

AOEC E-News May 2009

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The FY 2010 President's Budget Request of \$76,792,000 for ATSDR, represents an increase of \$2,753,300 above the FY 2009 Omnibus. This reflects \$753,000 for pay increases and \$2,000,000 for non-pay increases or just under 4%. The FY 2010 funds will support public health activities to identify and evaluate exposures to hazardous substances and to take appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate future exposures. Of particular note to AOEC, our Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) program merited a full paragraph in the budget justification for ATSDR in the HHS/CDC *Justification of Estimates for Appropriation Committees*.

The best way to describe the EPA budget is to quote Administrator Lisa Jackson, "EPA's new budget reflects the President's commitment to growing a clean energy economy while protecting human health and the environment," said Administrator Jackson. "These investments demonstrate that it is possible to work towards both a green economy and a green environment by positioning EPA to lead the way in green jobs, in innovation and technology, and in action on global climate change." In dollars and cents, the President's request was for \$10.5 billion, the biggest budget in EPA history.

The FY 2010 budget for OSHA will promote the Agency's mission and priorities through a request of \$563,620,000 and 2,360 FTE, an increase of \$50,578,000 and 213 FTE over FY 2009 levels. It's not quite as nice an increase if you take the stimulus money into account for the 2009 level but it's still better than prior years.

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland

The only positive thing to come out of the H1N1 flu situation is that Congress finally confirmed HHS Secretary Kathleen Sibelius. She in turn has appointed a new head of CDC, Thomas Frieden. There's been lots of discussion about Dr. Frieden and how he will lead CDC. So far, even the cynics at CDC are willing to give him time to prove himself. One issue we hope he deals with quickly is the amount of indirect costs the Office of the Director currently takes for administrative overhead. These costs had

risen significantly (up to 18%) under the prior CDC administration. If the indirect can be dropped by a few percentage points, the bottom line budget information above for ATSDR and NIOSH would improve by an equal percentage. The other issue we'd like him to deal with expeditiously is naming the NIOSH Director for the next six years.

There is also new word that the position of Assistant Secretary for Labor is once more in play. It was thought by many (myself included) that Jordan Barab's appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA and Acting Assistant Secretary was only temporary and that he would soon be nominated for the full Assistant Secretary role. It now appears that Jordan will remain a deputy but with a lot of support from Secretary Solis to move policy forward. The name most being mentioned at the moment for the top OSHA job is David Michaels, PhD. Stay tuned-things could change again.

Members in Action

A number of AOEC members are involved in projects that we'd like to highlight. A few are listed in this issue and if you have others, please let the AOEC office know about your involvement. We'll try to highlight two or three each issue.

The Roundtable on Environmental Health Sciences, Research, and Medicine was established to provide a mechanism for parties interested in environmental health from the academic, industrial, and federal research perspectives to meet and discuss sensitive and difficult environmental health issues of mutual interest in a neutral setting. It is part of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. The purpose of the roundtable is to foster dialogue, but not to provide recommendations. We are very pleased that AOEC Past-President *Edward Doyle, MD, MSc* has been asked to join the Roundtable for their upcoming June meeting. He will join a stellar group of health professionals including such notables as Lynn Goldman, Henry Falk, Howard Frumkin, John Howard and others.

The Roundtable is sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, CDC; National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC; National Exposure Research Laboratory, EPA Office of Science Policy, EPA; Exxon-Mobil Foundation; American Chemistry Council; Institute for Public Health and Water Research; and Arch Chemicals.

Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, RN, FAAN, associate professor in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's Public Health Leadership Program and director of the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center and the Occupational Health Nursing Program, has been elected vice president of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH).

The Commission is an international, nongovernmental, professional society whose aims are to foster the scientific progress, knowledge and development of occupational health and safety in all its aspects. It was founded in 1906 in Milan as the Permanent Commission on Occupational Health.

As part of AOEC's ongoing outreach to health professionals, AOEC member, *Toni Eason, DNP, MS, APRN, BC* presented: Vocations, Milieus and Hazards: What you must know to take and Environmental and Occupational Health History to nursing students and faculty at the 57th annual convention of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) April 15-19, 2009 in Nashville, TN. Ms. Eason was selected

among the applicants who responded to the Request For Proposal posted last winter.

AOEC Activities

With the beginning of the summer season, it is a good time to reflect and remind members of the core activities of AOEC. The AOEC Board of Directors will meet in Alexandria, VA on June 27, 2009. Among topics to be discussed are the many activities of AOEC and how these should be prioritized. Input from you the members are appreciated.

- ***Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU)***
The PEHSU Program has progressed for 10 years under AOEC management. The 11 PEHSU sites are a source of medical information and advice on environmental conditions that influence children's health. These PEHSU network combines the expertise of occupational physicians, pediatricians, toxicologists, health educators, industrial hygienists and others. This provides a network that is capable of responding to requests for information throughout the U.S. and offering advice on prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of environmentally related health effects in children. The ATSDR-U.S. EPA funding for this program is up for competitive renewal this fiscal year.
- ***Database: Value of clinical network and reporting***
AOEC developed a national surveillance database in 1991 to capture newly diagnosed cases of occupational and environmental illnesses and chronic injuries seen at AOEC member clinics. AOEC proposes to continue the ongoing outreach and surveillance activities. The surveillance reports summarize occupational and environmental related medical conditions seen at participating AOEC clinics during a given time period. Inclusion of cases is based on the date of diagnosis within the time period.
- ***Exposure codes and asthmagen listing***
One of the tasks of the Board will be to review and approve the latest set of recommendations for the AOEC Exposure Code Listing including the most recent recommendations for exposures to be given an asthmagen designation. If you haven't reviewed the AOEC Asthmagen Protocol, please do so and provide your own comments to the Board
http://www.aoec.org/content/Asthmagen_Protocol_10-25_08.pdf.
- ***The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP): Bringing in younger, diverse workforce into Occupational Health and Safety.***
The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) has had its best recruitment year ever. The program received over 150 applications. Applications have been received from all over the country and placements will be in San Diego, Los Angeles, Northern California and New York. While slots were more limited this year due to the financial crunch plans are underway to find additional funding for 2010 and beyond.
- ***Promoting OSH as a career***
In addition to OHIP, AOEC helps recruit professionals to OSH careers by providing OSH educational outreach; disseminating information and conducting educational activities to both OSH professionals and to primary care practitioners, with emphasis on those providing care to medically underserved populations. AOEC is one of the few truly multidisciplinary health professional organizations and takes this role seriously with as much emphasis on outreach to all

professions as possible.

- ***The OEM List***

The OEM List is a dynamic, daily, e-mail discussion forum of occupational and environmental health topics. AOEC has been a major supporter of the list since 1993. If you haven't been a part of the OEM List community, check it out at <http://www.aoec.org/OEM-list.htm>

- ***OM Residency Programs***

One of the ongoing activities of AOEC is to work with the OM residency directors. AOEC maintains an up to date listing of the OM residency program <http://www.aoec.org/training.htm>, we offer an informal matching service to help with late applicants to OM residency programs, and work on recruitment. AOEC also works with the OM residencies whenever possible on other issues. The residency directors met at AOHC in April where there was not only the ongoing concern about the diminishing number of OM residencies but also ACOEM proposals to change the criteria to become Board certified in OM.

- ***AOEC as a central location for medical education and outreach***

There are a number of educational modules currently on the AOEC website and over the summer, that section of the website will be revamped. New modules will be added and a new feature including links to online educational offerings by AOEC clinics will be added.

- ***Healthy Aging for Workers***

The February conference *Healthy Aging for Workers* was very informative and successful. We will have a video with the highlights on the AOEC website soon. Watch for the announcement that it is available and please watch it when it is. The formal written conference proceedings are in process but will not be available until later this year.

Positions Available

Public Health Medical Officer -California Department of Public Health Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control

The Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control (DEODC) 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 serve as a senior physician epidemiologist in the epidemiology and surveillance section, and as the lead for the DEODC program for environmental and workplace chemical, biological and chemical preparedness.

The Occupational Health Branch is one of the largest State-based programs engaged in the tracking of work-related injuries and diseases, assessment of workplace hazardous exposures, and dissemination of prevention recommendations for employers, employees, health and safety professionals and health care providers. For almost 25 years under the leadership of Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, the epidemiology and surveillance section has tracked work-related injuries and illnesses, conducted applied epidemiological investigations, and published results to highlight the need for prevention and intervention strategies.

We are seeking a board-eligible or board-certified occupational or preventive medicine physician with experience and/or commitment to public health and State-based applied epidemiology. 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 Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, Occupational Health Branch, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, Richmond, CA 94804. Inquiries about the position are welcome at (510) 620-5769 or Robert.harrison@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; 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.

University of New Mexico-OEM Position

The University of New Mexico has an opening. This Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician position will oversee clinical service activities in occupational and environmental medicine primarily in the University employee health services. This position is Open Rank and Open Track and will have administrative responsibilities in health and safety related issues. Rank and salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Responsibilities will also include teaching residents and medical students, and has the potential for conducting research. Requirements: Must be physicians who are board certified/board eligible in occupational medicine by date of hire. Must be eligible to work in the United States. Preferences: 1) Experience in clinical and related administrative responsibilities in occupational and environmental medicine 2) Preventive medicine residency training.

For complete description and application requirements for Posting #0801288, please see the UNM jobs application system at: <https://unmjobs.unm.edu>.

Inquires may be directed to: Mr. Joe Shealy, Program Manager, COEHP, Department of Internal Medicine, University of New Mexico, MSC 10 5550, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131 or JShealy@salud.unm.edu.

West Virginia University – Faculty Positions

West Virginia University (WVU) seeks applicants for up to three full-time tenure-track faculty positions (open rank), to participate in the expansion of a multidisciplinary injury research program. The successful candidates will serve as Core Faculty of the WVU Injury Control Research Center (ICRC) – one of thirteen CDC-funded injury centers nationwide. The ICRC is

located within the School of Medicine at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

This recruitment is intended to expand the depth of the ICRC and also fit within the WVU Health Sciences Center's Strategic Research Plan, which provides guidance for biomedical, public health and translational clinical research consistent with the NIH Roadmap. ICRC faculty will also participate in a recently established Clinical and Translational Science Institute. While candidates from any background relevant to the science of injury control are encouraged to apply, we seek to align these recruitments with specific population health needs in West Virginia, with emphasis on injury among the elderly population, neurological trauma, and prescription drug abuse/poisonings.

Applicants for these positions should possess a terminal degree and have academic preparation/expertise in one or more of the following: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral sciences, population health, health services research, acute injury care, or translation/dissemination research. Candidates should be able to collaborate with multidisciplinary research teams of basic, clinical, and applied researchers, and also develop their own program of funded research.

Candidates should have a record of, or significant promise for, excellence in research and teaching in relevant areas, as well as peer-reviewed publications. Experience and participation in NIH or other federally-funded research is an advantage. Primary responsibilities will be to develop and maintain an independently funded research portfolio that is consistent with the objectives of the ICRC. All new hires are expected to achieve NIH or comparable competitive extramural funding within four years. A variety of support mechanisms are in place to help achieve this goal, including involvement in our current and future Center grant activities.

Graduate teaching and mentorship is expected, and excellent communication skills are important. Each new position comes with a competitive salary and start-up package. A faculty appointment in an appropriate department within the WVU Health Sciences Center will be provided, commensurate with the individual's background and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing their research and teaching experience, listing of contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae to Jeffrey H. Coben, MD, Director, WVU Injury Control Research Center, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, PO Box 9151, Morgantown, WV 26506-9151 or submit by email to jcoben@hsc.wvu.edu and cc: dfulaytar@hsc.wvu.edu. The search will remain active until the positions are filled.

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University of Utah--Industrial Hygiene

The Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of Utah, seeks qualified applicants for a dynamic Industrial Hygiene tenure track appointment. Position will have significant responsibilities in areas of research, teaching, and administration. Faculty

will be involved with student guidance on how to complete a Master of Science in Occupational Health curriculum for either the IH or HSAT programs. Faculty rank and remuneration commensurate with prior experience. Successful candidates for the position must have Doctorate degree in industrial hygiene or a closely allied field. CIH is desirable. Send Curriculum Vitae and references to: Rod R. Larson, PhD, CIH, Director, Industrial Hygiene, RMCOEH, University of Utah, 391 Chipeta Way, Suite C, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Applicant Screening will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. University of Utah is an EEO/AA Employer and encourages applicants from women and minorities.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician will have diverse responsibilities in clinical, program management, and academic areas. The clinical work will be based in our Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic, where the case mix includes work injury management, clinical toxicology, independent medical examinations, permanent impairment ratings, fitness for duty assessments, disability management and pre-placement evaluations and medical surveillance. Other responsibilities include supervising nurse practitioners in Occupational Medicine, managing occupational health and safety programs and assisting with management at off site, local industry-based satellite clinics. Teaching opportunities include medical students, post-graduate students, graduate school lecturing and CME lecturing. You will also be encouraged to collaborate in identifying research projects and funding. Requirements include board certification in occupational medicine and certification as a Medical Review Officer, along with a minimum of 3-5 years' post-graduate clinical/programmatic experience at an occupational medicine clinic, including program development and oversight.

Salary and academic appointment at Dartmouth Medical School will be commensurate with experience and training. Qualified applicants should forward a curriculum vitae and a cover letter electronically to:

Robert K. McLellan, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FAAFP Chief, Section of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center One Medical Center Dr Lebanon, NH 03756 email: Jennifer.L.Locke@Hitchcock.org

For further information please visit our website at: www.dhmc.org

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Meetings and Conferences

June

National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures-Kick-off Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2009

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a collaborative initiative to identify and prioritize actions for strengthening the public health approach to chemical exposures. CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) are sponsoring this project.

Please plan to join us on June 26, 2009 in Washington, DC for a day-long meeting to launch this exciting stakeholder and public involvement initiative. The meeting will include a plenary session featuring Dr. Howard Frumkin, Director of NCEH/ATSDR as well as other guests. Breakout sessions will allow for discussion of specific issues related to public health and chemical exposures. For additional information e-mail nationalconversation@cdc.gov

MOLD and MOISTURE, Guidance for Clinicians and Public Health Professionals

June 20, 2009 The Hyatt Regency | Atlanta, Georgia

Gain the tools to evaluate and treat patients for their mold and moisture related health concerns! Physicians, other health care providers and public health professionals are being faced with a rapidly growing number of individuals troubled by indoor contaminants, particularly mold. This workshop, sponsored by the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Education and the Center for Indoor Environments and Health, offers participants the latest information on mold, moisture, building science and health. This workshop features expert speakers from the University of Connecticut Health Center, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and others. It is designed for primary care providers, public health professionals, and allergy and pulmonary medicine sub-specialists. [Read more](#) about the Mold and Moisture workshop, and [register online](#). If you have any questions about the Mold and Moisture workshop, please contact Paula Schenck with the University of Connecticut Health Center at schenck@nso2.uchc.edu or (860) 679-2368.* For CME details, visit the [University of Connecticut Center for Indoor Environments and Health web site](#)

This workshop is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, and the National Environmental Health Association.

July

Standardization of Mold Response Procedures

ASTM Conference to be held July 13-15, 2009 in Burlington, Vermont.

The issue of mold growth has been transformed from a minor concern to a major liability despite lack of an objective measure for determining whether this ubiquitously present substance actually presents a health hazard. The ASTM Conference will, for the first time, highlight practical, science-based approaches for resolving building mold concerns. Presentations will focus on the importance of understanding building moisture, diagnosing occupant sensitivity, microbial testing (both use and misuse), selecting effective response measures, verifying water-damage restoration and critiquing

current guidelines. ASTM Committee D22.08 hopes to follow-up the Conference with the development of realistic standards and suggestions for future research.

The Conference will be of interest to investigators (including hygienists, engineers, physicians, lab analysts and public health officials), as well as stakeholders such as building managers, insurers and public interest groups. Registration information is available by contacting ASTM (hsparks@astm.org or 1-800-262-1373).

September

Children's Environmental Health Conference

September 11, 2009

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) is hosting its 2009 Annual Conference at the [Mt. Washington Conference Center – Baltimore, MD](#)

The entire day will focus on engaging discussions surrounding Children's Environmental Health. We welcome your participation. For further updated please visit the conference site at:

http://www.meetmax.com/sched/macc909/~public/conference_home.html?event_id=3762

October

Healthy People in a Healthy Environment

2009 National Environmental Public Health Conference

October 26-28, 2009 * Sheraton Atlanta Hotel * Atlanta, Georgia

Conference tracks:

- ∅ Healthy Places
- ∅ Public Health & Environmental Exposures
- ∅ Sustainability & Public Health
- ∅ Environmental Systems & Public Health
- ∅ Environmental Health Emergencies
- ∅ Environmental Health Science and Practice

Organized by Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry & National Environmental Health Association

<http://www.npsatl.com/>

[2009 Northwest Occupational Health Conference](#) (NOHC)

October 7—8, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

The NOHC is being held following the [PCIH](#), which runs from October 3 - 6, 2009. The NOHC has a national reputation as a dynamic, high quality, multi-disciplinary conference - one of, if not THE, oldest in the United States. This annual conference is attended by over 300 Health, Safety and Medical Professionals from all over the Pacific Northwest. This year the Concurrent General Sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 7 and the Short Course on Thursday, October 8. For more information or if you would like to receive a registration brochure when it is available please email

administrator@pnsaiha.org.

International Congress in Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health

October 13th to 16th, 2009, Cartagena de India, DT, Colombia

The 17th International Congress in Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health: "From Theory to Practice: Occupational Health and Safety for Rural Populations" will take place in Cartagena de India, DT, Colombia from October 13th to 16th, 2009. The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to July 1, 2009, the same date that early bird payment ends.

This congress is co-organized by the International Association of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health IAAMRH and the Scientific Committee on Rural Health of the International Commission on Occupational Health ICOH. Local support is being provided by the ICOH National Secretariat, the Agriculture University of Colombia Foundation, El Bosque University, the Colombian government and several national institutions.

The conference web page (in English) is <http://www.ruralhealth-colombia.com/eng/>

Should you need additional information, please contact the organizing committee at:

SciComInfo@ruralhealth-colombia.com For information on other ICOH conferences, see the ICOH Events website at <http://www.icohweb.org/events.asp>.

Courses

Harvard University

In-Place Filter Testing Workshop

August 17-21, 2009 Boston, MA

Learn the latest air-cleaning techniques and regulatory requirements for in-place filter testers. This practical course is an essential component of preparing individuals to test and certify systems containing HEPA filtration and gas adsorption systems. For additional information on the program visit:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ccpe/programs/IPFT.html>

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>

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

32nd Annual Summer Institute

August 2-7, 2009

Marriott Norfolk Waterside Norfolk, Virginia

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/index.htm>

Courses offered at the Summer Institute

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/classes.htm>

20% Course Discount <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/index.htm>
Register Now Online <https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/summer09reg.htm>

Additional Courses

Technician Certificate Programs: <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/index.htm>
Industrial Hygiene <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/ih/index.htm>
Environmental <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/environmental/index.htm>
Safety <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/safety/index.htm>

NC OSHERC Certification Review courses:

Chemical Hygiene Officer (CCHO) http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/lab_safety.htm
Certified Biological Safety Professional (CBSP) <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/biosafety.htm>
Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN)
http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/ohn_cert_rev_08.htm
Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/comp_ih_rev.htm
Certified Safety Professional(CSP) http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/csp_rev.htm
Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM)
http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/chmm_rev.htm
Safety Management Certification (COHN/SM)
http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/cohn_sfty_mgmt.htm

Online course: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course available online

http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/fund_ind_hyg_online.htm

Approved for Technician Certificate Program Credit. Asbestos training EPA-Approved AHERA Asbestos Training <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/topics/asbestos.htm> Held throughout the year in Chapel Hill, NC Continuing Education and Outreach <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce.htm>, NC Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/index.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 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

June 7-9 ● ASP Prep Workshop

Pensacola Beach, FL ● Hilton Pensacola Beach Front

June 10-12 ● CSP Prep Workshop

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June 8-9 • Spirometry Workshop

Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 10-12 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation

Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 22-25 • Environmental & Occupational Safety & Health Institute

Birmingham, Alabama • University of Alabama at Birmingham Campus

June 29 • Spirometry REFRESHER Workshop

Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 30 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation REFRESHER

Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

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.

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Amazingly, this year it is actually easy to find the NIOSH budget within the greater CDC budget. The President's budget calls for an increase of not quite 3% to a total of \$276,664,000 plus 91,724,000 for NORA activities. Most of the increase is earmarked for salaries and nanotechnology with a \$500,000 increase for NORA activities.

The FY 2010 President's Budget Request of \$76,792,000 for ATSDR, represents an increase of \$2,753,300 above the FY 2009 Omnibus. This reflects \$753,000 for pay increases and \$2,000,000 for non-pay increases or just under 4%. The FY 2010 funds will support public health activities to identify and evaluate exposures to hazardous substances and to take appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate future exposures. Of particular note to AOEC, our Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) program merited a full paragraph in the budget justification for ATSDR in the HHS/CDC *Justification of Estimates for Appropriation Committees*.

The best way to describe the EPA budget is to quote Administrator Lisa Jackson, "EPA's new budget reflects the President's commitment to growing a clean energy economy while protecting human health and the environment," said Administrator Jackson. "These investments demonstrate that it is possible to work towards both a green economy and a green environment by positioning EPA to lead the way in green jobs, in innovation and technology, and in action on global climate change." In dollars and cents, the President's request was for \$10.5 billion, the biggest budget in EPA history.

The FY 2010 budget for OSHA will promote the Agency's mission and priorities through a request of \$563,620,000 and 2,360 FTE, an increase of \$50,578,000 and 213 FTE over FY 2009 levels. It's not quite as nice an increase if you take the stimulus money into account for the 2009 level but it's still better than prior years.

View From Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland

The only positive thing to come out of the H1N1 flu situation is that Congress finally confirmed HHS Secretary Kathleen Sibelius. She in turn has appointed a new head of CDC, Thomas Frieden. There's been lots of discussion about Dr. Frieden and how he will lead CDC. So far, even the cynics at CDC are willing to give him time to prove himself. One issue we hope he deals with quickly is the amount of indirect costs the Office of the Director currently takes for administrative overhead. These costs had risen significantly (up to 18%) under the prior CDC administration. If the indirect can be dropped by a few percentage points, the bottom line budget information above for ATSDR and NIOSH would improve by an equal percentage. The other issue we'd like him to deal with expeditiously is naming the NIOSH Director for the next six years.

There is also new word that the position of Assistant Secretary for Labor is once more in play. It was thought by many (myself included) that Jordan Barab's appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA and Acting Assistant Secretary was only temporary and that he would soon be nominated for the full Assistant Secretary role. It now appears that Jordan will remain a deputy but with a lot of support from Secretary Solis to move policy forward. The name most being mentioned at the moment for the top OSHA job is David Michaels, PhD. Stay tuned-things could change again.

Members in Action

A number of AOEC members are involved in projects that we'd like to highlight. A few are listed in this issue and if you have others, please let the AOEC office know about your involvement. We'll try to highlight two or three each issue.

The Roundtable on Environmental Health Sciences, Research, and Medicine was established to provide a mechanism for parties interested in environmental health from the academic, industrial, and federal research perspectives to meet and discuss sensitive and difficult environmental health issues of mutual interest in a neutral setting. It is part of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. The purpose of the roundtable is to foster dialogue, but not to provide recommendations. We are very pleased that AOEC Past-President *Edward Doyle, MD, MSc* has been asked to join the Roundtable for their upcoming June meeting. He will join a stellar group of health professionals including such notables as Lynn Goldman, Henry Falk, Howard Frumkin, John Howard and others.

The Roundtable is sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, CDC; National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC; National Exposure Research Laboratory, EPA Office of Science Policy, EPA; Exxon-Mobil Foundation; American Chemistry Council; Institute for Public Health and Water Research; and Arch Chemicals.

Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, RN, FAAN, associate professor in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's

Public Health Leadership Program and director of the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center and the Occupational Health Nursing Program, has been elected vice president of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH).

The Commission is an international, nongovernmental, professional society whose aims are to foster the scientific progress, knowledge and development of occupational health and safety in all its aspects. It was founded in 1906 in Milan as the Permanent Commission on Occupational Health.

As part of AOEC's ongoing outreach to health professionals, AOEC member, *Toni Eason, DNP, MS, APRN, BC* presented: *Vocations, Milieus and Hazards: What you must know to take and Environmental and Occupational Health History to nursing students and faculty at the 57th annual convention of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) April 15-19, 2009 in Nashville, TN.* Ms. Eason was selected among the applicants who responded to the Request For Proposal posted last winter.

AOEC Activities

With the beginning of the summer season, it is a good time to reflect and remind members of the core activities of AOEC. The AOEC Board of Directors will meet in Alexandria, VA on June 27, 2009. Among topics to be discussed are the many activities of AOEC and how these should be prioritized. Input from you the members are appreciated.

- **Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU)**
The PEHSU Program has progressed for 10 years under AOEC management. The 11 PEHSU sites are a source of medical information and advice on environmental conditions that influence children's health. These PEHSU network combines the expertise of occupational physicians, pediatricians, toxicologists, health educators, industrial hygienists and others. This provides a network that is capable of responding to requests for information throughout the U.S. and offering advice on prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of environmentally related health effects in children. The ATSDR-U.S. EPA funding for this program is up for competitive renewal this fiscal year.
- ***Database: Value of clinical network and reporting***
AOEC developed a national surveillance database in 1991 to capture newly diagnosed cases of occupational and environmental illnesses and chronic injuries seen at AOEC member clinics. AOEC proposes to continue the ongoing outreach and surveillance activities. The surveillance reports summarize occupational and environmental related medical conditions seen at participating AOEC clinics during a given time period. Inclusion of cases is based on the date of diagnosis within the time period.
- ***Exposure codes and asthmagen listing***
One of the tasks of the Board will be to review and approve the latest set of recommendations for the AOEC Exposure Code Listing including the most recent recommendations for exposures to be given an asthmagen designation. If you haven't reviewed the AOEC Asthmagen Protocol, please do so and provide your own comments to the Board
http://www.aoec.org/content/Asthmagen_Protocol_10-25_08.pdf.
- ***The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP): Bringing in younger, diverse workforce into Occupational Health and Safety.***
The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) has had its best recruitment year ever. The program received over 150 applications. Applications have been received from all over the

country and placements will be in San Diego, Los Angeles, Northern California and New York. While slots were more limited this year due to the financial crunch plans are underway to find additional funding for 2010 and beyond.

- ***Promoting OSH as a career***

In addition to OHIP, AOEC helps recruit professionals to OSH careers by providing OSH educational outreach; disseminating information and conducting educational activities to both OSH professionals and to primary care practitioners, with emphasis on those providing care to medically underserved populations. AOEC is one of the few truly multidisciplinary health professional organizations and takes this role seriously with as much emphasis on outreach to all professions as possible.

- ***The OEM List***

The OEM List is a dynamic, daily, e-mail discussion forum of occupational and environmental health topics. AOEC has been a major supporter of the list since 1993. If you haven't been a part of the OEM List community, check it out at <http://www.aoec.org/OEM-list.htm>

- ***OM Residency Programs***

One of the ongoing activities of AOEC is to work with the OM residency directors. AOEC maintains an up to date listing of the OM residency program <http://www.aoec.org/training.htm>, we offer an informal matching service to help with late applicants to OM residency programs, and work on recruitment. AOEC also works with the OM residencies whenever possible on other issues. The residency directors met at AOHC in April where there was not only the ongoing concern about the diminishing number of OM residencies but also ACOEM proposals to change the criteria to become Board certified in OM.

- ***AOEC as a central location for medical education and outreach***

There are a number of educational modules currently on the AOEC website and over the summer, that section of the website will be revamped. New modules will be added and a new feature including links to online educational offerings by AOEC clinics will be added.

- ***Healthy Aging for Workers***

The February conference *Healthy Aging for Workers* was very informative and successful. We will have a video with the highlights on the AOEC website soon. Watch for the announcement that it is available and please watch it when it is. The formal written conference proceedings are in process but will not be available until later this year.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Public Health Medical Officer -California Department of Public Health Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control

The Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control (DEODC) 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 serve as a senior physician epidemiologist in the epidemiology and surveillance section, and as the lead for the DEODC program for environmental and workplace chemical, biological and chemical preparedness.

The Occupational Health Branch is one of the largest State-based programs engaged in the tracking of work-related injuries and diseases, assessment of workplace hazardous exposures, and dissemination of prevention recommendations for employers, employees, health and safety professionals and health care providers. For almost 25 years under the leadership of Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, the epidemiology and surveillance section has tracked work-related injuries and illnesses, conducted applied epidemiological investigations, and published results to highlight the need for prevention and intervention strategies.

We are seeking a board-eligible or board-certified occupational or preventive medicine physician with experience and/or commitment to public health and State-based applied epidemiology. 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 Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, Occupational Health Branch, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, Richmond, CA 94804. Inquiries about the position are welcome at (510) 620-5769 or Robert.harrison@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; 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.

University of New Mexico-OEM Position

The University of New Mexico has an opening. This Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician position will oversee clinical service activities in occupational and environmental medicine primarily in the University employee health services. This position is Open Rank and Open Track and will have administrative responsibilities in health and safety related issues. Rank and salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Responsibilities will also include teaching residents and medical students, and has the potential for conducting research. Requirements: Must be physicians who are board certified/board eligible in occupational medicine by date of hire. Must be eligible to work in the United States. Preferences: 1) Experience in clinical and related administrative responsibilities in occupational and environmental medicine 2) Preventive medicine residency training.

For complete description and application requirements for Posting #0801288, please see the UNM jobs application system at: <https://unmjobs.unm.edu>.

Inquires may be directed to: Mr. Joe Shealy, Program Manager, COEHP, Department of Internal Medicine, University of New Mexico, MSC 10 5550, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131 or JShealy@salud.unm.edu.

West Virginia University – Faculty Positions

West Virginia University (WVU) seeks applicants for up to three full-time tenure-track faculty positions (open rank), to participate in the expansion of a multidisciplinary injury research program. The successful candidates will serve as Core Faculty of the WVU Injury Control Research Center (ICRC) – one of thirteen CDC-funded injury centers nationwide. The ICRC is located within the School of Medicine at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

This recruitment is intended to expand the depth of the ICRC and also fit within the WVU Health Sciences Center's Strategic Research Plan, which provides guidance for biomedical, public health and translational clinical research consistent with the NIH Roadmap. ICRC faculty will also participate in a recently established Clinical and Translational Science Institute. While candidates from any background relevant to the science of injury control are encouraged to apply, we seek to align these recruitments with specific population health needs in West Virginia, with emphasis on injury among the elderly population, neurological trauma, and prescription drug abuse/poisonings.

Applicants for these positions should possess a terminal degree and have academic preparation/expertise in one or more of the following: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral sciences, population health, health services research, acute injury care, or translation/dissemination research. Candidates should be able to collaborate with multidisciplinary research teams of basic, clinical, and applied researchers, and also develop their own program of funded research.

Candidates should have a record of, or significant promise for, excellence in research and teaching in relevant areas, as well as peer-reviewed publications. Experience and participation in NIH or other federally-funded research is an advantage. Primary responsibilities will be to develop and maintain an independently funded research portfolio that is consistent with the objectives of the ICRC. All new hires are expected to achieve NIH or comparable competitive extramural funding within four years. A variety of support mechanisms are in place to help achieve this goal, including involvement in our current and future Center grant activities.

Graduate teaching and mentorship is expected, and excellent communication skills are important. Each new position comes with a competitive salary and start-up package. A faculty appointment in an appropriate department within the WVU Health Sciences Center will be provided, commensurate with the individual's background and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing their research and teaching experience, listing of contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae to Jeffrey H. Coben, MD, Director, WVU Injury Control Research Center, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, PO Box 9151, Morgantown, WV 26506-9151 or submit by email to jcoben@hsc.wvu.edu and cc: dfulaytar@hsc.wvu.edu. The search will remain active until the positions are filled.

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University of Utah--Industrial Hygiene

The Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of Utah, seeks qualified applicants for a dynamic Industrial Hygiene tenure track appointment. Position will have significant responsibilities in areas of research, teaching, and administration. Faculty will be involved with student guidance on how to complete a Master of Science in Occupational Health curriculum for either the IH or HSAT programs. Faculty rank and remuneration commensurate with prior experience. Successful candidates for the position must have Doctorate degree in industrial hygiene or a closely allied field. CIH is desirable. Send Curriculum Vitae and references to: Rod R. Larson, PhD, CIH, Director, Industrial Hygiene, RMCOEH, University of Utah, 391 Chipeta Way, Suite C, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Applicant Screening will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. University of Utah is an EEO/AA Employer and encourages applicants from women and minorities.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician will have diverse responsibilities in clinical, program management, and academic areas. The clinical work will be based in our Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic, where the case mix includes work injury management, clinical toxicology, independent medical examinations, permanent impairment ratings, fitness for duty assessments, disability management and pre-placement evaluations and medical surveillance. Other responsibilities include supervising nurse practitioners in Occupational Medicine, managing occupational health and safety programs and assisting with management at off site, local industry-based satellite clinics. Teaching opportunities include medical students, post-graduate students, graduate school lecturing and CME lecturing. You will also be encouraged to collaborate in identifying research projects and funding. Requirements include board certification in occupational medicine and certification as a Medical Review Officer, along with a minimum of 3-5 years' post-graduate clinical/programmatic experience at an occupational medicine clinic, including program development and oversight.

Salary and academic appointment at Dartmouth Medical School will be commensurate with experience and training. Qualified applicants should forward a curriculum vitae and a cover letter electronically to:

Robert K. McLellan, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FAFAP Chief, Section of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center One Medical Center Dr Lebanon, NH 03756 email: Jennifer.L.Locke@Hitchcock.org

For further information please visit our website at: www.dhmc.org

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Meetings and Conferences

June

National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures-Kick-off Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2009

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a collaborative initiative to identify and prioritize actions for strengthening the public health approach to chemical exposures. CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) are sponsoring this project.

Please plan to join us on June 26, 2009 in Washington, DC for a day-long meeting to launch this exciting stakeholder and public involvement initiative. The meeting will include a plenary session featuring Dr. Howard Frumkin, Director of NCEH/ATSDR as well as other guests. Breakout sessions will allow for discussion of specific issues related to public health and chemical exposures. For additional information e-mail nationalconversation@cdc.gov

MOLD and MOISTURE, Guidance for Clinicians and Public Health Professionals

June 20, 2009 The Hyatt Regency | Atlanta, Georgia

Gain the tools to evaluate and treat patients for their mold and moisture related health concerns! Physicians, other health care providers and public health professionals are being faced with a rapidly growing number of individuals troubled by indoor contaminants, particularly mold. This workshop, sponsored by the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Education and the Center for Indoor Environments and Health, offers participants the latest information on mold, moisture, building science and health. This workshop features expert speakers from the University of Connecticut Health Center, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and others. It is designed for primary care providers, public health professionals, and allergy and pulmonary medicine sub-specialists. [Read more](#) about the Mold and Moisture workshop, and [register online](#). If you have any questions about the Mold and Moisture workshop, please contact Paula Schenck with the University of Connecticut Health Center at schenck@nso2.uchc.edu or (860) 679-2368. * For CME details, visit the [University of Connecticut Center for Indoor Environments and Health web site](#)

This workshop is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, and the National Environmental Health Association.

July

Standardization of Mold Response Procedures

ASTM Conference to be held July 13-15, 2009 in Burlington, Vermont.

The issue of mold growth has been transformed from a minor concern to a major liability despite lack of an objective measure for determining whether this ubiquitously present substance actually presents a health hazard. The ASTM Conference will, for the first time, highlight practical, science-based approaches for resolving building mold concerns. Presentations will focus on the importance of understanding building moisture, diagnosing occupant sensitivity, microbial testing (both use and misuse), selecting effective response measures, verifying water-damage restoration and critiquing

current guidelines. ASTM Committee D22.08 hopes to follow-up the Conference with the development of realistic standards and suggestions for future research.

The Conference will be of interest to investigators (including hygienists, engineers, physicians, lab analysts and public health officials), as well as stakeholders such as building managers, insurers and public interest groups. Registration information is available by contacting ASTM (hsparks@astm.org or 1-800-262-1373).

September

Children's Environmental Health Conference

September 11, 2009

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) is hosting its 2009 Annual Conference at the [Mt. Washington Conference Center – Baltimore, MD](#)

The entire day will focus on engaging discussions surrounding Children's Environmental Health. We welcome your participation. For further updated please visit the conference site at:

http://www.meetmax.com/sched/macc909/~public/conference_home.html?event_id=3762

October

Healthy People in a Healthy Environment

2009 National Environmental Public Health Conference

October 26-28, 2009 * Sheraton Atlanta Hotel * Atlanta, Georgia

Conference tracks:

- ∅ Healthy Places
- ∅ Public Health & Environmental Exposures
- ∅ Sustainability & Public Health
- ∅ Environmental Systems & Public Health
- ∅ Environmental Health Emergencies
- ∅ Environmental Health Science and Practice

Organized by Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry & National Environmental Health Association

<http://www.npsatl.com/>

[2009 Northwest Occupational Health Conference](#) (NOHC)

October 7—8, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

The NOHC is being held following the [PCIH](#), which runs from October 3 - 6, 2009. The NOHC has a national reputation as a dynamic, high quality, multi-disciplinary conference - one of, if not THE, oldest in the United States. This annual conference is attended by over 300 Health, Safety and Medical Professionals from all over the Pacific Northwest. This year the Concurrent General Sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 7 and the Short Course on Thursday, October 8. For more information or if you would like to receive a registration brochure when it is available please email

administrator@pnsaiha.org.

International Congress in Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health

October 13th to 16th, 2009, Cartagena de India, DT, Colombia

The 17th International Congress in Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health: "From Theory to Practice: Occupational Health and Safety for Rural Populations" will take place in Cartagena de India, DT, Colombia from October 13th to 16th, 2009. The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to July 1, 2009, the same date that early bird payment ends.

This congress is co-organized by the International Association of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health IAAMRH and the Scientific Committee on Rural Health of the International Commission on Occupational Health ICOH. Local support is being provided by the ICOH National Secretariat, the Agriculture University of Colombia Foundation, El Bosque University, the Colombian government and several national institutions.

The conference web page (in English) is <http://www.ruralhealth-colombia.com/eng/>

Should you need additional information, please contact the organizing committee at:

SciComInfo@ruralhealth-colombia.com For information on other ICOH conferences, see the ICOH Events website at <http://www.icohweb.org/events.asp>.

Courses

Harvard University

In-Place Filter Testing Workshop

August 17-21, 2009 Boston, MA

Learn the latest air-cleaning techniques and regulatory requirements for in-place filter testers. This practical course is an essential component of preparing individuals to test and certify systems containing HEPA filtration and gas adsorption systems. For additional information on the program visit:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ccpe/programs/IPFT.html>

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>

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

32nd Annual Summer Institute

August 2-7, 2009

Marriott Norfolk Waterside Norfolk, Virginia

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/index.htm>

Courses offered at the Summer Institute

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/classes.htm>

20% Course Discount <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/institutes/summer09/index.htm>
Register Now Online <https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/summer09reg.htm>

Additional Courses

Technician Certificate Programs: <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/index.htm>
Industrial Hygiene <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/ih/index.htm>
Environmental <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/environmental/index.htm>
Safety <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/certificates/safety/index.htm>

NC OSHERC Certification Review courses:

Chemical Hygiene Officer (CCHO) http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/lab_safety.htm
Certified Biological Safety Professional (CBSP) <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/biosafety.htm>
Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN)
http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/ohn_cert_rev_08.htm
Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/comp_ih_rev.htm
Certified Safety Professional(CSP) http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/csp_rev.htm
Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM)
http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/chmm_rev.htm
Safety Management Certification (COHN/SM)
http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/cohn_sfty_mgmt.htm

Online course: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course available online

http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/courses/fund_ind_hyg_online.htm

Approved for Technician Certificate Program Credit. Asbestos training EPA-Approved AHERA Asbestos Training <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce/topics/asbestos.htm> Held throughout the year in Chapel Hill, NC Continuing Education and Outreach <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/ce.htm>, NC Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center <http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/index.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 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

June 7-9 • ASP Prep Workshop

Pensacola Beach, FL • Hilton Pensacola Beach Front

June 10-12 • CSP Prep Workshop

Pensacola Beach, FL • Hilton Pensacola Beach Front

June 8-9 • Spirometry Workshop
Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 10-12 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation
Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 22-25 • Environmental & Occupational Safety & Health Institute
Birmingham, Alabama • University of Alabama at Birmingham Campus

June 29 • Spirometry REFRESHER Workshop
Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

June 30 • Audiometric Testing and Hearing Conservation REFRESHER
Birmingham, Alabama • Hampton Inn Colonnade

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.