

AOEC E-News August 2009

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AOEC Board Elections

There is still time to self nominate for the AOEC Board of Directors. Nomination statements are due to the AOEC office by September 11, 2009. This is a great opportunity to help direct AOEC activities as we move forward.

AOEC encourages self nomination. However, if you know of a member who you feel would be a good candidate, please let either a current Board member know <http://www.aoec.org/about.htm> or contact Kathy Kirkland at kkirkland@aoec.org.

New Modules on Influenza Prevention

AOEC member William Buchta, MD has developed two PowerPoint presentations on flu vaccinations for the staff at his clinic which is part of the Mayo Clinic system. He has donated them to AOEC for our members use. They will be on the web by Labor Day at www.aoec.org/resources.htm. Select *Educational Resources* then click on *Downloadable PowerPoints* to access or contact the AOEC office for a copy. He has requested that if you use them, you give credit to him as part of the Mayo Clinic system but take any other references to Mayo out of your talk (unless of course you too are at a Mayo center).

New Exposure Code Look-up on AOEC

Actually, this is the return of a feature rather than a new feature. The AOEC Exposure Code System once again has an automated look-up capability on the web. <http://www.aoecdata.org/ExpCodeLookup.aspx> Among the new bells and whistles are the capacity to search on CAS and RTECS numbers as well as name and synonym, the capacity to sort by whether or not the substance is considered an asthmagens, pesticide or solvent, and the capacity to download all or part of the list.

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

August is a slow month in DC. Congress is out of session and it's generally too hot to have any parades or demonstrations. Those of us who are at work notice a definite decline in ridership on Metro and even a decrease in traffic congestion (except on Friday afternoon).

Congress will be back in session after Labor Day. Although it may not seem like it from the press reports, they will be taking up agenda items other than Health Care and Cap and Trade. Items of interest to AOEC members include: confirmation hearings for OSHA secretary, the OSHA reform bill currently known as the [Protecting America's Workers Act](#), reintroduction of the [Kid Safe Chemicals Act](#) and of course, the appropriations bills. There are a few optimistic

souls in DC who think this just might be the year that we don't need a continuing budget resolution (CR) but I'm not one of them. I'm looking for both a CR and at least some of the departmental budgets being combined into an omnibus bill at some point in early December so everyone can go on the Christmas break.

Things do seem to be moving at CDC and NIOSH. The interview process for applicants of the new Director of NIOSH has begun (confirmed) and possibly finished (unconfirmed rumor). The buzz is still that the new Director will be named before the end of the fiscal year.

There's also lots of activity taking place in OSHA. Acting Secretary Barab is defining the "acting" part of his title as a verb not an adjective. Announcements of actions and/or studies have been made concerning silica, acetylene, combustible dust, the voluntary protection program, ethylene oxide, PPE, cranes and derricks, confined space, fall protection, diacetyl, and control banding.

The AOEC summer Occupational Health Internship Program has completed another successful summer. We had 14 interns working on projects ranging from working with building trades and public sector unions to identify potential worker health and safety hazards and benefits of green building retrofits in Los Angeles to exploring the problems of musculoskeletal injuries to the low back and legs among transit drivers in New York City. This year we had over 140 applicants come from 16 states including both undergraduate and graduate level students. For more information, visit www.aoec.org/OHIP.

Positions Available

George Washington University Medical Center School of Public Health and Health Services

Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

The School of Public Health and Health Services at the George Washington University (GWU) is seeking applicants for Professor and Chair of its Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (DEOH). DEOH is at the center of national and global conversations about using science to protect workers, the public, and the environment from toxic substances and dangerous conditions. The School seeks a tenured or tenure-eligible faculty member at the rank of full professor with demonstrated experience in a discipline related to environmental and occupational health. The individual who holds this position will, in close collaboration with other senior and junior faculty and researchers, lead the Department's educational program at the master's and doctoral levels. In addition, this individual will lead the Department's efforts in securing extramurally funded research as well as represent the Department in governance and service at the School, Medical Center, and University levels. The successful candidate will have documented leadership in research and education with an established record of funding support and scholarship.

Basic Qualifications: Applicants must hold an appropriate terminal degree and have led an accomplished career in a discipline related to environmental and occupational health. In addition, applicants should possess considerable skills in one or more of the following: toxicology, occupational medicine, epidemiology, exposure assessment, risk assessment, risk

communication, industrial hygiene, climate change, environmental health policy, environmental genomics, or other relevant disciplines. An established record of funding support and scholarship is essential. Applicants must have communications, organizational, and management experience, and have implemented successful educational and research programs. Experience in teaching and mentorship is essential.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate the requisite areas of expertise as well as: (1) a demonstrated commitment to teaching, scholarship, service, and leadership; (2) a demonstrated capacity to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration within the School of Public Health and Health Services, the GWU Medical Center and the University, and with governmental and non-governmental entities; and (3) a demonstrated capacity to secure extramural support for research in environmental and occupational health. Preference will be given to applicants who possess innovative skills that will enable GWU to make strategic use of its unique location in Washington, DC.

Three Faculty Positions in Environmental and Occupational Health at GWU

DEOH invites applications for as many as three faculty positions. These positions will be tenure-track or tenured at the Assistant, Associate, or Professor rank, commensurate with experience.

Basic Qualifications: Applicants must have a terminal degree in a relevant discipline, strong verbal and written communication skills, and a commitment to teaching and mentoring students. Successful candidates at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor will have a solid publication record and have demonstrated the ability to obtain extramural research funding. Candidates applying for consideration at the Assistant Professor level should have demonstrated potential for external funding and peer reviewed publications.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated a history of collaborative work, and will have significant expertise in at least one and preferably several of the following areas: air pollution, climate change, environmental health policy, exposure assessment, industrial hygiene, global environmental health, mine health and safety, occupational health and safety, occupational medicine, regulatory science, risk sciences, sustainability, toxicology, and water quality.

Application Procedure: To be considered, interested applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae; (2) a letter of interest describing: For Chair including a statement of qualifications; For faculty positions: qualifications teaching and mentoring experience, research interests, and plans for maintaining or developing an independently funded research program; and (3) complete contact information for at least three references. Only complete applications will be considered. Review of applications will continue until the positions are filled.

Please submit all materials electronically to: EOH Chair Search Committee and/or EOH Search Committee, c/o Jo Ann Roberts, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, GWU School of Public Health and Health Services, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 203, Washington, DC 20037, cohjmr@gwumc.edu, <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/faculty/facultyPositions.cfm>

Environmental/Occupational Epidemiologist Position-Tyler, Texas

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time, non-tenure faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. Offering a

competitive base salary and initial package to ease transition and development of partial extramural funding. The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) develop and teach a proportion of graduate coursework and mentor thesis research activities for master's level students and occupational medicine residents in an environmental science/health program which emphasizes occupational health, 2) have an active, independent, extramurally-funded research program. The candidate must possess a doctoral level degree in epidemiology or a closely related field. Three to five years of documented teaching experience preferred. A strong track record of competitive research funding is required. Potential areas of interest include environmental/occupational lung disease, agricultural health and injury prevention, pediatric environmental health, and cancer epidemiology. Tyler is an affordable metropolitan city of over 100,000 offering cultural diversity, a major university campus, a healthy range of medium to large size production businesses, and known for its rolling hills, forested landscapes, lakes, pine trees, Rose Garden, and surprising number of arts and educational venues for a town of its size. Nestled in the Rose City (see <http://www.tylertexas.com/>), UTHSCT has a state-of-the-art biomedical research facility, over 20 outpatient clinics, a hospital, and an emergency care center. UTHSCT offers employees a stimulating work environment, competitive salaries, and comprehensive benefits provided through the State of Texas without the big city hassles associated with many comparable universities. Dallas and Shreveport are within two hours driving time.

Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current curriculum vitae and arrange for three letters of reference to:

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UTHSCT is an equal opportunity employer. This position is security sensitive and subject to Texas Education Code, 51.215, which authorizes the employer to obtain criminal history information.

OSHA Jobs

The Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management (DTSEM) is currently recruiting for two positions in the Office of Science & Technology assessment (OSTA). OSTA is responsible for evaluating, assessing the impact of, and developing technical information about emerging issues, previously unrecognized hazards, and technical advances in industrial practices and occupational safety and health program areas. The office works closely with other offices in DTSEM and other Directorates in the National Office to coordinate and implement large-scale initiatives. A recent example includes the 2009 H1N1 response and interagency coordination with the CDC and the Institute of Medicine. Positions are advertised as a Health Scientist and a Safety/Health Specialist, GS 13/14. DTSEM is looking for highly motivated and technically competent candidates to join our staff and work on complex and dynamic occupational safety and health issues. The work requires a high level of face-to-face contact with both internal and external stakeholders and the ability to work well in teams and deliver high quality products.

The positions are open from August 17 through September 14, 2009 and can be found in DOORS:

The Health Scientist GS 13/14 announcement numbers are: [DE-09-OSHA-117](#) and [MS-09-OSHA-117](#).

The Safety & Health Specialist GS 13/14 announcement numbers are [DE-09-OSHA-116](#) and [MS-09-OSHA-116](#).

Courses

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>

ONLINE COURSE: International Program in Occupational Health Practice

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is offering a new, 100% online "*International Program on Occupational Health Practice*."

The training program is designed for company health professional's worldwide (doctors, nurses and others) but it is also open for other professionals such as HSE managers or professionals who are engaged in management of occupational health services, such as technicians, engineers and managers, occupational hygienists, occupational safety professionals.

The program provides professional training for an international group of participants. It does not focus on the situation in a particular country. It aims specifically at professionals who work in global companies or in institutions in developing countries. Currently enrolled and enrolling participants come from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Teaching is in English but assignments can be sent back in four different languages (English, French, German, and Spanish).

The program starts on August 31, 2009 and runs till May 2010. Enrollment is open now. The course information website is available at <http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrgOHP.html>. There are several discount options for organizations with multiple participants (see details on website). If an organization/company wants to take advantage of these discount options, they need to contact the course administration first http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg_contact.html.

UIC is a World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Occupational Health

North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center (NC OSHERC):

Occupational Health Nursing

Your 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 on-line anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website: <http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance/ohn.htm>

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 on-line anytime of the day or night. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website: http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_4796_8853.html

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 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 recertification 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>.

***Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
2009 Professional Development Opportunities***

September 23 • Occupational Noise

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

September 24 • OSHA Recordkeeping – 8 am to Noon

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

September 24 • Bloodborne Pathogens Update – Noon to 4 pm

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

October 1 • AHERA Inspector Refresher – 8 am to Noon

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

October 19-20 • Spirometry Workshop

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

October 21-23 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation

Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade

Deep South Center for Occupational Health & Safety
UAB/Ryals School of Public Health, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0022
Gigi Talley 205-934-7178 Fax 205-975-7179 gtt@uab.edu www.uab.edu/dsc

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

Now Available at: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/subtopic/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) Use this free 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.

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.

**Ergonomics and Human Factors: Strategic Solutions for Workplace Safety and Health
September 21-24, 2009 Boston, MA**

This practical program is designed to provide you with the tools necessary to create cost-effective, comprehensive, and strategic solutions to your workplace ergonomic issues. For more information on the program please visit: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ccpe/programs/EHF.html>

Conferences and Meetings

**2009 Southeast Symposium: Children's Environmental Health
September 8 and 9, 2009**

Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU)
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Children spend a significant amount of time in one environment – school. They need a safe, healthy setting in which to thrive, learn and succeed. This program is designed to assist in making this a reality. Learn from national experts on healthy school environments and gain knowledge concerning related federal grant and research opportunities.

For more information contact (404)727-9428

Email: pehsu@oz.ped.emory.edu

7th Annual Children's Health and Environment Conference September 11, 2009 Baltimore, Maryland

The conference will be held at Johns Hopkins University Mount Washington Conference Center in Baltimore, MD. Lectures are scheduled for the September 11, 2009 from 9:00am until 5:45pm. On Thursday, September 10, 2009 there will also be a guided tour of the **Patuxent Research Refuge** from 3pm -5pm.

On September 11, there will be plenary sessions and interactive workshops. During the plenary sessions, environmental health specialists will highlight the National Children's Study, the built environment, and policy changes in regards to healthy homes programs.

The Keynote address will highlight the future direction of Children's Environmental Health and will be given by Peter Grevatt, PhD -Director of the EPA Office of Children's Health Protection. Mary Jean Brown, ScD, RN- Chief of Lead Poisoning Prevention will continue the policy discussion with a discussion of the evolution of lead poisoning prevention programs into more comprehensive healthy homes programs.

The breakout sessions are interactive, hour long lectures and discussions with smaller groups of participants. There will be two series of lectures offered in the morning and repeated in the afternoon. Each series will consist of four lectures. There will be eight lectures in total and participants can attend two lectures in the morning and two in the afternoon. (See agenda).

The breakout session topics will include:

- Reproductive Health Outcomes
- Climate Change
- Clinical Pediatric Environmental Health Cases
- Respiratory Disease Pediatric Environmental Health

Continuing education credits will be available to our target audience.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

2009 Conference Site: <http://www.gwu.edu/~macche/baltimoreconference09>

Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment

2100 M St, NW Suite 203, Washington, DC 20052

pehsu@gwu.edu

Western Occupational Health Conference: *Occupational Medicine: A Climate of Change*

September 10-12, 2009, Scottsdale, AZ

Contact WOEMA at 575 Market St., Suite 2125, San Francisco, CA, 94105 or visit
http://www.woema.org/evt/evt_list.php

**North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology
San Antonio, TX, September 21-26, 2009**

The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology is pleased to announce that the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology 2009 and associated pre-meeting functions will be held at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, TX, September 21-26, 2009.

<https://www.contemporaryforums.com/m820/reg/nacct09.aspx>

**Fifth International Conference on Work Environment and Cardiovascular Diseases "New Paradigms for New Systems of Work: A Challenge for the Quality of Work Life"
September 27-30, 2009**

Cracow, Poland

The ICOH Scientific Committee of Cardiology in Occupational Health and the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine (NIOM) take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the Fifth Conference on Work Environment and Cardiovascular Diseases which will be held on September 27-30, 2009 in Cracow, Poland. This conference will provide an excellent opportunity to exchange views and experiences among fellow cardiologists, occupational physicians, cardiac rehabilitation specialists, sociologists, psychologists and policy makers in Occupational Health. Organizing chairs Professor Konrad Rydzynski and Associate Professor Alicja Bortkiewicz hope that you will join us. Please save the date!

<http://www.symposium.pl/index.php?strona,menu,eng,imp,0,0,1632,programme,ant.html>

* Address: Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, 8 Teresy Street, 91-348 Lodz, Poland

* Tel: +48 42 6314 903

* Fax: +48 42 656 8331

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting November 8-11, 2009

An exciting schedule awaits members of the APHA Occupational Health and Safety Section attending the **APHA 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition** in Philadelphia. The program planners have worked hard to provide attendees with cutting edge scientific sessions and excellent networking events occurring from November 7-11.

For AOEC members and those interested in AOEC we have:

Sat. 11/7/09--AOEC Board Meeting

8:00-5:00pm in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 102B

Sun 11/8/09--AOEC "Get Acquainted" Breakfast

8:00am-9:30am in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 203A

For a list of all Occupational Health and Safety events, visit

<http://apha.confex.com/apha/137am/webprogram/OHS.html>.

Of importance to AOEC is the OHIP Program Presentation Session. That will take place on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm** in the Philadelphia Convention Center Room to be announced (TBA).

One issue both of importance and confusion is the **Annual OHS Section Social Hour, Sunday, November 8, 2009, 6:00-7:00pm, Rm 103A**. Since most section social hours are on Monday, it has been mistakenly published several places as being on Monday. However, the OHS Section likes to be different. The OHS Section Social Hour will be held on Sunday, November 8, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, Philadelphia Convention Center--Room 103A.

All are welcome to attend the OHS Social Hour and Membership Meeting. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues or share ideas on the OHS section.

The Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, November 10 at noon**, again in the Philadelphia Convention Center-Room TBA. *Remember to purchase your ticket for the luncheon when you register for the APHA meeting.*

Health and Safety in Transportation Workers: Air, Sea and Land Thursday, November 12, 2009

This course, presented by the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, is designed to provide occupational health professionals with a review of clinical toxicology, epidemiology, and the evaluation of occupational and environmental diseases and injuries. The curriculum will also include a substantial component focused on issues specifically pertinent to health and safety of transportation and maritime workers. This course is approved for American Board of Preventative Medicine Maintenance of Certification credit and is a comprehensive update for occupational medicine specialists.

REGISTER VIA: **Online:** www.cme.ucsf.edu

Phone: To register or obtain registration materials by phone or to inquire about registration status, please call UCSF's CME Registration Office at (415) 476-5808.

On-Site Registration

Time: 7:30 am- 8:00 am Date: Thursday, November 12 & Friday, November 13

Place: Holiday Inn Golden Gateway Hotel, 1500 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 9410

Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture January 27-28, 2010, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

The 2010 ASHCA-NIOSH Conference, *Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture*- January 27-28, 2010, invites researchers and others involved in agricultural safety and health to submit an abstract for a poster presentation.

Deadline for poster abstract submission is **September 9, 2009**.

Accepted abstracts will be distributed in the conference program. Those abstracts that match the nine key conference topics will also be published in a 2010 issue of *Journal of Agromedicine*.

Instructions for Submission- refer to www.ashca.com

This joint conference is co-hosted by the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Questions regarding abstracts can be directed to ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu. For more information on the conference, visit www.ashca.com.

5th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment

Bangalore 1st of February – 3rd February 2010

Location: National Institute of Advance studies

Indian Institute of Science Campus

Bangalore. Karnataka. India

Organized by the International Network on Children's Health Environment and Safety (INCHES) and the H.P.Foundation, Bangalore

Call for abstracts for posters until December 1, 2009

Additional information can be found at

<http://www.inchesnetwork.net/second%20announcement%20ICCHE%202010%20Bangalore.pdf>