

## ***AOEC E-News July 2009***

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### ***AOEC Board Elections***

The annual AOEC Board elections are coming up shortly. Four seats will be open this election cycle: one individual seat and three clinic slots.

Two of the clinic seats up for open election are currently held by the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Program at the University of Washington and the Occupational and Environmental Health Clinic at the University of California-San Francisco. Both clinic representatives have indicated they are ready to run for re-election. However, the clinic slot currently held by the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University (GWU) has been declared vacant under the by-laws due to the clinic's closure. Under the process established by the by-laws, a new clinic representative will need to be elected to finish the remaining year of the GWU term. The net result of this situation is that the clinics which finish first and second in number of votes will be elected for three year term and the third place clinic will be elected for one year. That clinic would then be eligible to run for the Board in 2010 and serve two full terms on the Board if they wish.

The individual seat open for election is currently held by Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, RN. The by-laws come into play for this seat as well. Under our term limit rules, Bonnie can't run again for at least a year and under our diversity rule the seat must be reserved for a non-physician since the other three individual seats on the Board are currently held by physicians. Therefore nominations for the individual seat this year will be limited to non-physicians.

The duties of the Board are to help maintain AOEC's governance and position in the field. AOEC has become a cornerstone of public health science, policy and influence in occupational and environmental health. Although small in membership numbers compared to some of the other professional organizations, we are considered a major, highly influential player in the field.

The duties do not require a great deal of time commitment. There are a fair number of e-mails that go out to the Board and a few calls but there are only two Board meetings a year (and 95% of them end on schedule). The spring meeting is usually in DC and has all travel related costs reimbursed. Some years we even throw in the cherry blossoms. The second meeting is held in conjunction with the annual American Public Health Association meeting. This year our fall Board meeting will be on November 7, 2009 in Philadelphia. Board members generally pay their own expenses to the APHA associated meeting but please do not let possible travel costs prevent you from running.

To run for the Board, you must: submit an election statement with a brief summary (preferably one page) of what you bring to the table and what you would like to see AOEC do in the future. Examples of prior election statements are available from the AOEC office.

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

### *View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland*

While there is still plenty of time for things to become derailed, it is beginning to look as if the federal budget process may actually be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Last month there were only two departmental budgets that had passed by both the House and the Senate appropriations committees. At this point, there are only three which haven't passed by both.

Unfortunately, that includes Labor/HHS but even that has now passed the House committee. The House added an additional \$953,000 for NIOSH to conduct mining research. This is in addition to the President's request for \$369,341,000 which also included an increase of about 2.5% over the FY2009 levels. While 2.5% doesn't sound great, there was concern that there would be either flat funding or a cut in funding. OSHA unfortunately did take a hit in the House Committee. The President proposed \$563.6 million but the House report reduced this to \$555 million. However, this still represents an increase of \$41 million from FY2009 and provides for nearly 150 new enforcement staff. Under the Interior and Environment committee, the ATSDR budget increase of almost 4% to \$76,792,000 made it through both the House and Senate committees unchanged.

Although this is all positive news, the same caveat applies as last month that none has been through the reconciliation process as yet nor has the President signed off on any appropriation bill. It's a definite case of the old Yogi Berra expression "It ain't over till it's over."

On non-budget issues, the fact that the NIOSH Director's job announcement was posted July 15 means things are moving within CDC regarding NIOSH. The posting was only valid for two weeks which implies that, while this is an open competition, there are probably candidates under serious consideration already. The NIOSH appointment does not require Congressional approval so an appointment could move through the bureaucracy quickly.

Finally, speaking of confirmations, the long expected announcement that David Michaels, PhD would be nominated to be Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor has finally been made official. Dr. Michaels will be leaving the George Washington University (GWU) Department of Environmental and Occupational Health where he has been on the faculty for the past eight years and acting chair since January 2009. Hence, if you are interested in a job in DC, just scroll down to the Positions available for GWU. While the head of OSHA has to have Congressional confirmation, Dr. Michaels has been through the process before when he served as Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety and Health in the Department of Energy in the Clinton administration. While anything can happen (see Yogi Berra quote above), it is unlikely his nomination will be derailed. While this means Jordan Barab will leave his current post as Acting Assistant Secretary he will remain Deputy Assistant Secretary of OSHA. With these two at the lead, expect a reenergized OSHA over the next few years.

## ***Positions Available***

### ***Public Health Medical Officer III***

#### ***California Department of Public Health-Occupational Health Branch***

The Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health is currently recruiting for a Public Health Medical Officer III (PHMO III). The position is full time and is located in Richmond, California. The PHMO III will provide expert medical and toxicologic consultation as part of the Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS). [Note: This position is different from a recently posted PHMO III position that focuses on occupational epidemiology/surveillance and emergency preparedness.]

We are seeking a BC/BE occupational or preventive medicine physician with experience in and/or commitment to occupational public health. Licensure to practice medicine in California is required. The candidate will work with a multidisciplinary team and should have excellent writing skills.

To apply for this position, complete a State application (available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/jobs/Pages/StateApplication.aspx>) and send with a cover letter to Dennis Shusterman, MD, MPH, Occupational Health Branch, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, Richmond, CA 94804. Inquiries about the position are welcome at (510) 620-5714 or [dennis.shusterman@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:dennis.shusterman@cdph.ca.gov).

Please note that applicants must be California civil service eligible for the PHMO III in order to be considered. To apply for eligibility, see [http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/exams/exam\\_bulletins.htm](http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/exams/exam_bulletins.htm), choose “Exams by Title” and select “Public Health Medical Officer III.” For more information, contact Inez Tamayo at (510) 620-5749 or [inez.tamayo@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:inez.tamayo@cdph.ca.gov).

## **Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC: Director, Environmental Agents Service**

The Director, Environmental Agents Service works for the Chief Consultant, Environmental health, in conjunction with the Director, Radiation and Physical Exposures Service and the Director, Environmental Epidemiology Service in developing policies, programs, training and congressional testimony relating to military exposures to environmental toxicants. The candidate will work with a variety of federal agencies, including the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services in coordinating activities related to such exposures. The Director must have proven excellent communication skills, both oral and written. The incumbent prepares white papers, briefings and other presentations to senior VA leadership and Congress, Veterans Services Organizations, and the general public.

For information go to USAJob.gov and enter: Department of Veterans Affairs and Director, Environmental Agents Service

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=82296982&JobTitle=Director%2c+Environmental+Agents+Service&q=Environmental+Agents+Service&vw=b&re=0&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y>

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**Occupational & Environmental Health Network**, a Massachusetts employee health solutions and disability management company is seeking an **Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse** within the Boston, MA area.

The Nurse will provide healthcare directed toward health promotion, health maintenance, disease prevention and rehabilitation.

**Job Overview:** Responsible for pre-placement screenings, vaccination programs, drug screenings, blood borne pathogen standards, and other health promotion/prevention programs. Must be able to establish clinical relationships with physicians and work together to ensure protocols are appropriate to the patient population. Will document injured workers abilities or work restrictions and prepare reports and will assist patients in meeting health needs by identifying potential or existing problems.

Requires a current MA nursing license, malpractice insurance, and at least 5 years of Occupational Health experience. This short term position is open two days per week with the potential of becoming long term. Will report to the on-site Medical Director.

*Start date: Immediate.*

If interested, please send resume and cover letter to Tanya Robinson, HR Manager at [trobinson@oehn.net](mailto:trobinson@oehn.net) Check us out on the web at [www.oehn.net](http://www.oehn.net)

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

***Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health***

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

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

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

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

### ***Three Faculty Positions in Environmental and Occupational Health at GWU***

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

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

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

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

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

### **Environmental/Occupational Epidemiologist Position-Tyler, Texas**

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time, non-tenure faculty position

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

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

**Jeffrey L. Levin, M.D., M.S.P.H.**

Professor and Chair, Department of Occupational Health Sciences

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**

11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154

**(903) 877-5900 Fax: (903) 877-7982**

**E-mail: [jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu](mailto:jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu)**

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

## ***Courses***

### **NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses**

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

### **ONLINE COURSE: International Program in Occupational Health Practice**

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

The training program is designed for company health professional's worldwide (doctors, nurses and others) but it is also open for other professionals such as HSE managers or professionals who

are engaged in management of occupational health services, such as technicians, engineers and managers, occupational hygienists, occupational safety professionals.

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

The program starts on August 31, 2009 and runs till May 2010. Enrollment is open now.

The course information website is available at

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrgOHP.html>. There are several discount options for organizations with multiple participants (see details on website). If an organization/company wants to take advantage of these discount options, they need to contact the course administration first [http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg\\_contact.html](http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrg_contact.html).

*UIC is a World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Occupational Health*

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

#### **Occupational Health Nursing**

Your Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes on-line anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf ([judy\\_ostendorf@unc.edu](mailto:judy_ostendorf@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website: <http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance/ohn.htm>

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

[http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_certificate\\_4796\\_8853.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_4796_8853.html)

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

"Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management," that is based on the Royce Moser text, "Effective Management of Health and Safety Programs--A Practical Guide, 3rd Edition".

Reflecting the additional chapters and other material in the 3rd edition, it is approved for a maximum of 45 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. It is also approved by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as meeting the requirements of an educational module under the ABPM 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>.

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

**September 23 • Occupational Noise**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

**September 24 • OSHA Recordkeeping – 8 am to Noon**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

**September 24 • Bloodborne Pathogens Update – Noon to 4 pm**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

**October 1 • AHERA Inspector Refresher – 8 am to Noon**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

**October 19-20 • Spirometry Workshop**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

**October 21-23 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation**

*Birmingham, AL • Hampton Inn Colonnade*

Deep South Center for Occupational Health & Safety

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

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

Now Available at: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/subtopic/pediatrics.html>

This course is based on the Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit: An American Academy of Pediatrics-endorsed clinical tool. This is an online course developed in conjunction with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, the University of California San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Greater Boston.

Free 1.5 Credit Hours for: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Other health professionals (check the course site) Use this free interactive online course in the comfort of your own home or office to increase your knowledge base of common pediatric environmental health issues. Users can log in and out to complete the course in several sessions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Conferences and Meetings***

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

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

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

For more information contact (404)727-9428

Email: [pehsu@oz.ped.emory.edu](mailto:pehsu@oz.ped.emory.edu)

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Health and Environment Conference  
September 11, 2009 Baltimore, Maryland**

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

Topics to be discussed during plenary sessions and interactive discussion groups include the built environment, reproductive health outcomes, policy changes in regard to providing healthy homes, relevant pediatric environmental health clinical cases and more.

For more information and to register, call 1-866-622-2431

Website: [www.health-e-kids.org](http://www.health-e-kids.org)

**Western Occupational Health Conference: *Occupational Medicine: A Climate of Change*  
September 10-12, 2009, Scottsdale, AZ**

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

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

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

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

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

Cracow, Poland

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

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

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

\* Tel: +48 42 6314 903

\* Fax: +48 42 656 8331

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

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

For AOEC members and those interested in AOEC we have:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One issue both of importance and confusion is the **Annual OHS Section Social**. Since most section social hours are on Monday, it has been mistakenly published several places as being on Monday. However, the OH Section likes to be different. The OHS Section Social will be held on **Sunday, November 8, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM** Philadelphia Convention Center--Room TBA. All are welcome to attend the OHS Social Hour and Membership Meeting. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues or share ideas on the OHS section. The Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, November 10 at noon**, again in the Philadelphia Convention Center-Room TBA.

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

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

REGISTER VIA: **Online:** [www.cme.ucsf.edu](http://www.cme.ucsf.edu)

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

#### **On-Site Registration**

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

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

### **Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture**

**January 27-28, 2010, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas**

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

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

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

**Instructions for Submission-** refer to [www.ashca.com](http://www.ashca.com)

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

Questions regarding abstracts can be directed to [ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu](mailto:ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu). For more information on the conference, visit [www.ashca.com](http://www.ashca.com).

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

**Bangalore 1st of February – 3rd February 2010**

Location: National Institute of Advance studies

Indian Institute of Science Campus

Bangalore.Karnataka.India

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

Call for abstracts for posters until December 1, 2009

Additional information can be found at

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