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As usual, there is an extensive listing of upcoming educational meetings and conferences. If you would like a searchable Word document, please contact the AOEC offices at aoec@aoec.org.

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AOEC Activities

The Western Regional meeting will take place on March 9, 2011 in Denver. One of the main topics of the meeting will be electronic health records. Guest speaker Arthur Davidson, MD from Denver will provide insights into the work of the federal Health and Human Services Health Information Technology (HIT) Committee. We’ll have a report on that meeting in the March E-News.

It is an honor to announce the Presidential appointment of Dr. David Kotelchuck to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health. Dr. Kotelchuck has been a long time member of the advisory board for the AOEC Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP).

Dr. Harriet L. Hardy was pioneer in occupational medicine, colleague and friend of Dr. Alice Hamilton and the first woman to become a full professor at Harvard Medical School. This interview http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7603nE-QHJk&feature=youtu.be with Harriet Hardy was done on her being awarded the 1988 Alice Hamilton Award by the Occupational Health and Safety Section of the American Public Health Association. She died in 1993, five years after this interview, at the age of 87. Thanks to Kathy Rest and Buck Cameron who conducted and filmed the interview and to Craig Slatin for making the posting of this interview possible.

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

The President’s budget was released earlier this month and it was a serious case of déjà vu all over again. Once again, the budget line for the Education and Research Centers (ERC) was eliminated as was the budget for the entire Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry Division of NIOSH. With luck and help from friends, that may again be only a recommendation for 2013. ATSDR is again keeping a pretty much flat line. NCEH, having been well and truly hit last year by an almost 20% cut in the final budget, is now in line for an additional 5% if the President’s budget passes as put forward. The programs targeted at NCEH reflect programmatic reductions to Built Environment and Climate Change. On the Department of Labor side, things are a bit brighter. The proposed budget request for OSHA includes a small increase and the one for MSHA a small cut from FY2012.
There are the usual budget options open to Congress since they are the ones who have to pass the budget bills. The first option is to adopt a budget and have it in place for the start of the fiscal year. Since that hasn’t happened in recent memory, you won’t get anyone in DC to take a bet that this is the year it will happen. Congress could vote for a continuing resolution (CR) to continue funding at the current rate (with or without a minor rescission) until after the election. However, unlike previous years, we can’t have a CR for all of FY2013 due to the passage of the Budget Control Act of 2011. This was the bill that requires all agencies (including Defense) to take about a 10% cut effective January 1, 2013 if no budget is passed. The conventional wisdom is that there will be many budget hearings and a CR passed to fund the government from October 1 until sometime mid-to late November. The election results will provide a better vantage to predict what will happen then.

As always, for those of you who want to voice an opinion on the budget or policy 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 sent via USPS 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.

AOEC at AOHC: Coffee, Conversation and Exercise

A reminder that we will host our annual breakfast on April 28, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott Century City Beverly Hills, 10320 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles. According to both the hotel and google earth, it is about ½ mile from the Hyatt and there are sidewalks between the two. Please mark it on your calendars.

New from Federal Agencies

NIOSH

The risk of fatal job-related exposure to methylene chloride used in stripping old finish from bathtubs is highlighted in a Feb. 24 article by researchers from the Michigan Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and other partners. The article describes risk factors identified in cases investigated by the NIOSH-funded Michigan FACE program in Michigan and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in nine other states, and recommends measures to protect workers. http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6107a2.htm?s_cid=mm6107a2_w

On Feb. 24, NIOSH and the National Hearing Conservation Association awarded the 2012 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards™ honoring companies that have shown dedication to the prevention of noise-induced hearing loss through excellent hearing loss prevention practices in the work environment. http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-02-23-12.html
NIOSH and the Workplace Safety and Health Institute of Singapore (WSH Institute) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Feb. 24 to recognize the importance of research and new knowledge in developing and applying preventive measures in occupational safety and health, and to share a common mission to contribute to the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases. This MOU is intended to continue for a period of five years from date of signature. [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/update/upd-02-24-12.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/update/upd-02-24-12.html)

Six new NIOSH “Fast Facts” bulletins provide recommendations for protecting home healthcare workers from several serious types of risk for job-related injury and illness:

- Musculoskeletal disorders [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-120/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-120/)
- Unsafe working conditions [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-121/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-121/)
- Needlesticks and sharps injuries [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-123/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-123/)

**MSHA**

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety Joseph Main convened the first MSHA-sponsored Public Health Stakeholders meeting on February 16, 2012. Approximately 30 representatives of federal, state and non-profit public health groups participated in an afternoon of discussions focused on improving recognition and reporting of mining-related health problems. Representatives from the Health Resources and Services and MSHA presented work they are doing jointly to help connect rural health care providers and mine operators with OHS resources. Mr. Main also updated the group on a range of recent MSHA safety and health initiatives.

**Positions Available**

**MSHA: Supervisory Investigations and Compliance Specialist**

**Announcement Number: DE-12-MSHA-043**

This position is located in The Department of Labor (DOL), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Office of Assessments, Accountability, Special Enforcement, and Investigations (OAASEI), Special Enforcement, Investigations and Accountability Division (SEIA). The position serves as the Supervisory Investigations and Compliance Specialist responsible for and participation in the planning, organizing and managing of the technical and administrative functions of the division. Application and additional information at: [http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/310007600](http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/310007600)

**OSHA: Director of Technical Support and Emergency Management**

**Announcement Number: DOL-SES-OSHA-12-04**

The Director for Technical Support and Emergency Management provides executive level direction to a cadre of professionals who address national worker safety and health issues ranging from emergency response, to hazards that disproportionately affect underserved and hard to reach workers, to emerging technologies involving green industries. This position is
responsible for providing national support for a comprehensive occupational safety and health program and a full range of technical support and assistance to all elements of the agency, to state government agencies and to interested external organizations. In fulfilling these responsibilities the Director will exercise authority for planning, implementing, directing, coordinating and evaluating several technical assistance programs.

http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/309146700

**Educational Facilitator (Occupational Health) University of Alberta**  
**Competition No A100615893**

The Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, invites applications for a full-time Educational Facilitator. This position will be in the Division of Preventive Medicine, a Division active in research, teaching and the provision of preventive and clinical services. The Division participates in teaching at both the undergraduate and post graduate levels. The position requires an individual with qualifications and experience for a strategic role in developing and implementing a new Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine for Family Physicians. The course aims to provide an introductory level of training in occupational medicine for physicians who are principally employed in clinical work, usually as a family physician, but who have an interest in occupational medicine and who may later plan to undertake focused practice in this area.

Course modules will be designed for distance learning, using the same approach (including in-text and self-assessment questions) as in previous well established and successful distance learning courses in occupational medicine. Web-based/interactive learning will be explored during the pilot phase of the course and progressively incorporated following detailed evaluation of the first full year of training. We are seeking applicants who have some experience in one or more of the relevant fields of occupational health, family medicine, educational course administration and evaluation or development of web based learning material.

Applicants should ideally have:
- A Masters or PhD degree in an applicable area (Education or Health)
- Experience in occupational health or an allied area of public health or in family practice
- Knowledge of online learning and project management
- Excellent interpersonal skills allowing for effective participation from physicians both as students and instructors
- Excellent organizational, time management, written and oral communication skills

In accordance with the Trust/Research Academic Staff agreement, this position is an appointment of three years and offers a comprehensive benefits package (www.hrs.ualberta.ca/benefits/academic). Additional information and how to apply found at: http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A100615893/ or e-mail dmedhr@med.ualberta.ca

**American Academy of Pediatrics**  
**Pediatric Environmental Health and Food Policy Fellow**
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the nation's largest pediatric medical association, seeks a board-certified pediatrician to join the AAP's Department of Federal Affairs as a Pediatric Environmental Health and Food Policy Fellow. This position is a two-year fellowship funded through a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Responsibilities include advocating for AAP policies to Congress and federal agencies on issues affecting infants, children, adolescents, and pediatrics with regard to environmental health, antimicrobial resistance, food safety, food additives, and nutrition policy. The position also requires the ability to review relevant research, and provide technical comments, medical perspectives, and scientific guidance in developing detailed technical analyses of relevant scientific studies.

Ideal candidates will have a Medical degree, board certified in pediatrics required, must have completed residency training and/or fellowship training in pediatrics and have demonstrated interest in pediatric environmental health, food safety, food additives, antimicrobial resistance, and/or nutrition policy. Demonstrated high level of oral and written communication and negotiation skills required. Must be capable of assuming a full range of delegated responsibilities, working independently, exercising good judgment, and displaying personal initiative in all areas assigned. Some travel and weekend work required.

Email resume or CV and cover letter to resumes@aap.org, or fax to 847/228-5099. The Academy is an EOE/M/F/D/V employer.

Pulmonary/Occupational Medicine Faculty Position
Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
National Jewish Health– the #1 Respiratory Hospital in the United States by U.S. News & World Report is seeking applicants for a faculty position in the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS) at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated excellence through clinical, educational and research endeavors and will have an energetic and enthusiastic ambition to advance and serve as a leader in the field of environmental and occupational health.

- Potential areas of expertise desired are, but not limited to, occupational allergy and asthma, occupational airway disease and sarcoidosis.
- Primary duties may include but are not limited to clinical care in outpatient settings; educational activities with fellows, residents and students; work on translational research projects; as well as participating in the collaborative and integrative group practice atmosphere we provide.
- Applicants should have an MD or an equivalent degree and must be board eligible or board certified in Pulmonary Medicine with an interest in Occupational Medicine, and must be eligible for a medical licensure in the state of Colorado.

Interested candidates should submit their Curriculum Vitae with letter of interest to: Lisa A. Maier, MD, MSPH, FCCP, Chief, DEOHS at National Jewish Health c/o Samantha Moodie moodies@njhealth.org or by fax 303-398-1452.

Wayne State University: Associate Professor
The Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (DOEM), Department of Family Medicine, within the School of Medicine, Wayne State University (WSU) is dedicated to the promotion of innovative and cutting-edge occupational and environmental health and the prevention of disease through research, education and service. DOEM consists of a team of successfully-funded researchers dedicated to basic, applied and translational research focusing on public health challenges from complex urban environmental and occupational exposures.

DOEM is seeking an experienced researcher with documented expertise in one or more of the following areas: Mechanistic, epidemiological, and/or community-based occupational and/or environmental health research, Basic and/or applied stress research, with special reference to public health disorders, including cardiovascular and mental health disorders, Translational occupational and environmental health research involving complex chemical, physical and psychosocial exposures in vulnerable populations and Wireless information and communication technologies and possible health effects, including direct biological mechanisms as well as indirect effects due to life-style related changes.

This will be a regular faculty position at the Associate Professor level and a tenure track will be available for the candidate with an appropriate record. Applicants should have a background in occupational and environmental health, stress research or other relevant areas. DOEM is part of the rapidly expanding Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, which MPH program was recently accredited by CEPH. We also collaborate closely with Wayne State University’s Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. In addition, we collaborate with numerous other researchers within and outside Wayne State. Salary and start-up benefits commensurate with prior experience. The selected candidate will be expected to secure external funding, serve as principal investigator on externally-funded projects and participate as a co-investigator on other DOEM-initiated multi-disciplinary research projects. Teaching obligations will predominantly be at the graduate level. Requirements for the position include being Board-certified on OEM Medicine or having a doctoral degree in a relevant field as well as a strong track record of published research. Candidates should have a proven record and a strong promise of obtaining peer-reviewed funding.

Please provide a statement of interest, curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and funded grants, teaching and community service experience, and the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail of three references. DOEM will not contact the references without your prior approval. All candidates should submit their application using the WSU job application site-jobs.wayne.edu or directly to: Bengt B. Arnetz, MD, PhD, MPH, MsciEpi, Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Wayne State University, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, 3939 Woodward Avenue, Room 333 Detroit, MI 48201, T (313) 577-2644, barnetz@med.wayne.edu

Boston University is seeking a Director for the Research Occupational Health Program
This position is responsible for the continued development of the Program, which began in 2010, and the integration of that program into multiple functions of the University. This position will oversee daily administration of the program, including oversight of medical staff, and will be responsible for creation and maintenance of the annual budget, generating various reports to track usage, and creating annual funding allocations.
This position will also interface with the grant office on a regular basis to determine changes to allowable costs and changes in expectations of the granting agency as it relates to the National Emerging Infectious Disease Lab, Boston University’s biosafety level 4 laboratory. Interested parties may view the full posting and apply electronically through the link below. https://bu.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=292258&company_id=15509&source=ONLINE&JobOwner=935862&bycountry=0&bystate=0&bylocation=&keywords=occupational&byCat=&tosearch=yes or http://tinyurl.com/3tqw5pb

**Fellowships**

**Fellowship Training Program in Pediatric Environmental Health-Mount Sinai School of Medicine**
The Mount Sinai School of Medicine invites qualified applicants (MD or PhD) to apply for a 3-year post-residency/postdoctoral fellowship training program in Pediatric Environmental Health sponsored by the National Institute of Child Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This program provides training in epidemiology, biostatistics, toxicology, risk assessment and preventive medicine and includes course work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. The capstone of the fellowship is a mentored research experience that is intended to train fellows in the successful conduct of research and lead to the production of publishable manuscripts. The mentored research project serves also as the basis for each fellow’s MPH thesis. Fellows gain additional training in clinical research, policy development and evidence-based advocacy. Clinically trained fellows will gain clinical experience in environmental pediatrics through the Agency Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supported Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit. The goal of the program is to produce future research leaders in the emerging field of pediatric environmental health who will be positioned to lead the National Children’s Study and to populate academic health centers across the United States. Up to two positions are available each academic year. Members of Underrepresented Minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. For a brochure or other information contact Damiris.Perez@mssm.edu or phone 212-824-7109.

**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

**Calls for Papers**
Conferences and Meetings

Basic Hands-On CAMEO Training
March 12–14, 2012
Boston, MA
New and existing users participating in this program will gain a comprehensive understanding of the EPA’s CAMEO suite of software and hands-on training on how to use the software to store and easily use information that is essential for emergency planning. https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/CAMEO

The Dark Side of Prescription Opioids
Satellite Event of the 2012 ACMT Spring Conference
March 15, 2012
San Diego, CA
This conference will provide insight into the current epidemic and its roots, highlight the clinical and public health consequences of opioid misuse, and provide forward-looking strategies to curb the misuse and associated complications of prescription opioids. Course Brochure: http://www.acmt.net/_Library/2012_Spring_Conference/2012_Prescription_Opioid_Prelim_Agenda.pdf
For Registration: http://acmt.net/cgi/page.cgi?event_id=63&_id=23&action=new

Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association (CSOEMA)
88th Annual Spring Seminar
March 15-17, 2012
Lisle, IL
This seminar will provide current information on selected occupational medicine topics and provide important resources and networking opportunities necessary for keeping current in occupational medicine. More information is available at http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp

Iatrogenesis: Toxicology & Medication Safety in the Healthcare Setting
March 16-18, 2012
San Diego, CA
Presented by the American College of Medical Toxicology View Brochure Here
For additional information contact ACMT at 623 533 6340 or go to www.acmt.net

Analyzing Risk: Science, Assessment, and Management
March 19–22, 2012
Boston, MA
Participants learn how to apply the science behind risk-based decision making, examine complex problems involving chemicals in the environment, discuss emerging analytic approaches, and have an opportunity to review important issues with leaders in the field. https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Risk-Analysis

Overview of Occupational Health Nursing
March 21-23, 2012
8:15a – 5:00p
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
Baltimore, MD
More info and Registration: http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/ce/ohnbrochure.html
NIOSH Spirometry Course
March 23 & 24, 2012
Chicago, IL
Organized by the UIC School of Public Health the objectives of this program are to teach the basics of respiratory anatomy and physiology and how occupational and environmental exposures affect the respiratory system. Our practicum instructors have extensive practical experience in spirometry testing to help participants learn proper testing procedures. No prior training in pulmonary function testing is required. Registration link: http://www.cvent.com/d/7cq8bg

Management and Leadership Skills for Environmental Health and Safety Professionals
March 26–28, 2012
Boston, MA
This Harvard program is designed to provide participants with the management and leadership skills essential for bridging the gap between organizational objectives and environmental health and safety goals. https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/EHS-Leadership

The Nuts and Bolts of Cholinesterase Monitoring for Farmers, Ranchers and Agricultural Workers
March 28, 2012
Webinar: Noon CST, 1 PM EST, 10 AM PST
This webinar will address the importance of recognizing and managing certain pesticide exposures with a specific focus on the ways in which cholinesterase monitoring is a key component in clinical care for individuals working in agriculture. The webinar will feature Matt Keifer, MD, MPH and Carolyn Scheridan, BSN, RN. Additional information/registration: http://www.migrantclinician.org/register3282012?utm_source=Webinar+Announcement&utm_campaign=March-Webinars&utm_medium=email

14th Annual Occupational Health Symposium
March 30, May 4, and June 1, 2012
Cedar Rapids, IA
This program will provide current information on selected occupational health topics. It is separated into three sessions – Session I on March 30 for occupational health nurses and physicians, Session II on May 4 for industrial hygiene professionals, and Session III on June 1 for safety and ergonomics professionals. Register for one, two, or all three days. For more information: contact http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation
April 30 – May 2, 2012
Baltimore, MD
8:00a – 5:00p
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
For more information and Registration: http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/hearing.html

Quality Work, Quality Care: A State-of-the-Art, National Conference for Home Care Stakeholders
April 2, 2012
Washington D.C.
Organized by FHI360 the conference will highlight the relationship between quality work and quality care, with an emphasis on how the caregiver’s safety, health and well-being impacts the quality of work, and therefore the delivery of quality care. The conference will emphasize the stakeholders’ role in addressing physical, psychosocial, and environmental aspects of home care work. The conference will
promote the *Quality Work, Quality Care* relationship as a centerpiece to policies, work practices, educational programs, and research. More information available here: [www.fhi360.org](http://www.fhi360.org)

**INRS Occupational Health Research Conference 2012:**
*Health risks associated with mixed exposures*
**April 2-4, 2012**
**Nancy, France**

**COHN and COHN-S/Safety Management Certification Review Course**
**April 2-5, 2012**
**Chapel Hill, NC**
The NC OSHERC's presentation of the Safety Management Certification Review Course is the first course offered for a new Safety Management credential for certified occupational health nurses (COHNs) [https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/cohn_sfty_mgmt_reg.htm](https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/cohn_sfty_mgmt_reg.htm)

**Mountain & Plains ERC 2nd Annual Energy Summit Promoting Occupational Health: Recognizing and Controlling Risks during Natural Gas Development**
**April 12, 2012**
**Denver, CO**
Join researchers, academics, industry leaders, students and occupational health and safety professionals to participate in conversations around best practices and research opportunities in the rapidly expanding natural gas development in Colorado and the region. For more information and to sign up today, please visit the following site: [http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/maperc/training/energysummit/Pages/2012-Energy-Summit.aspx](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/maperc/training/energysummit/Pages/2012-Energy-Summit.aspx)

**Fundamentals in Industrial Ventilation and Practical Applications of Useful Equations**
**April 16-20, 2012**
**Cincinnati, Ohio**
Presented by ACGIH and its renowned Industrial Ventilation Committee. For registration and course information: [http://www.acgih.org/events/course/FundPrac_Apr12.htm](http://www.acgih.org/events/course/FundPrac_Apr12.htm)

**Safety in Design and Construction: A Lifecycle Approach**
**April 23–26, 2012**
**Boston, MA**
This program considers elimination of hazards to workers through the design, construction, and operation phases of a project and covers accepted strategies and best practices for developing programs that will lead to the implementation of improved safety initiatives in your organization. [https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Design-for-Safety](https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Design-for-Safety)

**14th Annual Occupational Health Symposium**
**May 4, and June 1, 2012**
**Cedar Rapids, IA**
This program will provide current information on selected occupational health topics. It is separated into sessions – Session II on May 4 for industrial hygiene professionals, and Session III on June 1 for safety and ergonomics professionals. Register for one or both days. For more information: contact [http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp](http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp)
Guidelines for Laboratory Design: Health and Safety Considerations
May 7–11, 2012
Boston, MA
Expert authorities on laboratory design offer you a multi-disciplinary perspective on health, safety, and sustainability in laboratory design, construction, and renovation, ensuring better understanding of the needs of all team members as well as the goals and demands of the project itself.
https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Laboratory-Design

Effective Risk Communication: Theory, Tools, and Practical Skills for Communicating about Risk
May 14–16, 2012
Boston, MA
Stay ahead of the curve by attending this in-depth program, featuring the latest scientific findings on risk perception, case studies from around the world, a suite of practical tools, and hands-on skill training.
https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/Risk-Communication

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course
May 18, 2012
Iowa City, IA
This one-day course is designed as an update for those who have successfully completed the initial NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training Course within the past five years and can provide a copy of that training certificate to the course director. Technicians whose NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course certificates are dated January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2007, are eligible to complete a NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course by December 31, 2012, to maintain a valid NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course certificate. For more information contact Kimberly-gordon@uiowa.edu

The Contribution of Epigenetics in Pediatric Environmental Health
May 30–June 1, 2012
San Francisco, CA

14th Annual Occupational Health Symposium
June 1, 2012
Cedar Rapids, IA
This program will provide current information on selected occupational health topics. It is separated into three sessions – Session III on June 1 for safety and ergonomics professionals. For more information: contact http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp

Radiation Safety Officer Training for Laboratory Professionals
June 4 – 8, 2012
Boston, MA
Learn to avoid regulatory compliance problems, maintain a safe laboratory environment, understand regulatory requirements and expectations, and demonstrate compliance with radionuclide permit and license requirements. For a complete list of topics and faculty, or to register, visit: https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/ email: contedu@hsph.harvard.edu call: 617-384-8692

2012 Occupational and Environmental Health Conference
June 22, 2012
Tyler, TX
Sponsored by the Texas Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the conference will feature Rosemary Sokas, MD, MOH, formerly Director of the Office of Occupational Medicine for OSHA. For more information, please contact Michelle Harris at 903.877-5636 or Stephanie Fenter at 903.877-5953. Email at michelle.harris@uthct.edu or stephanie.fenter@uthct.edu

Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting
Minneapolis, MN
For more information, visit: http://www.epiresearch.org/meeting/

7th International Conference on the Science of Exposure Assessment (X2012) in July 2-5, 2012
Edinburgh, Scotland
The British Occupational Hygiene Society is hosting the latest in the series of the "X" conferences first held in 1988. This conference series has been very influential in the development of the science of exposure assessment, in particular in the field of occupational exposure assessment. Bookmark the website www.x2012.org.

Occupational Health crossing Borders
July 9 – 20, 2012
Munich, Germany
The overall aim of this Summer School is to train physicians and other health specialists currently working or currently training in occupational safety and health (OSH) in low and middle income countries. Contact: Andrea Portenlänger, Program Office, Unit for Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology & Net Teaching, Institute and Outpatient Clinic for Occupational, Social and Environmental Medicine, Hospital of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich Ziemssenstr. 1; D-80336 Munich Fon: + 49 - (0) 89 - 5160 2485; Fax: + 49 - (0) 89 - 5160 4954
summerschool.munich@osh-munich.de Registration at: http://cih.instruct.eu/moodle/
Name of the course: Summer-School Munich 2012

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course
July 19-20, 2012
Iowa City, IA
This 2-day workshop covers the most current standards and recent developments in pulmonary function testing. All participants will have ample opportunity to practice pulmonary function testing utilizing a variety of spirometry equipment with one-on-one instruction from the faculty. For more information contact Kimberly-gordon@uiowa.edu

Laboratory Safety (Review Course for Chemical Hygiene Officer Exam)
July 30-August 1, 2012
Norfolk, VA
The laboratory safety course will cover the basic principles of biological, chemical, radiological, and physical safety practices within a laboratory environment.
https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/winter12reg.htm

26th Annual Occupational Health Nursing Certification (COHN and COHN-S) Review
August 1-3, 2012
Norfolk, VA
This 2 1/2-day course is designed to provide an intensive review for Occupational Health Nurses preparing for the American Board of Occupational Health Nurses Certification exam.  
https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/ohn_cert_rev_reg.htm

Biosafety for Safety and Health Professionals  
August 1-2, 2012  
Norfolk, VA  
Review Course for Certified Biological Safety Professional Exam.  This course is designed for industrial hygienists and other occupational safety and health professionals, such as OSHA compliance officers, or biological safety officers, to provide basic and applied information on biological safety.  
https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/winter12reg.htm

Southeastern Atlantic College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (SEACOEM)  
Annual Symposium  
August 3-5, 2012  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Cosponsored by North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  Information at http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/seacoem.html

Environmental Health across Land, Air and Sea  
August 26-30, 2012  
Columbia, SC  
The 2012 International Society Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) 24th Annual Meeting.  Workshop proposals are due January 30, 2012.  Abstracts must be submitted online and are due by midnight (US Eastern Standard Time), February 12, 2012.  Abstracts will be subjected to a peer review process.  
Additional information at http://saeu.sc.edu/reg/isee2012/index.php

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) Review Course  
September 17-20, 2012  
Chapel Hill, NC  
The 3 1/2-day Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) Review Course is designed to provide a review of the major subject areas defined by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management.  Attendees are assumed to have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of each of these subject areas.  
https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/chmm_rev_reg.htm

First International Congress &Fourth Forum of the Americas on Psychosocial Factors, Stress and Health at Work  
October 17-20, 2012  
Bogota, Colombia  
To be held at the University of the Andes this event is a joint initiative of the Network of Researchers on Psychosocial Factors at Work (RIFAPT) and the Iberoamerican Network of Psychosocial Occupational Risks (RIPSOL).  For additional information:  
http://cifa2012.uniandes.edu.co/

Lessons Learned: Contributions of Exposure Science to Environmental and Occupational Health.  
October 28 – November 1, 2012  
Seattle, WA
International Society of Exposure Science presents its annual meeting. Additional information and registration available at: http://ises2012.org/index.html

Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Review Course
October 29-November 2, 2012
Chapel Hill, NC
This 4 1/2 day course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the field of safety and related areas through lectures by qualified faculty with extensive experience in the safety field.
https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/csp_rev_reg.htm

Occupational and Environmental Factors in Neurological Disease
November 1, 2012
San Francisco, CA
The UCSF Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine is hosting with sponsorship of the Society of Toxicology. In addition to the main conference, a hands-on training workshop October 31, 2012 will provide an important additional educational training opportunity for non-neurologists who are clinical occupational practitioners. For details on course registration, please link to the UCSF CME office: https://www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MDM13N01

Ongoing Educational Courses

Masters' and Doctoral Training Opportunities
Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
The mission of the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC) is to ensure a Center of Excellence that provides: 1) cutting-edge interdisciplinary academic and research training to prepare exceptional leaders who make significant contributions to the field of occupational health and safety and 2) continuing education to prepare occupational health and safety professionals to address current and emerging threats to the nation's workforce. This ERC, one of 17 nationwide, was designed in response to a mandate of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) -- to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and reduce the national burden of work-related injury and illness. The MCOHS provides graduate degree programs, continuing education and outreach activities, and serves as a regional resource for industry, labor, federal, state, and local government agencies, agriculture, and other interested parties. Graduates are prepared to assume positions in various institutions including: academic institutions; corporate and industrial settings; health agencies; and health care facilities, among others. Visit the MCOHS ERC Homepage: http://www.mcohs.umn.edu or Call toll free: 1-877-36-MCOHS (1-877-366-2647). Tuition and stipends are available to eligible applicants.

The degree programs and respective websites are:
Occupational Injury Prevention Research Training Program
http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oiprt/introduction.html
Occupational and Environmental Medicine
http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oem/introduction.html
Industrial Hygiene
http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/ih/introduction.html
Hazardous Substances Academic Training
http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/hsat/introduction.html
Nursing CNE Activities on Asthma Triggers
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

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.

The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)
NECOEM has uploaded several lectures given at the December 2011 Annual NECOEM Conference held in Boston, MA. These podcast lectures and handouts are free of charge and are available by going to the following link: www.necoem.libsyn.com. You may also find these lectures on the necoem page on Itunes.


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 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.

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 Susan Randolph (susan.randolph@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website:
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 Susan Randolph (susan.randolph@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website:
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

Certification Review Courses:
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

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
2011 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; contact number is 205-934-7178 www.uab.edu/dsc

Lead Poisoning Awareness

The LAMPP Project in partnership with the Healthy Environments for Children Initiative at UCONN is very pleased to announce the release of a new lead awareness training for educators, "Lead Poisoning: Limiting the Ability to Learn". This free training is now available on the LAMPP web site http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/lampptraining and LAMPP encourages anyone in education to take advantage of this excellent training.
The training has been designed to raise educators' awareness of lead poisoning and enhance their ability to respond to the needs of children harmed by lead. It's free, informative and easy to follow. There are separate modules for Classroom Educators, Administrators, and personnel from Health Services, Family Resource Centers, Pupil Support Services, Private Schools and Child Daycare Facilities or anyone who might benefit from learning about the signs of lead poisoning, why educators need to be concerned and methods to prevent childhood lead poisoning.