

AOEC E-News July 2011

With the August doldrums approaching there aren't quite as many job openings as last month but there are still several. We've also added more to the list of upcoming meetings and conferences as well as other activities.

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AOEC Activities

Many of the AOEC members were involved directly or indirectly with the aftermath of 9/11. As the 10th anniversary of that tragedy approaches, NYCOSH has developed a program *Are We Prepared for the Next 9/11?* The workshop will be held on September 16 in New York City. Registration is available at www.nycosh.org.

The HealthPartners Occupational Medicine Residency Program now has two PGY1 internships available for dynamic and motivated candidates, ideally talented recent medical school graduates. The PGY1 year will be provided by the Hennepin County Medicine Center transitional year residency program in Minneapolis, with successful completion of the transitional program resulting in admission to the PGY2-3 years in the Occupational Medicine program. Residents will get an MPH from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Please contact Dr. Jon O'Neal, at jon.t.oneal@healthpartners.com for more information. Also check out the new offerings at Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety under ***Ongoing Educational Courses.***

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Deneen Commission Report, which was a set of recommendations for preventing occupational illnesses in Illinois. Alice Hamilton was the lead investigator and principal editor of the report made by the Commission. To celebrate this centennial anniversary, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn has designated September 13th "Alice Hamilton Day" and the University of Illinois-Chicago is hosting an Alice Hamilton Centennial Celebration to be held on: Tuesday September 13, 2011 at the UIC Student Center East, 750 South Halsted. The program will be from 1-4 pm followed by a reception from 4-6 pm. To register please go to <http://www.cvent.com/d/hcq22>. This precedes the NIOSH conference, *Eliminating Health and Safety Disparities at Work* <http://www.aoecdata.org/Conferences/HealthDisparities/index.html>.

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

There is nothing I can add to the comments of the various pundits about the debt ceiling. Suffice it to say, DC does not stand for Deal and Compromise. Normally there is at least some additional activity on Capitol Hill while the budget dramas go on but between the debt ceiling angst and the upcoming August recess literally nothing else of consequence is happening on Capitol Hill.

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 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.

New from Federal Agencies

Epidemic Intelligence Service Application Deadline --- September 1, 2011

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6028a5.htm>

Applications are now being accepted for CDC's July 2012--June 2014 Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program. EIS is a 2-year, postgraduate program of service and on-the-job training for health professionals interested in the practice of epidemiology. Each year, EIS provides approximately 80 persons from around the world opportunities to gain hands-on experience in epidemiology at CDC or state or local health departments. EIS officers, often called CDC's "disease detectives," have gone on to assume leadership positions at CDC and other public health agencies.

The deadline for submitting applications for the July 2012--June 2014 EIS program is September 1, 2011. Information regarding the new EIS online application and program details is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/applynow.html>; by telephone (404-498-6110); or via e-mail (eis@cdc.gov).

CDC/ATSDR

The National Center for Environmental Health / Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) is soliciting nominations for consideration of membership to the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR. Nominees will be selected from experts having experience in preventing human diseases and disabilities caused by environmental conditions. A detailed list of qualifications and requirements for submission is available in the Federal Register Notice.

The deadline for submission of nominees is October 31, 2011. Federal Register Notice available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-07/html/2011-16988.htm> and the charter of the NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors available at: http://www.cdc.gov/maso/FACM/pdfs/BSCNCEHATSDR/BSCNCEH-ATSDR_Charter.pdf

Announcing NCEH/ATSDR Office of Tribal Affairs Website released a new updated website, July 2011. The site features NCEH/ATSDR Tribal Activities, Resources, Upcoming Events, Funding Opportunities, and more. Visit the website at: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tribal/>

NIOSH

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is reviewing its cancer policy and related Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs) to ensure that they reflect current scientific and risk management practices. NIOSH will post a docket for public comment and will hold a public meeting in November 2011. Additional information about the posting of a docket and the scheduling of a meeting will be announced as it becomes available. In the meantime, more information about the history of the NIOSH cancer policy and related resources can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/cancer/policy.html>.

On July 26, NIOSH released the first periodic review of scientific and medical evidence related to the question of whether cancer should be added to the list of health conditions covered by the World Trade Center Health Program. The report, required under the James Zadroga Act, is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/wtc/prc/prc-1.html>.

NIOSH issued advance notice of a public meeting on Aug. 26, 2011, to discuss and obtain comments on a draft document, "Criteria for a Recommended Standard: Occupational Exposure to Diacetyl and 2,3-pentanedione." Further information about the public meeting can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-18755.htm>. A copy of the draft document will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket245/default.html> for Docket number NIOSH-245 on August 12, 2011.

OSHA and CDC on Heat

Given the recent heat waves OSHA's vital message to outdoor workers about the dangers of heat illness is taking on fresh urgency. OSHA wants to make sure you know about the materials at your disposal to help get the word out. These can be downloaded on OSHA's HEAT campaign website, <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>.

CDC has also developed a series of heat related informational sites at http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/?s_cid=w_c_XXXX_frm_001

Positions Available

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System

The department announces a search for the Chief of VA Connecticut's Occupational Health Services. The Chief of Occupational Health Services is responsible to the Chief of Staff for all operations of the Employee Health Services and will participate in the management and operations of the Compensation and Pension Unit. The Chief of Occupational Health Services is also responsible for coordination of educational and research activities with other Departments, including the Yale School of Medicine, Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) Program. Vacancy ID#: 494435

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=100687569&JobTitle=Physician+\(Chief%2c+Occupational+Health+Services\)&q=&where=06516&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=86&y=9&AVSDM=2011-07-05+14%3a55%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=100687569&JobTitle=Physician+(Chief%2c+Occupational+Health+Services)&q=&where=06516&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=86&y=9&AVSDM=2011-07-05+14%3a55%3a00)

VA Deputy Chief Consultant –DC– Occupational Health

The Veterans Health Administration is recruiting a Deputy Chief Consultant for Occupational Health in the Occupational Health Strategic Healthcare Group in VHA's Office of Public Health in Washington DC. VA is looking for someone with strong management skills to support program development, management, and evaluation. The group includes programs in clinical occupational health, workers compensation, health promotion, violence prevention, and occupational epidemiology and has been responsible for national initiatives such as VHA's national \$200 million safe patient handling initiative. The position is a GS-0671 - 15

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=101242147&JobTitle=Supervisory+Health+System+Specialist&q=Supervisory+Health+System+Specialist&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=0&y=0&AVSDM=2011-07-27+19%3a11%3a00>

Occupational/Environmental Health/Toxicology Position

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Texas (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. The position offers a competitive base salary and initial package to ease transition and development of partial extramural funding. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current curriculum vitae and arrange for three letters of reference to: Larry K. Lowry, Ph.D., Department of Occupational Health Sciences, UTHSCT, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154, (903) 877-5900 Fax: (903) 877-7982, E-mail: larry.lowry@uthct.edu with a copy to penny.robinson@uthct.edu.

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 1st. 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, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or via email alf13@drexel.edu

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

Conferences and Meetings

Can You Hear Me? An Introduction to Hearing Loss Prevention in Agriculture

August 16, 2011

9:00 to 10:15am EDT

Participation will be via Web or Teleconference. Presenters are Janet Ehlers, RN, MSN and Pamela Graydon MS, COHC. Course is intended for anyone who works with people exposed to noise in farming. To connect to the telephone conference call 1-877-784-2189 and use participant code 7518864. To connect to the internet session use meeting ID SHW2BQ, entry code jmcsew. For additional information contact Janet Ehlers at jehlers@cdc.gov or Jose Lainez at jlainez@cdc.gov.

66th Annual Florida Workers' Compensation Educational Conference & 23rd Annual Safety and Health Conference

August 21 - 24, 2011

Orlando, FL

All aspects of workers' compensation and workplace safety and health will be the topics of discussion with breakouts for risk managers, regulators, safety professionals, health care providers, adjusters, insurance professionals, attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants, medical case managers, rehabilitation providers, professional employer organizations (employee leasing), mediators, and medical office administrators. Ancillary sessions will be held on the Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act, and the OSHA 10-Hour Course. Additional information and registration:

<http://www.fwciweb.org/Conference.html>

Public Health Informatics 2011 Conference (CDC)

August 21-24, 2011

Atlanta, GA

The theme for the conference this year is *Engaging, Empowering, Evolving... Together*. Public health and health informatics community members will meet to invest in the future of public health informatics and disciplines it may influence. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will co-sponsor this event. <http://www.cdc.gov/phiconference/about.html>

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course

August 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

Office of Research Integrity Quest for Research Excellence 2011 Conference

August 29-30, 2011

Washington, DC

Information about the conference is available from the Office of Research Integrity Website <http://ori.hhs.gov/conferences> where you will find a submission form if you would like to submit an

abstract of a presentation or poster for consideration by the program committee. Abstract topics: Research in Research Integrity or Responsible Conduct of Research Education, Instruction, & Training. Abstract Deadline: On or before June 1, 2011. Registration: <http://regonline.com/questconference>.

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

22nd 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/>

**NORA Manufacturing Sector Conference:
Partnership to Improve Occupational Safety and Health
September 7-8, 2011**

Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

The goals of the conference are to: Identify the greatest opportunities to reduce injuries, illnesses, hazardous, exposures and fatalities in the manufacturing sector; Share information about innovative research and successful partnerships; and Explore potential research collaborations and partnerships to improve occupational safety and health. For additional information and registration: <http://www.team-psa.com/NORAMNF2011/aboutNora.asp>

Western Occupational Health Conference

September 8 - 10, 2011

Bellagio Resort, Las Vegas

For additional information and registration: <http://www.woema.org/WOHC.vp.html>

Occupational Medicine In The Heartland

September 9-10, 2011

Coralville, Iowa

Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association (CSOEMA) invites you to attend their Annual Fall Seminar. Visit www.csoema.org (click on Future Seminars-upper right corner) to view the full program content and register for this outstanding fall seminar offering 9 CME's. MOC's will also be offered.

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>

**National Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference,
September 12-15, 2011
Atlanta, GA**

The Tracking in Action: Leading the Way to Better Environmental Public Health, will unite the environmental public health community and provide opportunities to: discuss and highlight successes of environmental public health and the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, share innovative approaches and reflect on lessons learned along the way, discuss the future of environmental public health, and build partnerships and identify next steps for environmental public health tracking. Abstract Submission Deadline - June 20, 2011. To register and for more information, please visit www.trackinginaction.com

**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

**Overview of Occupational Health Nursing
September 12-14, 2011
Baltimore, MD**

To register, please contact Keith Choi (kchoi@jhsph.edu) or Mary Doyle (mduoye@jhsph.edu) or call 410-955-4088 for more information.

**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 14-15, 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.aoecdata.org/Conferences/HealthDisparities/index.html> Additional information contact: Sherry Baron: sbaron@cdc.gov, Andrea Steege: asteege@cdc.gov

**Healthier Federal Workers
September 14-16, 2011
Washington, DC**

A new symposium promoting the health, safety and wellness of the Federal workforce. Information and registration at www.eagleson.org/healthyfeds. You may also send questions to L. Casey Chosewood, MD, Sr. Medical Officer for Total Worker Health at NIOSH here ahx6@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

American Academy of Family Physicians Scientific Assembly

September 15-17, 2011

Orlando, FL

For more information call (800) 274-2237 or (913) 906-6000, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 pm or go to the website <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/cme/aafpcourses/conferences/assembly.html>.

Protecting Worker and Community Health: Are We Prepared for the Next 9/11?

September 16, 2011

New York City

Convened by: The New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health.

For more information, call NYCOSH 212-227-6440 or go to: www.nycosh.org

Fundamentals in Industrial Ventilation and Practical Applications of Useful Equations

September 19-23, 2011

Cincinnati, Ohio

Presented by ACGIH and its renowned Industrial Ventilation Committee at the ACGIH Professional Learning Center. This three-day course covers both basic and advanced topics related to industrial ventilation. http://www.acgih.org/events/course/FundPrac_Sept11.htm

Public Health Risk Science and Management

September 20-22, 2011

Washington, DC

A 3 day short course on public health risk assessment and management at the GWU School of Public Health and Health Services directed by Dr. George Gray, Professor of Environmental & Occupational Health. For more information or questions contact Dr. George Gray at 202-994-7993, ggray@gwu.edu or go to

<http://sphhs.gwumc.edu/departments/environmentaloccupationalhealth/publichealthriskscienceandmanagementcourse>

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>

**North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology
2011 Annual Congress
September 21-26, 2011
Washington, DC**

The 2011 Congress will offer multiple clinical toxicology symposia, presentation of original research as posters and platforms, and scheduled interest and committee group meetings.

For more information: <http://www.clintox.org/NACCT/NACCTBrochure2011.pdf>

**2011 Southeastern Atlantic College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
(SEACOEM) Annual Symposium
September 23-25, 2011
Charleston, SC**

Cosponsored by the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Additional information and registration: <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/seacoem11.htm#intro>

**Pediatric Environmental Health & Toxicology
North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology
September 24, 2011
Washington, DC**

This is a one day pre-conference special seminar. Topics include: Cannabinoid Receptor Agonists and Antagonists: Gateway to Novel Therapeutics or Drugs of Abuse; Pediatric Toxicology Research; Pediatric Toxicology & Environmental Health Research; Tudes and Tests: Teen Use & Drug Testing; Metals Poisoning; Pesticides Poisoning; and Autism & the Environment. For more information:

<http://www.clintox.org/> CME available.

**Developing and Exploring Linkages Between Public Health Indicators, Exposure and Hazard Data
September 26-28, 2011
Washington, DC**

EPA will be hosting a workshop on Environmental Public Health as part of its ongoing program: Promoting Healthy Communities. The link to the conference web site is:

<http://www.scgcorp.com/PubHealthInd2011/index.asp> (for registration, logistics and draft agenda). Space is limited, so please register early.

**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>

**Practical Applications in Occupational Medicine
October 7-8, 2011
New Orleans, LA**

Main contact: Dr. Janelle Rios at toll-free 8.66.394.8700, janelle.rios@uth.tmc.edu

Alternate contact: Penny Robinson at 903.877.5900, penny.robinson@uthct.edu

AIHA OH + EHS Conference + Exhibition

October 11-13, 2011

Singapore

The main program will be divided into two tracks: one Management Track on Stewardship and Sustainability; and one Technical Track that covers a wide range of important topics AIHA will be offering three Professional Development Courses — one on Noise, one on Professional Judgment, and the other on Value Strategy. Information at <http://www.aiha.org/asiapacific/index.html>.

Impairment Without Disability: Fourth Annual Conference

October 13-14, 2011

Duluth, Minnesota

Essentia Health and Mayo Clinic have collaborated to offer this conference. Key speakers include Stanley Bigos, MD, Stephen George, PT, PhD and others. For more information and to register for this conference: www.impairmentwithoutdisability.com

American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Meeting

October 15-18, 2011

Boston, MA

The AAP conference is dedicated to keeping you abreast of the latest best practices in pediatrics. <http://www.aapexperience.org/>

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.

NIOSH Approved Spirometry Course

October 26-28, 2011

Baltimore, MD

To register, please contact Keith Choi (kchoi@jhsph.edu) or Mary Doyle (mdoyle@jhsph.edu) or call 410-955-4088 for more information.

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. If you have questions, please contact Peter Dooley at peterdooley@gmail.com

American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting

October 30-November 2, 2011

Washington, DC

Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds & Bodies. Registration and additional information at: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting/>

The 27th International Neurotoxicology Conference

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2011

Research Triangle Park, NC

The conference theme is "Environmentally Triggered Neurodevelopmental Disorders: Focus on Endocrine Disruption and Sex Differences in Autism, ADHD, and Schizophrenia". More details at: www.neurotoxicology.com.

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation Course

November 2-4, 2011

Baltimore, MD

To register, please contact Keith Choi (kchoi@jhsp.edu) or Mary Doyle (mduoye@jhsp.edu) or call 410-955-4088 for more information.

CAOHC Approved Recertification Course

November 3, 2011

Baltimore, MD

To register, please contact Keith Choi (kchoi@jhsp.edu) or Mary Doyle (mduoye@jhsp.edu) or call 410-955-4088 for more information.

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

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

The Science and Practice of OEM

December 1 and 2, 2011

Newton, MA

New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)

MA Association of Occupational Health Nurses (MaAOHN)

Northeast Association of Occupational Health Nurses (NEAOHN): Additional information and registration at: <http://www.necoem.org/events/2011-AC-conference.html>

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.

The Contribution of Epigenetics in Pediatric Environmental Health

May 30-June 1, 2012

San Francisco, CA

http://www.cehn.org/files/Conference_2012.pdf Visit the conference website at: www.regonline.com/CEHN for more information and updates or call: 202-543-4033.

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>

Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing

<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oehn/introduction.html>

Occupational Health Services Research and Policy

<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/ohsrp/introduction.html>

Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Program

(New Program: Website in Progress)

Online Programs in Occupational Hygiene and Health at UIC now approved by OHTA and for CME credit. Both online programs start Sep 2011 and go until May 2012.

A. Occupational Hygiene Program: The Department of EOH, University of Illinois at Chicago, received recognition as “approved training provider” by the Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA, <http://www.ohlearning.com>). Participants will have the chance to complete five to seven OHTA training modules and work on their personal learning portfolio for the “Intermediate Level” OHTA Certification. For more information see http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg_OccHygieneCertif.html

B. Occupational Health Program approved CME Credit: Participants in medical professions will receive 130 hours of Continuous Medical Education credit (CME) from the American Medical Association AMA (AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™) for the successful completion of Course “Foundations of Occupational Safety, Health and Hygiene Practice”. CME Applications for Course II and III are in preparation. For more information see http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg_OccHealthCertif.html

Both are training programs for professionals worldwide who work in occupational safety, health and hygiene (OSHH) without formal training. Limited scholarship opportunities are available, more info at http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg_scholarships.html.

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Greenhouse Gas Accounting

Measuring an Organization’s Carbon Footprint GHG Protocol / ISO 14064-1

School of Public Health-University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

UIC Online Continuing Education & Training Course

In the context of national and international greenhouse gas regulations and trends, this course focuses on how to measure, manage and report GHG emissions in conformance with widely accepted international standards (The Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard and ISO 14064-1).

For registration please visit: <http://www.cvent.com/d/gdqyzv>

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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.swceph.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 (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. 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://cchtapps.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 Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@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 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_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.