allergy Program, Fatigue and Sleeplessness, and Work-related Asthma in Nurses and their Co-workers.

*Program requirements:* To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours, you must read the entire program, take and pass the Post-Test and complete the Program Evaluation. To pass the Post-Test, you must achieve a score of 80% or above.

*Accreditation:* The MNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

\*All programs are free to MNA members and others.

### **Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety 2010 Professional Development Opportunities**

For current listing of courses contact:

UAB/Ryals School of Public Health, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0022

Paulisha Holt, [pholt@uab.edu](mailto:pholt@uab.edu); contact number is 205-934-7178 [www.uab.edu/dsc](http://www.uab.edu/dsc)

### **Outdoor Air Quality & Health & the Air Quality Health Index**

This offering from the University of British Columbia School of Environmental Health is an online, on-demand, bilingual (English/French) course and funded by Health Canada. It may be of interest to physicians and other health professionals in the United States and other countries. This course is available between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2011. This is a free course but registration is required at the following website: [http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/Continuing\\_Education/entrypage.html](http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/Continuing_Education/entrypage.html).

Please direct inquiries to: Lydia Ma - Project Manager and Director of Continuing Education & Outreach, School of Environmental Health, University of British Columbia Email: [lydia.ma@ubc.ca](mailto:lydia.ma@ubc.ca) Tel: (604) 822.9599 <http://www.soeh.ubc.ca>