

AOEC E-News October 2010

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AOEC Activities

Congratulations to our newly elected AOEC Board of Directors member representing individual members: **Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, COHN-S, LNCC, FAAN**. The next Board meeting will be held at the Colorado Convention Center, Room 701, on November 6, 2010.

We also welcome our newest AOEC member clinic, The Long Island Occupational and Environmental Health Center (LIOEHC) in Medford, NY. Founded in 1987, the LIOEHC serves much of northern Long Island. Clinic director Linda Cocchiarella, MD, MSc has been affiliated with several other AOEC member clinics.

As usual, AOEC staff will be in the exhibit hall at the **American Public Health Association** meeting. This year the meeting is in Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. The exhibit hall is open from November 7-10. The AOEC booth is number 1831. AOEC will also be hosting a breakfast for all members and interested potential members on Sunday, November 7 in the Colorado Convention Center in the Korbel Ballroom-2A.

What Constitutes an AOEC Member Clinic?

AOEC conducted a survey of its 62 member clinic sites during July and August 2010. These sites are under the administration of 53 entities (e.g. there are five Ontario Health Clinics for Ontario Workers). Forty-seven clinic administrators (87%) responded as of August 26, 2010. Three of the member clinics are pediatric environmental health clinics, part of the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) program administered by AOEC.

The survey results show the depth of AOEC member medical qualifications and range of expertise. Of the 216 full or part-time physicians listed, 143 were listed as board certified in occupational medicine, 62 in internal medicine, 22 in pulmonary/critical care, 20 in medical toxicology, 17 in family medicine and 10 in pediatrics (a required criterion for pediatric clinics) in addition to other specialties. There is overlap and many of the physicians are BC in more than one specialty.

To put this expertise in perspective, the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM), the certifying body for occupational medicine, currently lists 3,398 board certified occupational physicians. The AOEC clinics include close to 5% of the total number of occupational physicians as listed by ABPM. However, AOEC member clinics probably represent a significantly higher percentage in actuality since ABPM retains the listing for any physician not known to be deceased or anyone whose board certification has not expired

AOEC member clinics also represent about 5% of the board-certified medical toxicologists in the US and Canada. There are 20 listed in the AOEC survey. According to officials at the American College of Medical Toxicologists, there are an estimated 360 board certified medical toxicologists.

Of the 134 nurses working full or part-time in member clinics, 72 have baccalaureate degrees, 23 have masters level degrees and four have doctorate degrees. Again to provide perspective, national data from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) report, *The Registered Nurse Population: Initial Findings from the 2008 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses* <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/rmsurvey/initialfindings2008.pdf> indicates that only 36.8% of all nurses in the U.S. have a bachelor's degree or higher.

The AOEC member clinics possess a wide range of research and clinical interests. Data also show the AOEC/academic clinics as centers of specialized expertise within such areas as lung disease, heavy metals toxicology and poisoning, and hypersensitivity reactions to molds/fungi. The principal sources of patient referral to these clinics are self-referral and requests from primary care physicians, indicating that an unmet need for expertise in occupation medicine in the community. That the AOEC member clinics are more focused on tertiary care is demonstrated by the fact that traumatic injuries are well down the list of expertise. Similarly, the meshing of research interests with clinical expertise ensures that these clinics become national centers of excellence and translational research (with an R2P framework) in the specialty, as exemplified by specific referral patterns for beryllium disease, World Trade Center responders, and multiple chemical sensitivities.

Calls for Abstracts

The *International Congress on Tracing New Occupational Diseases* to be held on April 7-8, 2011 in Amsterdam invites you participate. The abstract submission deadline is December 15. Additional information and abstract submission: www.icohscom2011.nl or e-mail ncvb@amc.nl

The Mountain & Plains Education and Research Center invites you to participate in the conference research and demonstration poster session. The conference: *Occupational Health and the Renewable Energy Industry* will be held April 13-15, 2011 in Denver. Additional information:

http://maperc.ucdenver.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=96&Itemid=130

The Scientific Program Committee for the 2011 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium invites you to submit an abstract for a concurrent session for the Symposium, which will be held June 20 – 23, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans, LA. The theme for the 2011 Symposium is *Public Health Leadership: The Key to a Healthier Nation*. Visit www.phscofevents.org for more information or to submit.

The Fifth National Occupational Injury Research Symposium, NOIRS 2010, will be held on Oct. 18-20, 2011, in Morgantown, WV. Deadline for abstracts: April 1, 2011.
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirs/2011/>

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

What is happening on Capitol Hill until after the election is readily summed up in a single quote from Macbeth. The Hill is “full of sound and fury, signifying nothing”. If the prognosticators are correct and the leadership of the House and/or Senate changes to Republican in January, you may be sure that nothing will get done of any consequence in the lame duck session when Congress reconvenes on or about November 15. If we’re lucky, we might get an omnibus budget but even that is in serious jeopardy.

To give you a concrete idea of the level of gridlock that has occurred in DC over the past two years, consider the following statistic from Aaron Trippler of AIHA. The House of Representatives has passed 420 bills since January 2009 that have yet to be voted on in the Senate. While not all of these were bills worthy of being brought up by the Senate many were, including bills to: revise the recording and reporting of injuries, require an OSHA dust standard, require reporting of work-related deaths, injuries and illnesses, and others. There is a faint hope that action will be taken on amending the Toxic Substances Control Act in the lame duck session but it is a very, very faint hope.

There are two major changes underway in occupational medicine (OM). One is the new American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) complimentary pathway to qualify for taking the OM Boards (<https://www.theabpm.org/news.cfm#pathway>). The other is the proposed revisions from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for preventive medicine/occupational medicine residencies (http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC_380/380_prIndex.asp). None of you involved in academic medicine will be surprised to learn that the two are not 100% compatible as currently written. The OM residency directors are in discussions with representatives of both ABPM and ACGME to clarify the situation. If you care to add comments, feel free to send them to me at kkirkland@aoec.org and I’ll forward them to the OM residency directors.

Comments about the new ACGME requirements can be directed to Mary Joyce Johnston, MJ, Associate Executive Director, Council of Review Committees, ACGME Review Committees for Anesthesiology, Preventive Medicine; Institutional Review Committee at ACGME t. 312.755.5013, f. 312.755.7498, or mjohnston@acgme.org.

New from Federal Agencies

ATSDR/NCEH

ATSDR launches a National ALS Registry. This represents a groundbreaking step to learn more about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. People living with ALS now can add their information to the National ALS Registry by visiting www.cdc.gov/als. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/als> or contact ATSDR 4770 Buford Hwy NE Atlanta, GA 30341 Phone: (800) 232-4636 TTY: (888) 232-6348 Email: cdcinfo@cdc.gov or go to www.atsdr.cdc.gov

NIOSH

In the Director's Desk column for the October 2010 issue of NIOSH eNews, NIOSH Director John Howard, M.D., discusses issues of aging, work, and retirement, and spotlights the challenges and opportunities for research to advance healthy aging for workers as the first wave of Baby Boomers turns 65 next year. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsV8N6.html>

As the nation moves toward wider use of electronic health records to communicate medical information more efficiently and quickly, NIOSH is working with partners to help ensure the appropriate collection and use of occupational information in such records. More in the Oct. 14 NIOSH Science Blog at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/blog/>.

Opportunities for maximizing the use of workers' compensation data for occupational safety and health surveillance and research - and challenges that researchers face in exploring those opportunities - are examined in a report of proceedings now available both electronically and in paper copy from NIOSH. "Use of Workers' Compensation Data for Prevention of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses: Proceedings from September 2009 Workshop," DHHS (NIOSH) Publication No. 2010-152, is posted at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-152/pdfs/2010-152.pdf>. Limited numbers of the report in a print version can be ordered at www.cdc.gov/pubs/niosh.aspx.

Positions Available

Faculty Position in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene-University of Alberta

The Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, is seeking to recruit a tenure-track faculty member in occupational and environmental hygiene within the Occupational and Environmental Health Program. The successful candidate will have a strong mandate to develop and lead research in their areas of expertise while working collaboratively with members of the Program and of the School of Public Health, particularly in biostatistics, as well as with other Divisions within the Department of Medicine, other Departments within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and with the wider community. The Program has an extensive research profile with funding to carry out etiological, intervention and applied research. The person appointed will also be expected to supervise graduate research students and post-doctoral fellows.

Candidates must have a PhD and a strong, internationally recognized, record of research and publication as principal investigator. Applications should include curriculum vitae, a letter of application and the names and addresses of three references.

<http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A100612723/Apply/> Applications will begin to be considered immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Further information can be obtained from Nicola Cherry (ncherry@ualberta.ca).

Faculty Position in Occupational Medicine-University of Alberta

The Department of Medicine, in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta, is recruiting for a tenure-track faculty member within the Occupational Medicine Program. The Program wishes to recruit an additional member of staff with an academic background as both a researcher and educator who can enhance the Program's reputation nationally and internationally. The activities of the Occupational and Environmental Health Program have a primary focus of education, research, clinical training and clinical service.

The successful candidate will advance the activities by working collaboratively with the current members of the Program as well as other Divisions within the Department of Medicine, and community based partners. The program has an extensive research profile with funding opportunities nationally, and from industry to carry out etiological, intervention and applied research. The primary areas of focus are the epidemiology of work-related injury and illness including - Asthma, musculoskeletal injury, reproductive health, mental ill-health, and health effects of exposure in farmers.

Candidates must have an MD or equivalent, be eligible for a license to practice medicine in Alberta and have a fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or equivalent. Applications should include curriculum vitae, a letter of application and the names and addresses of three references.

<http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A100611726/Apply/>. If you have any specific enquiries contact Dr. Nicola Cherry at nicola.cherry@ualberta.ca. The competition will remain open until the positions are filled.

West Virginia University-Faculty/Clinical Position

WVU School of Medicine, Department of Community Medicine is seeking a BC/BE Occupational Medicine Physician for a full time (1.0 FTE) clinical faculty position for the WVU Occupational Medicine Eastern Division office in Martinsburg, WV. Responsibilities include patient care, teaching of residents and medical students, and basic and/or clinical research. The candidate would be the main provider in the Martinsburg office and would have significant input in the day to day operations of the occupational health clinic. Specialty support is available through the community hospitals and the WVUH system.

Services provided at the WVU Occupational Medicine East office include acute injury management, workers compensation management, Medical Review Officer services, Independent Medical Exams, FMCSA exams and other specialized exams (FAA, immigration, fire fighters, etc.). The office is equipped to offer spirometry, audiometry and vision testing.

Title and academic rank will be commensurate with experience. The position will remain open until filled. If you are interested in more details regarding this opening, please contact Chris Martin, MD, MSc at 304-293-3693 or email cmartin@hsc.wvu.edu. Mail cover letter/CV to WVU School of Medicine attention Chris Martin, MD MSc, Director, Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, P.O. Box 9190 Morgantown, WV 26506-9109. West Virginia University is an AA/EOE employer.

Faculty Position in Occupational Medicine Department of Family Medicine -- Ohio State University

The Department of Family Medicine at the Ohio State University invites applications for a clinical faculty position in occupational medicine. The responsibilities of the position are primarily clinical although teaching and research opportunities are possible. Applicants should have an MD or DO degree and should be board certified or board eligible in Occupational Medicine. Board certification in Internal Medicine or Family Medicine is desirable but not required. Experience with Ohio Worker's Compensation is a plus. State of Ohio and DEA licenses are required. Faculty position will be commensurate with experience.

The physician will be responsible for the performance of comprehensive medical management including initial evaluations, medical histories, physical evaluations and diagnostic testing. The physician will provide medical care including examination, evaluation and treatment of patients within the patient services centers in a prompt, courteous, and professional manner. The physician will be responsible for a variety of direct and indirect patient care such as patient assessment, patient treatment injury and illness management, prevention, care documentation and communication

Please send your curriculum vitae to Eric Schaub, M.D., MPH, Department of Family Medicine, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2231 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201 or eric.schaub@osumc.edu.

Project Scientist-National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield, Wisconsin

The National Children's Center for Rural & Agricultural Health & Safety (NCCRAHS), Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, has initiated a search for a Project Scientist to serve as a key staff member with excellent opportunities for career growth. The Project Scientist will be responsible for directing and managing selected projects affiliated with NCCRAHS. The Project Scientist will work closely with the Principal Investigator regarding Center priorities and is expected to acquire additional leadership responsibilities over time.

The position requires a PhD or equivalent degree in public health, education, agricultural safety or a related field with an emphasis in child development and/or occupational safety plus a minimum of three years work experience in agriculture or a pediatric injury prevention field.

For more information please contact: **Marlene Stueland, Manager**, National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield, WI 54449. Phone: 1-800-662-6900 or Email: stueland.marlene@mcrf.mfldclin.edu

Farmworker Justice-Project Coordinator-OSHA Capacity Building

Job will entail functioning as technical and programmatic support related to all community-level training tasks. Project will work in close partnership with community-based partners to build capacity and capabilities to systematically provide training and education to high-risk farmworkers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces. Trainings will also emphasize farmworkers' rights under the

Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act and will include the elements of a valid complaint and processes for filing an OSHA complaint.

Qualifications/Desired Skills: Minimum of three years of proven experience in occupational or public health or related field. Advanced Spanish and English skills required (written and oral). Master's degree in a relevant field, experience working with promotores de salud and/or farmworker health initiatives, curriculum writing/development and editing and materials development, and demonstrated training skills, with experience delivering trainings to both professionals and community members are all a plus. Additional information: <http://www.farmworkerjustice.org/jobs-and-internships/project-coordinator-osha-capacity-building>.

**Director, Labor Occupational Health Program
Center for Occupational and Environmental Health University of California
Berkeley School of Public Health**

The Director oversees an accomplished professional staff of labor and community educators, attorneys, industrial hygienists and others. S/he has oversight responsibilities for a range of programs that develop and promote evidence-based practices to prevent injury and illness in workplaces and communities locally, regionally, nationally, and in some cases, internationally.

The Director is responsible for leading annual strategic planning and evaluation to establish organizational priorities. S/he is responsible for coordinating and mobilizing a development plan to secure and manage the necessary funding to implement the strategic plan, including funding from federal, state and private sources. S/he serves as the "PI (Project Director) for major grants and contracts. Anticipated start date: February 15, 2011. Apply by 12/3/10. Full details at: <http://www.lohp.org/news/10directorsearch.html>

Fellowship Training Program in Medical Toxicology

The Drexel University College of Medicine (Philadelphia, PA), Department of Emergency Medicine, Division of Medical Toxicology is recruiting candidates for their Fellowship Training Program in Medical Toxicology. Our program is one of the nation's oldest Fellowship Training Programs in Medical Toxicology. This 24 month training program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and emphasizes occupational and environmental toxicology with strong training in emergency and critical care toxicology. In addition, extensive opportunities are available for research, publication and teaching in the setting of a progressive and innovative medical school. Program graduates are eligible to sit for the certification examination in Medical Toxicology by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. For additional information contact Program Director, Michael I. Greenberg, MD, MPH at mgreenbe@drexelmed.edu

Conferences and Meetings

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation Course

November 3 – 5, 2010 or November 4 (recertification)

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Baltimore, MD

20 CNE through AAOHN, 8 CNE for recertification.

The purpose of this **CAOHC**-approved course is to provide instruction in audiometric testing through lecture and practicum experience for occupational health professionals who administer audiometric testing as required by regulations including the OSHA Hearing Conservation Amendment (**29 CFR 1910.95**) and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Health Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure **30 CFR 62**

<http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/hearing.html>

Helena Conference for Occupational & Environmental Health

November 4-5, 2010

Helena, MT

The Montana State Fund and Northwest Research & Education Institute, in cooperation with the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, Mountain & Plains ERC and the Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, are presenting the Helena Conference for Occupational and Environmental Health.

Contact information: Bridget McGregor at bmcgregor@montanastatefund.com or go to <http://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/ContEdProg/Helena%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

Tenth Anniversary of the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act:

Mapping Progress, Charting a Future Path

November 5-6, 2010

Charlottesville, VA

The International Healthcare Worker Safety Center at the University of Virginia is extending an invitation to its "Tenth Anniversary of the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act: Mapping Progress, Charting a Future Path." It will be held November 5-6, 2010, at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia. On-line registration will be available beginning August 9 at www.cmevillage.com.

Brochure: <http://www.medicine.virginia.edu/education/more/cme/brochures/15593.pdf>

Register: <http://www.medicine.virginia.edu/education/more/cme/events/live-page>

Maryland College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (MCOEM) Fall Meeting:

Correctional Health Care Update

Nov 6, 2010

Baltimore, MD

Johns Hopkins University, \$25.00, Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Determination of credit is pending. The U.S. prison population is the largest on earth, with 1 in 31 adult persons either in jail or on parole or probation. The MCOEM Fall educational symposium will review pertinent occupational and environmental medicine issues associated with correctional health care, including mental health services, infectious diseases, workplace hazards, fitness for duty standards, and workers compensation. Speakers from three unique correctional systems will share their experiences, followed by a panel discussion. <http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/MCOEMupdate.html>

Infrastructure and Process for Sustainability in Health Care

November 6, 2010

Houston, TX

Practice Greenhealth (which is supported by *Healthcare Without Harm*, *Healthier Hospitals Initiative*, *Green Guide for Healthcare*, and *Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council*) in collaboration with corporate sponsor Johnson & Johnson, has developed an innovative set of trainings for the healthcare sustainability professional. As the discipline of sustainability in health care becomes more refined, sustainability leaders need to understand the building blocks for the integration of a strong sustainability program. For more information:

<http://www.practicegreenhealth.org/community/>

Full Day Training Events, coming to: **Houston on November 4**

Contact **Cecilia DeLoach Lynn**, Director of Sustainability Education & Training, or call: 866-995-1110

Worker Safety & Health National Summit

Nov. 6, 2010 9am-5pm

Colorado Convention Center Room 603

A New Era for Safety and Health Activism

Discussions will include: Legislative update: What we can do to strengthen worker protections under OSHA; Advocacy related to Ergonomic Standards; Promotion of rights for victims, family members; Including immigrant workers in Health and Safety Programs. Registration: Fee: \$20.00. Information: Tom O'Connor email: oconnorta@gmail.com Tele: (919) 933-6322 or (919) 428-6915.

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

November 7-10, 2010

Denver, CO

The annual meeting includes many public health specialties and is an excellent venue for occupational and environmental health specialists to interact. The overall program can be found at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/> with more specific program information for the occupational health section at http://www.apha.org/NR/rdonlyres/FB883DD5-E492-46EC-AEAF-E745BE350448/0/Denver_draft_agenda_08_11_2010_out.pdf.

International Conference on Commercial Truck and Bus/Motorcoach Driver Health and Wellness

November 8-10, 2010

Baltimore, Maryland.

The Transportation Research Board (**TRB**) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), are hosting the conference.

The Conference will feature papers, presentations, posters, and discussion panels on current knowledge concerning impacts of health factors on commercial driver job safety and performance; will document what is known about the benefits and costs of exciting driver health and wellness programs; and explore relevant case studies. Registration opens early June.

Additional information at:

<http://pressamp.trb.org/conferencewebsites/default.aspx?CID=12&MID=15>

**Industrial Hygienists' Ethical Dilemmas: Basic Principles and Resolution Strategies
ACGIH Webinar**

November 16, 2010

This webinar has been approved by ABIH and will fulfill both the applicant and Diplomat requirement for at least 2 hours of ethics education

Date: LIVE on November 16, 2010

Time: 2:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (GMT -05:00, New York)

Registration and Course Information Link:

http://www.acgih.org/events/course/ethical_dilemmas_webinar.htm

Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health Forum:

Cultivating Change

November 17-18, 2010

Hotel Vetro / Iowa City Sheraton - Iowa City, IA

Continuing education credit offered: Nursing CEUs & General CEUs

For more information or to register go to:

<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp>

Environmental Excellence in Health Care: A Showcase of Best Practices

November 18, 2010

Baltimore, MD

Join regional and national health care professionals, environmental industry experts, and educators for this learning and networking event designed to showcase the best practices of hospitals as they journey toward more sustainable environments for hospital staff, patients, and communities. Visit the conference website to view full schedule and to register:

<http://nursing.umaryland.edu/events/environmental/november/index.htm>

State of the Science in Occupational and Environmental Medicine

December 2-3, 2010

Boston/Newton Marriott Hotel

2010 New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM) and MA Association of Occupational Health Nurses (MaAOHN) Annual Conference

Please visit www.necoem.org for updates, to register and for hotel information

Compliance and Beyond

December 2-3, 2010

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Occupational Safety and Health Update – What’s New and Different? Includes sessions on: new OSHA Letters of Interpretation, Industrial Hygiene - Emerging Issues, Combustible Dust Update, CDC Update on Pandemic Influenza (H1N1) Virus and Vaccine, International Occupational Health and Safety, Crane Standard, OSHA Recordkeeping, comparison of ANSI Z117 and 1910.146, EPA Lead Rules vs. OSHA Rules, and others.

Registration: https://osherc.sph.unc.edu/forms/sfy_hlth_update10reg.htm or call NC OSHERC at 919-962-2101

Ethanol and Marijuana

December 13 & 14, 2010
San Francisco, CA

The American College of Medical Toxicology is hosting a forensic course taught by internationally known experts in their field. This is a two day course on all aspects of alcohol and THC impairment issues. For information:

http://www.acmt.net/_Library/Meeting_Brochures/ACMT_E_M_Forensic_Seminar_SFO_V9.pdf
f Registration at: http://www.acmt.net/cgi/page.cgi?event_id=52&_id=23&action=viewdetail

ASHCA Annual Meeting and Workshop
January 6-7, 2011
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, Georgia

This workshop will provide practical solutions to health and safety issues facing those managing and working in production agriculture. Via plenary presentations, interactive breakout sessions and a networking luncheon, attendees will have opportunities to learn and share proven, high quality, cost-effective strategies and programs while meeting people with common interests. This workshop is ideal for owners/operators, risk managers, safety and health professionals, and others interested in reducing health and safety risk in production agriculture. This workshop is co-located with AG CONNECT.

For information, go to www.ashca.com or contact ASHCA at 715-221-7270, or ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu.

NTP Workshop: Role of Environmental Chemicals in the Development of Diabetes and Obesity
January 11-13, 2011
Raleigh, NC

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) is holding a workshop to evaluate the science associating exposure to certain chemicals or chemical classes with the development of diabetes and obesity in humans. The workshop is open to the public with time set aside in the agenda for public comments during the plenary session on the first day. The public can attend the breakout groups as observers. A literature review document will be prepared prior to the meeting. Registration is on a first come basis and is limited to 100 people. For additional information, contact Dr. Kristina Thayer (thayer@niehs.nih.gov or 919-541-5021).

31st Annual Occupational Safety and Health Winter Institute
January 30 – February 4, 2011
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

The **Winter Institute** is designed for industrial hygienists, safety personnel, occupational physicians, occupational health nurses, managers, supervisors, personnel specialists, union health and safety professionals and others with the responsibility of providing a safe and healthy work environment. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/institutes/winter11/index.htm>

Environmental Health 2011
February 6 – 9, 2011
Salvador, Brazil,

Chaired by Ellen Silbergeld of Johns Hopkins University and Jerome Nriagu of the University of Michigan. Topics include, but are not limited to; climate change and human health, early exposures, resource development, industrial ecology, systems biology, ecosystems economics, impacts of environmental policies on health, environment and health disparities and the burden of disease due to lead. More information at <http://www.environmentalhealthconference.com>.

Occupational Hearing Conservationist Certification Course

March 2-4, 2011

The University of Iowa, College of Nursing, Iowa City, IA

Continuing education credit offered: Nursing CEUs and CAOHC certificate

For more information or to register go to:

<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp>

Occupational Hearing Conservationist Recertification Course

March 3, 2011

The University of Iowa, College of Nursing, Iowa City, IA

Continuing education credit offered: Nursing CEUs and CAOHC certificate

For more information or to register go to:

<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/courses.asp>

International Congress on Tracing New Occupational Diseases

April 7-8, 2011

Amsterdam, NL

Organized by Scientific Committee on Occupational Medicine of ICOH and the Netherlands Center of Occupational Diseases / Coronel Institute. The abstract submission deadline is December 15. Additional information, registration and abstract submission:

www.icohscom2011.nl or e-mail ncvb@amc.nl

Occupational Health and Renewable Energy Industry: Research and Policy Implications

April 13th-15th, 2011

Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

The 1st Annual MAP ERC Energy Summit will address the occupational health and safety issues of the rapidly expanding renewable energy industry. The aim of the conference is to identify gaps in knowledge to address research and policy needs. The conference will include invited speakers, submitted papers and submitted poster presentations.

Relevant milestones including calls for abstracts, instructions on how to register and the details of the summit agenda: <http://maperc.ucdenver.edu/energysummit/>

AIHce 2011 Innovate. Integrate. Inspire.

May 14 -19, 2011

Portland, OR

Co-sponsored by AIHA® and ACGIH® The Premier Conference & Exposition for OEHS Professionals. Online registration and hotel reservations for AIHce 2011 will open in December.

www.aihce2011.org

The 2nd International **Symposium on Wood Dust** will be held concurrently with the AIHce. More information at www.wooddust2011.org

**International Forum on Occupational Health and Safety: Policies, Profiles and Services
June 20-22, 2011**

Espoo, Finland

Important dates:

Deadline for abstracts 15 February 2011

Deadline for early registration 31 March 2011

Further information available at:

http://www.ttl.fi/en/international/conferences/ohs_forum_2011/pages/default.aspx

**Public Health Leadership: The Key to a Healthier Nation
USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium**

June 20 – 23, 2011

New Orleans, LA

The conference will feature 3 1/2 jam-packed days of informative keynotes; track sessions on an array of topics; more than 80 companies showcasing the latest products and services; a full-day of profession-specific topics and more. Visit www.phscofevents.org for more information or to submit abstracts. For additional information contact: info@phscofevents.org

**4th Summer School Occupational Health Crossing Borders, Munich, Germany
August 1st to August 13th, 2011**

Munich, Germany

Prof. Dr. Katja Radon is the academic director for the program. The overall aim is to train physicians and other health specialists currently working or being trained in occupational health (OH) from low and middle income countries. It provides the opportunity to explore the different OH systems throughout the world while discussing important aspects in the field across Europe, paying particular attention to the system in Germany. The German Academic Exchange Service is supporting 25 participants with a scholarship, covering the tuition fee, a subsidy for the flight and accommodation. Course fees are 400€ Euros registration fee, 300€ Euros tuition fee and 1000€ Euros for accommodation. Prerequisite for an application is very good knowledge in English as well as a sound knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods. The Summer School is being accredited with 6 ECTS points as well as 60 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits by the Bavarian Chamber of Physicians.

For further information and application please see www.cih.lmu.de or email to occupational-health@med.uni-muenchen.de.

**19th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work
September 11-15, 2011**

Istanbul, Turkey

The program will consist of an opening, plenary sessions, technical sessions and symposia as well as a high-level closing session, to elaborate on the motto and the themes of the World Congress. Speaker's corners, poster sessions, a safety and health exhibition and the international Film and Multimedia Festival round up the conference program. \$500 USD (Early Bird Registration). For more information: <http://www.safety2011turkey.org>

The Fifth National Occupational Injury Research Symposium, NOIRS 2010
October 18-20, 2011
Morgantown, WV

NIOSH's partners in the symposium, an international forum on latest research for preventing work-related injuries, are the Liberty Mutual Institute for Research and Safety, and the National Safety Council. Deadline for abstracts: April 1, 2011. Additional information:
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirs/2011/>

Ongoing Educational Courses

The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (www.necoem.org) has nine highly informative lectures on occupational and environmental medicine for its podcast site. These were lectures delivered during the December 2009 NECOEM Conference in Boston. Simply go to www.necoem.libsyn.com. Lectures included: 1. Moving Beyond Fossil Fuels: Good Science Makes Good Policy (John Spengler, PhD and Richard Donahue, MD, MPH) 2. Surgical Considerations for the Injured Worker With Low Back Pain (Terrence Doorly, MD) 3. Adolescent and Child Labor, at Home and Abroad (Rose Goldman, MD, MPH) 4. FMLA: A Corner of the Bermuda Triangle (Adam Forman, Esq.) 5. Respirator Safety in Workers With COPD and Asthma (Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, MPH) 6. Components of Long Working Hours and Implications for Occupational Medicine (David Lombardi, PhD) 7. Pandemic Influenza: Protection of Healthcare Workers (Don Milton, MD, DrPH) 8. Diagnosis of Shoulder Injuries in Occupational Medicine; Lecture and Demonstration (Tom Gill, MD) 9. Orthopedic Management of Occupational Hand Injuries (David Ring, MD, PhD)

Free Online CME Course for Health Care Providers – Adult Lead Poisoning

The California Department of Public Health's Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is pleased to announce a new online course - *Overview of Adult/Occupational Lead Poisoning in California*. Based on the latest health information about lead poisoning, this course:

- Describes the problem of adult lead poisoning
- Uses a case to illustrate issues and challenges in diagnosing lead poisoning in adult patients
- Offers guidelines for providing state-of-the-art clinical management of adult lead poisoning
- Provides an overview of the medical responsibilities under OSHA Lead Standards

While developed for a California audience, the material in this course is applicable to anyone interested in the care of lead-exposed adults. Course available at:

<https://chtapps.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/servlet/QaStudy?tid=269>

US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program of the University of Texas School of Medicine-San Antonio (UTSOMSA) provides in vivo training experiences at the US-Mexico Border for medical students, residents and other health professionals in an unique and informative setting. STEER engages nearly 100 instructors, most of them volunteers, including health department leaders, community healthcare workers, and professors, to teach the dozens of ½ to 1-day segments that make up the 4-week program.

STEER program is offered monthly if there are at least three qualified applicants. Limit of 10 students per rotation. See the website <http://steer.uthscsa.edu> for information and a downloadable application, or contact directly: steer@uthscsa.edu.

NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses

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

Education and Research Center (ERC) Courses

By topic <http://niosh-erc.org/courses/topic.shtml>

North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Occupational Health Nursing

Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes online anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website:

http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance_mph_in_occupational_health_nursing_2083_7115.html

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

http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_4796_8853.html

Continuing education for occupational health nurses:

http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc_email_review_courses3.htm

Certification Review Courses:

http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/osherc_email_review_courses2.htm

Correspondence Course: Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management

Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)

Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management, that is based on the Royce Moser, MD, MPH text, "Effective Management of Health and Safety Programs--A Practical Guide, 3rd Edition". Reflecting the additional chapters and other material in the 3rd edition, it is approved for a maximum of 45 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. It is also approved by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as meeting the requirements of an educational module under the ABPM re-certification program. Information on the book can be found at

<http://www.oempress.com/product/347/1>. A brochure for the correspondence course can be found at <http://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/ContEdProg/pammgmt1.pdf>.

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

Now Available at: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health_professionals/pediatrics.html

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

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

Additional ATSDR Environmental Health and Medicine continuing education offerings can be found at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes>

Massachusetts Nurses Association- Health and Safety Courses Online

Available at <http://www.massnurses.org/nursing-resources/continuing-education/mna-ce-online>
Course topics currently include: Workplace Violence, Fragrance Free! Creating a Safe Healthcare Environment, Latex Allergy Program, Fatigue and Sleeplessness, and Work-related Asthma in Nurses and their Co-workers.

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

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

*All programs are free to MNA members and others.

Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety 2010 Professional Development Opportunities

For current listing of courses contact:

UAB/Ryals School of Public Health, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0022
Paulisha Holt, pholt@uab.edu; contact number is 205-934-7178 www.uab.edu/dsc

Outdoor Air Quality & Health & the Air Quality Health Index

This offering from the University of British Columbia School of Environmental Health is an online, on-demand, bilingual (English/French) course and funded by Health Canada. It may be of interest to physicians and other health professionals in the United States and other countries. This course is available between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2011. This is a free course but registration is required at the following website:

http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/Continuing_Education/entrypage.html.

Please direct inquiries to: Lydia Ma - Project Manager and Director of Continuing Education & Outreach, School of Environmental Health, University of British Columbia Email:

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