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AOEC Activities, Announcements, and Funding Opportunities

The AOEC Board election results are now final. Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, COHN-S, LNCC, FAAN has been elected to a second term as has Jeffrey Levin, MD, MSPH representing the AOEC clinic at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. We had to have a run-off for the second clinic slot which was won by Robert Harrison, MD, MPH representing the Occupational & Environmental Health Clinic at the University of California at San Francisco. Our congratulations to the winners and appreciation to the other candidates.

The recent health alert by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned consumers that they should not use or purchase Healthy Life Chemistry By Purity First B-50, marketed as a vitamin B dietary supplement. A preliminary FDA laboratory analysis indicated that the product contains two anabolic steroids. While this may not seem like an occupational health issue, the discovery of the contamination began with a series of patients at the North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. Doctors initially suspected possible environmental contamination and patients were referred to Dr. Ken Spaeth, director of the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Center at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. "People come in and part of what you're trying to do is be a detective and figure out what the problem is," Spaeth said. His questions led to all having consumed the B-50 vitamins and not having a common environmental source. Follow-up by the FDA led to the warning to consumers.

There's a great opportunity for a PhD candidate with our member clinic in Munich. *Psychosocial strain and its work related determinants at the workplace* is the latest fellowship seen below at *Fellowships*.

The PEHSU Network latest factsheet – Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Children: Guidance for Disaster Events – is now on pehsu.net
http://aoec.org/PEHSU/documents/carbon_monoxide_poisoning_in_children_guidance_for_disaster_events_July2013_mmiller.pdf

The Children's Environmental Health Network will hold their Eighth Annual Child Health Advocate Award Reception on Thursday, October 17th, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The event will be held at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, DC. Please plan to attend this unique event that will honor key leaders, including youth, within the field of children's environmental health for

their tireless efforts to promote safe and healthy environments for all children. CEHN is pleased to announce that the 2013 award recipients are: Science Award — Dr. Linda Birnbaum Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and The National Toxicology Program, Policy Award — Mr. Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia and the N.O.W. Youth Leadership Award — Maren Johnson. More information is available at: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1262158> or www.cehn.org

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

I have to lead off the View from Vermont Avenue with sad news for AOEC but good news for long time Program Coordinator, Paula Wilborne-Davis, MPH, CHES. Paula has accepted a position with Kaiser Mid-Atlantic to coordinate health education for them. This is a great career move for Paula but after 13 years with AOEC, we're really going to miss her.

There is some good news for AOEC amidst the budget issues is that we have been awarded a new NIOSH funded training program grant for the Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP).

In addition, AOEC has been selected by the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund (VCF) to provide assistance to the VCF program. For those of you new to AOEC, member clinics were deeply involved in three separate programs doing medical monitoring and treatment for WTC responders between 2003 and 2008. Six AOEC physicians were selected from among the AOEC member clinics to work with the VCF. The project is for the selected physicians to, under policies and procedures established and administered by the VCF, review the NIOSH-approved forms for verifying compensable conditions for VCF claimants who are not enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP).

The AOEC Board has added its strong support for the proposed silica rule issued by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). The rule is intended to protect workers who are exposed to respirable crystalline silica. Overexposure to the silica dust causes silicosis, an irreversible and disabling lung disease, and is also associated with lung cancer, chronic renal disease, and autoimmune disorders. Unfortunately, the reality is that it is a proposed rule. Given that it took OSHA almost three years to get it to this stage; no one is holding their breath on a final rule.

We're also not holding our breath on what's going to happen with the federal budget. The one safe bet is there won't be a formal budget agreement by September 30. Conventional wisdom around town is still betting on a continuing resolution (CR) but given the current mood of the House, even that is open for speculation. The other primary unknown is whether or not a CR will include the previously negotiated sequestration cuts or not. While the sequestration cuts haven't been as visible as predicted, they are sneaking up on a whole lot of congressional districts that thought they wouldn't have any effect.

New from Federal Agencies

NIOSH

NIOSH has a new free on-line workplace violence prevention course for nurses and direct-care healthcare professionals. The course is available on the NIOSH website at http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/violence/training_nurses.html.

On September 5, 2013 NIOSH will host **N95 Day**, to raise awareness, provide the facts, and offer resources so that workers can make educated decisions when selecting and wearing respirators. The Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health has developed resources and materials to help hospital administrators implement effective respirator programs. <http://bit.ly/17hCZuk>

OSHA

OSHA announced on Friday, August 23, 2013, a proposed rule aimed at curbing lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease in America's workers. <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/osha/OSHA20131767.htm>

Positions Available

Associate Medical Director-California

The California Division of Workers' Compensation is recruiting an Associate Medical Director. The successful physician candidate will work primarily on some of the innovative new changes that resulted from recent legislation, Senate Bill 863, to enhance medical decision making in the delivery of care to ill and injured workers, rapid resolution of billing disputes between medical providers and payers, and various other statewide issues. This is a great opportunity for an appropriately qualified physician who is interested in being part of significant workers' compensation reform, including ensuring rapid delivery of excellent medical care for work-related illnesses and injuries in an otherwise litigious system. Further details about anticipated job duties and information on how to apply for the position are available at:

http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/wvpos/more_info.cfm?recno=525956

The School of Public Health at State University of NY Downstate Medical Center Assistant/Assoc. Professor in the Dept. of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

The faculty member will be responsible for the following duties:

- Course development, teaching, and student advising for Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health students during the Winter, Spring and Summer semesters of the academic year.
- Development of a research program in collaboration with other faculty of the School and Medical Center, obtaining extramural funding to conduct research, and publication of research findings and other relevant articles in peer-reviewed journals.
- Participation in School of Public Health and Medical Center committees.
- Service and interaction with the diverse urban community of Brooklyn and New York.

Required qualifications include:

- A terminal doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, MD/MPH or ScD) in Environmental Health Sciences, Occupational Health, or related public health discipline.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Demonstration of teaching experience at the graduate level.
- A record of grant funding, or strong likelihood of obtaining peer-reviewed grants.

Candidates with an active research program and experience are especially encouraged to apply.

The Downstate School of Public Health is situated in Brooklyn, the largest, and the most diverse and vibrant, of New York City's 5 boroughs. Approximately 40% of Brooklyn's population of 2.5 million are foreign-born or immigrant consisting of over 100 different racial and ethnic groups from around the world.

The School seeks individuals with a particular interest in:

- urban and immigrant health
- racial and ethnic disparities arising from occupation and the environment
- environmental justice
- the physical and psychosocial hazards of low-wage and immigrant workers.

Anticipated starting date is January 2, 2014. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until filled. Interested candidates should submit a CV and letter detailing interests and accomplishments to: John D Meyer, MD, MPH, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, SUNY Downstate School of Public Health, 450 Clarkson Avenue MSC43, Brooklyn, NY 11203 or e-mail to: john.meyer@downstate.edu All successful candidates must undergo various background checks, maintain credentials required for continued employment and adhere to the SUNY-DMC UHB Principles of Behavior. SUNY is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

University of Alberta – Faculty Position in Occupational Medicine

The University of Alberta is looking for an additional tenure-track occupational physician, eligible to be licensed to practice in Alberta, Canada. The Occupational and Environmental Health Program in the Division of Preventive Medicine houses a subspecialty training program in occupational medicine and a highly subscribed distance learning course in occupational medicine for community based physicians, as well as an extensive and well-funded research program. We are looking for an occupational physician, ideally with a successful record on independent research, to contribute to all these activities. There is more information at www.careers.ualberta.ca/competition/A100621210. The position may be filled at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor rank and the payment plan is highly competitive. If you would like to know more please contact Nicola Cherry at ncherry@ualberta.ca.

The Natural Resources Defense Council Staff Scientist

The NRDC Environmental Health Team has an opening for a doctoral-level staff scientist who would be in Washington, DC or San Francisco, CA office. NRDC is one of the nation's most effective environmental action organizations. We use law, science and the support of 1.3 million members and online activists to protect human health as well as the planet's wildlife and wild places. Our staff of more than 400 lawyers, scientists and policy experts work out of offices in New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Beijing. For more than two decades, NRDC has been leading the scientific charge to reduce exposures to toxic chemicals that cause disease. NRDC's efforts have resulted in major reductions in diesel emissions from school buses and trucks, critical legislation to limit mercury pollution, removal of some of the most toxic pesticides from the market, bans of endocrine disrupting chemicals in toys, and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices. Health and Environment Program scientists, lawyers, and advocates investigate the largest sources of toxic contaminants, identify safer alternatives, and then deploy their unique skills to pressures regulators, legislators, the courts, and businesses to reduce emissions of harmful pollution.

NRDC seeks a doctorate-level scientist (PhD, MD, DrPH, ScD, etc.) to join the Health and Environment Program. The individual in this position serves as a scientific expert on issues related to the impact of toxic chemical exposures on human health. Work is focused on improvement of government regulation and policy, litigation, and legislation, as well as changes in products sold in the private sector. The position will be based in either Washington DC or San Francisco. For additional information go to: <http://bit.ly/122wgWq>

**Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work-Associate/Full Professor Chair
Department of Environmental and Occupational Health**

Florida International University is a comprehensive university offering 340 majors in 188 degree programs in 23 colleges and schools. For more information about FIU, visit www.fiu.edu. The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) in the RSCPHSW at Florida International University invites applications for a departmental Chair position with tenure. The focus of the Department of EOH is on training and research in environmental health and related issues, and both the Department and College have strong collaborations with other colleges and research centers, including the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Engineering, and Arts and Sciences. The Department offers certificate, M.P.H. and Ph.D. degrees.

Qualifications: Candidates must possess an earned doctorate in environmental and occupational health or a related discipline. A successful candidate will have a broad knowledge and experience in issues related to environmental and occupational health, have administrative experience in an academic setting, have external research funding, and be prepared to engage in collaborative research in a multi-disciplinary public health setting. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Responsibilities: The Chair of EOH will participate in the governance and management of the College as a member of the Executive Committee. The Chair will provide active leadership in the Department, including periodic evaluation of the Department's curriculum and research activities. Responsibilities also include research, teaching, advising graduate students, serving on thesis and dissertation committees, and serving the university, professional, and public health practice communities. For questions regarding this position, please contact Dr. Wasim Maziak at wmaziak@fiu.edu. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The selection and review process will begin May 10, 2013 and will remain open until the position is filled. To apply please visit us on-line at https://pslinks.fiu.edu/psp/jobs/CUSTOMER/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_HM_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1000 and refer to Job Opening #505728. It is recommended you submit all required documents (i.e., CV, letter of reference, etc.) in one pdf file. FIU is a member of the State University System of Florida.

Wayne State University Assistant/Associate Professor

The Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (IEHS) at Wayne State University (WSU) is a research-intensive institute dedicated to understanding the complex role of environmental exposure in disease development. The IEHS and the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences are expanding and have a joint tenure-track position for a research scientist who studies the impact of environmental exposure to chemical and non-chemical stressors in environmentally linked diseases. WSU offers state-of-the-art facilities for translational, transdisciplinary research; excellent mentoring by successful senior scientists; access to collaborations across multiple universities in Southeast Michigan and a collegial environment.

WSU Medical School, the Henry Ford Health System, Karmanos Cancer Institute and the University Research Corridor, all provide tremendous resources for skilled translational scientists.

Qualifications: Applicants must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D., or equivalent degree in basic biomedical sciences, public health, epidemiology, or occupational/environmental medicine. Preferred qualifications include a demonstrated commitment to the integrated field of environmental health science and background in “-omics” technologies (genomics, proteomics, metabolomics), stem cell biology, exposure assessment, epidemiology and/or interdisciplinary research. The ability to compete effectively for extramural research funding is essential. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate excellence in teaching, service, and scholarly productivity; and to advance WSU’s national and international stature in the fields of translational environmental health sciences research, public health, and preventative medicine and to accept leadership responsibilities in team science initiatives focused on environmental health science and public health. Desired leadership qualities include the ability to communicate at multiple levels and to build strong, productive, transdisciplinary research teams, both within the university and among other universities nationally and internationally. Apply online to the position posted at the WSU website: <https://jobs.wayne.edu> Job posting number: 039226

Occupational Medicine Physician Faculty Position-Utah

Combine teaching, research and clinical care in a full-time Occupational Medicine physician faculty position (open track) at the University of Utah School of Medicine at the Instructor level or higher. Applicants must be certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) in Occupational Medicine. Recent graduates who are otherwise eligible for ABPM Certification may be exempt from this requirement. Demonstrated research ability is desirable. Duties include teaching, research, clinical care, and some consulting. The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and educator. Minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Veteran’s preference. Reasonable accommodations provided. For additional information: <http://www.regulations.utah.edu/humanResources/5-106.html>.

The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a [strong or demonstrated] commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.

To apply: <http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/21382>. If you have further questions, contact Karen Bradakis, karen.bradakis@hsc.utah.edu. The University of Utah Health Sciences Center is a patient-focused center distinguished by collaboration, excellence, leadership, and respect. The University of Utah HSC values candidates who are committed to fostering and furthering the culture of compassion, collaboration, innovation, accountability, diversity, integrity, quality, and trust that is integral to the mission of the University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

Occupational Care Consultants - Northwest Ohio

Occupational Care Consultants is seeking to employ a full time physician. Experience in Occupational Medicine, Primary Care, or Urgent Care/Emergency Care is preferred but not necessary. The employer is willing to provide training and credentialing as may be needed.

Duties would include Injury Care, Medical Review Officer (drug screen evaluation), and performing a variety of examinations such as: Pre-placement, DOT, Respirator, Medical Surveillance, Fitness for Duty, and Return to Work. In addition, there is opportunity to perform Independent Medical Evaluations. Salary commensurate with experience and a generous benefit package is provided. Send inquiries and resume to marketing@occhealth.com.

Policy Analyst-Chicago

Health and Medicine Policy Research Group (HMPRG) is currently seeking a Policy Analyst to join our staff. HMPRG has a twenty-five year history as an independent not-for-profit health policy organization in Chicago. The policy analyst reports directly to the Executive Director and will work in collaboration with Health and Medicine's Center for Long-Term Care Reform staff, state agencies, advocacy groups, consumers, caregivers, legislators, and providers, to promote the development of an accessible, affordable, comprehensive, and high quality long-term care system in Illinois that emphasizes care in the community.

Key Responsibilities

- Research and monitor local and national policies affecting long-term care for the aged (e.g., Medicare and Medicaid, caregiver support, workforce development, etc.)
- Investigate best practices in long-term care (e.g., financing, integration of care, point of entry, supportive housing) and disseminate findings among policy makers, advocates and media.
- Organize symposia/conferences on a variety of long-term care issues.
- Design and develop content for a Long-Term Care website.
- Convene working groups and coalitions to inform policy and advocacy agendas on long-term care reform.
- Participate in legislative advocacy and state work groups and coalitions.
- Research and write policy briefs.
- Assist in program evaluation and other research projects.
- Supervise .5 FTE Program Coordinator, undergraduate and graduate student interns.
- General administrative duties as assigned include editing, fundraising/grant writing.

Skills and qualifications:

- Master's degree in public health, public policy, social policy, disability studies, or related field.
- Familiarity with long-term care, aging and disability issues.
- Knowledge of local, state, and federal public policies and programs affecting healthcare for underserved populations.
- Three to five years of experience in health policy and knowledge of Illinois' public health infrastructure preferred.

This is a full-time position with benefits including health insurance and retirement. Salary commensurate with experience. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, resume, and short (1-2 pages ONLY) writing sample to: Ann Duffy, Finance and Administrative Director, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, e-mail: info@HMPRG.org

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project (CTU)

Two Positions: Outreach Coordinator and Community Organizer/Citizenship Coordinator

(CTU) was founded in 2008 with the purpose of developing an organization that would support

immigrant workers who are often exploited and develop leadership within the immigrant community. The mission of Centro de Trabajadores Unidos is to have a powerful immigrant run organization in the southeast side of Chicago that will educate workers on their rights, develop leadership within the immigrant community, support and organize all workers as they fight for their rights in the workplace and fight for changing policy that increases standards for immigrant workers.

Outreach Coordinator

CTU seeks a full-time Outreach Coordinator is to ensure that low income families and especially those in Southeast Chicago and South Suburbs of Chicago (Cook County)with limited English skills are able to thrive when applying for health insurance or when seeking other supportive services.

Outreach Duties and Responsibilities: (Other duties may be assigned)

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Outreach Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the outreach for the ACA program. Responsibilities include ensuring the recruiting of program participants, verification/collection of program participants' documents, and reporting and collecting data on program participation and demographics.

Qualifications:

- It is preferred for candidate to have community organizing experience or some understanding of community organizing
- Fluency in English and Spanish required, other languages a plus
- Demonstrated excellent people skills and communication skills
- Experience in case management and outreach
- Sensibility to people's needs
- Good understanding of immigrants' issues
- Understanding of community/labor/immigrant organizing or willing to learn
- Must have a vehicle to drive from suburb to suburb

Compensation: Negotiable based on experience, and possible benefits. *Send cover letter and resume to aguajardo@ctu-iwp.org. Interviews will begin immediately. You may also call Ana Guajardo, Executive Director, at 708-790-7760. Must begin immediately.*

Community Organizer/Citizenship Coordinator

CTU seeks a full-time Community Organizer/Citizenship Coordinator. We are looking for someone with some community organizing experience that can work with community residents in the Southeast of Chicago and South Suburbs of Chicago. Interested candidates must be willing to work with the immigrant community and stand for social justice. This position will work in informing legal permanent residents as well as outreach to the broader community of the work the organization does and gain their support. We are looking for someone with a lot of energy and capable of conducting the work

This position would blend community organizing with programmatic citizenship work. Our citizenship program provides support to eligible community members through the citizenship process. This program is part of our civic engagement work and mission towards effective immigrant integration, focused in the development of community members to be active, engaged participants of their community.

Qualifications:

- It is preferred for candidate to have community organizing experience or some understanding of community organizing
- Some experience working with community-led grassroots organization
- Good writing and oral communication skills
- Fluency in English and Spanish required, other languages a plus
- Demonstrated excellent people skills and communication skills
- Sensibility to people's needs
- Good understanding of immigrants' issues
- Must be a team player and self-starter
- Must be computer literate
- Understanding of community/labor/immigrant organizing or willing to learn
- Demonstrated commitment to racial, social, and economic justice
- Creative, dedicated, motivated and willing to learn

Compensation: Negotiable based on experience, and possible benefits. Send cover letter and resume to aguajardo@ctu-iwp.org. Interviews will begin immediately. You may also call Ana Guajardo, Executive Director, at 708-790-7760. Must begin immediately.

Fellowships

Marie Curie PhD Researcher Position – Munich, Germany

Location: Deutsche Lufthansa AG / Flugmedizin, Arbeitsmedizin, Munich, Germany. Deutsche Lufthansa is an aviation group with operations worldwide. It comprises more than 400 subsidiaries and associated companies.

The goals of the research project are:

- To develop a tool for detection of depression and anxiety in flight crews for early treatment.
- To develop and test at Deutsche Lufthansa a prevention program for psychosocial strain at the work place based on the survey results.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the piloted prevention program.

Results of the project will be disseminated by means of:

- Publication of at least two scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals and 1-2 internal workshops.
- Participation in international and national conferences and workshops and company workshops.
- Newsletters for other interested parties and internet resources

Start date: October 1st 2013 Duration 3 years

Title of proposed PhD studentship:

Psychosocial strain and its work related determinants at the workplace

Fulfillment of all the essential criteria is mandatory.

Essential criteria:

- MSc is required: social and or health science, preferable Clinical and Organizational Psychology or a Medical Graduate with knowledge in Neurology/Psychiatry.
- Advanced German Language skills written and oral.

Desirable Criteria:

- Previous experience in the private sector (e.g. human resources)
- Previous research experience.
- Participation in international exchange programs as a student or as a researcher.
- English language skills.
- Experience in statistical data analysis.
- Experience in systematic literature reviews.
- Scientific publications in peer-review journals.
- Good interpersonal and organizational skills.

This information should be included in the CV, written in English. Translation of your non-English national courses and diplomas is necessary.

Monthly living allowance: Euro 3,000 per annum * country correction coefficient. Mobility allowance: Euro 700 or Euro 1,000 per month depending on family status * country correction coefficient. Benefits are based on ITN Marie Curie rules. Monthly Living allowance Euro 38,000
Mobility allowance

According to the ITN Marie Curie rules, the candidate can be of any nationality at the time of their recruitment but must not have resided or carried out his or her work or studies in Germany for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the date of the recruitment.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Christine Huber

Additional Supervisors: Professor Dennis Nowak (Chair of Occupational, Social and Environmental Medicine, LMU Munich), Dr. Carla Sabariego (Senior Scientist, Public Health, LMU Munich) and Prof. Uwe Stueben (Head of Medical Department Deutsche Lufthansa AG)

To apply, please visit: www.belufthansa.com (Be Lufthansa: Jobs und Karriere)

Deadline for applications: September 15th, 2013

The University of Washington Division of General Pediatrics Fellowship

The fellowship is funded through the **University of Washington's NRSA Primary Care Fellowship** in conjunction with general internal medicine and family medicine. Grant funding is provided by the National Institute of Health and administered by the Public Health Service Health Resources and Services Administration. Fellows participating in this are eligible for the NIH loan repayment program. We provide two years training in research methods, research experience with an established investigator, and the opportunity to enroll concurrently in the Master of Public Health program. Fellows assume a precepting role in one of our pediatric residency clinics and provide consultations in our Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU).

The UW Division of General Pediatrics and the affiliated Center for Child Health, Behavior and Development of Seattle Children's Research Institute, the Child Health Institute of the University of Washington, the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, and the Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit provide rich and diverse mentoring

opportunities for Pediatric NRSA fellows. Potential applicants can access further information and apply on the website: <http://nrsafellowship.weebly.com/>

Fellowship Training Program in Pediatric Environmental Health – Mount Sinai School of Medicine

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

Conferences and Meetings

Head to Toe Physical Assessment for Occupational and Environmental Health Nurses September 10-December 10, 2013

Webinar series

September 10, 18, 24, 2013, October 2, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2013, November 6, 12, 19, 26, 2013 and December 3, 10, 2013. Presented by The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. and The University of Iowa Heartland Education Research Center, NIOSH. 12:00-1:00 PM ET \$320.00 AAOHN Members and \$640.00 for Non-members. Associated URL: <http://www.aohn.org/education/other-education/head-to-toe-physical-assessment.html>
Or contact Cassandra Sickels.

Healthy Workers, Healthy Work

September 18-19, 2013

New York, NY

Celebrating 25 years' experience...Mapping the Road Ahead The New York State Occupational Health Clinic Network. Workshops designed to promote a blend of ideas about worker health between the medical community, labor unions, worker advocates, businesses and government. CME credit available for selected sessions. Featuring Addresses from: David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA and Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH. For more information contact: OHCN@health.state.ny.us or registration www.mssm.edu/cme/courses/OHCN2013

**Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association's (CSOEMA)
Annual
Fall Seminar**

September 20-21, 2013

Milwaukee, WI

This course is intended for occupational medicine physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and occupational health nurses as well as emergency and primary care physicians and nurses encountering patients with occupational injuries or illnesses.

<http://cph.uiowa.edu/heartland/ce/file.asp?ID=446>

International Health Conference 2013

September 20-22, 2013

Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

Please follow the web link below for details: <http://www.moh.gov.bn/news/20121001a.htm>.

While the conference is focused on primary care, OEM practitioners may present their papers under the public health theme.

Ethics, Epidemiology, and Public Policy Decisions – A Case Example of Hydrofracking

September 22, 2013

Louisville, Kentucky

This workshop is being presented at the 2013 American College of Epidemiology (ACE) Annual Scientific Meeting and will explore the growing momentum to use epidemiology to formulate evidence-based public policy decisions that address controversial environmental health issues in the US. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the ethical dilemmas that epidemiologists and clinicians face when epidemiologic studies and health impact assessments are used to make major social, public health, and economic decisions for a community and to formulate and implement controversial environmental health and regulatory policies. The decision to allow high volume hydraulic fracturing or hydrofracking will be used as a case example. Information for registration is available at: <http://acepidemiology.org/content/2013-annual-meeting> and http://www.acepidemiology.org/sites/default/files/reg%20page%206-27-13_0.pdf.

Inhaled Particles XI (IPXI)

September 23-25, 2013

Nottingham, UK

British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) will sponsor IPXI. This is the latest in a long line of highly successful and prestigious meetings and is the oldest ongoing international symposium series on the health effects of particles. The first Inhaled Particles symposium was held in Oxford in 1960, and over the intervening 50 years the ten Inhaled Particles meetings have witnessed all of the key developments in occupational and public health associated with airborne particles. Its integrative approach to the science of particle-mediated lung disease is a distinctive and successful feature of the Inhaled Particles Conference series. More information: visit the website <http://www.inhaledparticles.org/>.

ICOH Joint Congress

September 23-26, 2013

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Included in the Congress will be:

- 9th International Conference on Occupational Health for Health Care Workers
- International Conference on Occupational Health & Development
- International Conference on Occupational Health Nursing
- International Conference on Occupational Infectious Agents

Some information about the conference in general is available at

http://www.icohweb.org/site_new/multimedia/events/pdf/ICOH%20SC%20Joint%20Conference%202013.pdf.

Western Occupational Health Conference

September 25-28, 2013

Honolulu, HI

Register Online! 2-day plenary registration fee includes: Catamaran Sunset Cruise, Welcome Reception, Rum Fire Reception, breakfast and CME lunch sessions on Friday and Saturday, and syllabus provided on flash drive. Separate registration fees apply for: Commercial Driver Medical Examiner Course, post-graduate sessions, worksite tour and special events.

Occupational Hearing Conservationist Certification Course

September 25-27, 2013

Iowa City, IA

This two and one-half day workshop is designed to familiarize participants with all facets of occupational hearing conservation and certify them as audiometric technicians. Upon completion, a certificate will be awarded which documents evidence of training now required by federal law. Participants will also qualify for certificate by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC). **Brochure with reservation form**

Occupational Hearing Conservationist Recertification Course

September 26, 2013

Iowa City, IA

This workshop will recertify those who already have CAOHC certification. The update includes review of hearing measurement techniques, employee education strategies, selection and fit of hearing protection, as well as current state and federal regulations relating to noise exposure and hearing conservation. **Brochure with reservation form**

Rebalancing Health Care in the Heartland:

Public-Private Sector Strategies

October 15, 2013

Des Moines, IA

The University of Iowa is pleased to announce the sixth in a series of forums that support Iowa's policymakers in their efforts to improve the health of all Iowans. Join your colleagues for this non-partisan discussion focused on the significant health-related changes, challenges and opportunities in the State of Iowa. *Featured speakers:* Alan Weil, Executive Director at the National Academy for State Health Policy and G. William Hoagland, Senior Vice President at the Bipartisan Policy Center. This forum edition has special emphasis on public-private sector strategies and will feature a discussion of the impact of the Affordable Care Act on business in a debate format facilitated by the University of Iowa's A. Craig Baird Debate Forum.

Associated URL: Forum Website or contact: shari-heick@uiowa.edu.

**The Occupational Hygiene Association of Ontario presents:
Fall Symposium and Professional Development Courses (PDC) 2013
October 22-24, 2013**

Structuring and Delivering Workplace Medical Programs
The New CSA Noise Standards and Noise Control
OH-Related Topics and Case Studies
Sign up for one, two or three days.

**Case Management: Care of Work Related Injuries
October 25, 2013
Cedar Rapids, IA**

This conference will provide current information on the case management of work-related injuries. The conference is intended for case managers, occupational health nurses, insurance adjustors, safety and human resources professionals and employers interested in expanding their knowledge of case management and the medical treatment for work-related injuries. Contact: Cassandra Sickels at cassandra-sickels@uiowa.edu.

**2013 North American Agricultural Safety Summit: Raising Safety
September 25–27, 2013
Minneapolis, MN**

If you believe safety should be strategically interwoven with agriculture, then plan to attend the summit. Sessions will bundle global thinking with hands-on learning and networking. These innovative opportunities to interact with industry leaders and safety experts will include Learning Stations, Genius Bars and real-time social media.

www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=1191956

**AIHA Fall Conference 2013: Your Source for Scientific, Management & Technical Knowledge
September 28–October 2, 2013
Miami, FL**

For additional information and registration: www.aihafallconference.org

**Overview of Occupational Health Nursing
September 18-20, 2013
Baltimore, MD**

9:00a-5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, \$495.00 fee

This course will help prepare occupational health nurses who plan to take the American Board for Occupational Health Nursing Certification (ABOHN) examination. Others interested in a comprehensive review of occupational health nursing may also enroll.

<http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/ce/ohnbrochure.html>

**NIOSH Approved Spirometry Refresher Course
October 28, 2013
Baltimore, MD**

8:00a -5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, \$330.00 fee

Save \$20 on Fit Testing Workshop + NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher courses - \$705 for Both. The course briefly reviews the pathophysiology of obstructive and restrictive impairments and emphasizes correct performance of spirometry and the effects of technical errors and spirometer malfunctions on test results and interpretations of respiratory impairment. Students practice recognizing testing errors, using problem graphs from quality control samples. The goal of the course is not only to review what the recommendations and requirements are for conducting tests and interpreting results, but also why the recommendations and requirements were made. <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/spirometryrefresher.html>

Respirator Fit Testing Workshop

October 29, 2013

Baltimore, MD

8:00a -5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD \$395.00 fee

Save \$20 on Fit Testing Workshop + NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher courses - \$705 for Both. In response to requests for comprehensive and practical training presented within a single day, this course presents theory and hands-on practice with widely used quantitative (QNFT) and qualitative (QLFT) fit-testing methods in a one-day workshop. To reduce participants' travel time and costs, the fit-testing workshop is offered back-to-back in Pittsburgh and Baltimore with a related course, the NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course, at a reduced price for those who register for both courses together. <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/respirator-fit-test.html>

NIOSH Approved Spirometry Course (Approval #115)

October 30 – November 1, 2013

Baltimore, MD

8:00a -5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, \$565.00 fee. Using lectures, discussions, and practice sessions, the course presents pulmonary pathophysiology, types of spirometers, how to conduct spirometry tests, recognizing testing and equipment errors, supervised use of the spirometer, measurement of the spirogram, and interpretation of results. OSHA standards, ANSI Z88.6-2006 "Respirator Use Physical Qualifications for Personnel," and the 2005 American Thoracic Society (ATS) Guidelines for spirometry are reviewed.

<http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/spirometry.html>

National Temporary Worker Forum

November 2, 2013

Boston, MA

The APHA OSH Section, National COSH, the National Staffing Alliance, MassCOSH and others will be hosting this important event on the Saturday before the APHA meeting starts in Boston. Please plan your travel arrangements so you can join us for this important meeting. This forum will be held at the Convention Center [Room 253 B]. Details will be forthcoming.

Certified Safety Professional Review Course

November 4-8, 2013

NC Occupational Safety and Health Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This 4 1/2 day course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the field of safety and related areas through lectures by qualified faculty with extensive experience in the safety field. Sample problems and discussion will also be used as teaching methods. Useful tips on study techniques will be covered. The course is specifically designed to assist participants in preparing for the Core (ASP) and Comprehensive/Specialty (CSP) examinations. This course will provide you with an oversight of the areas that will be the focus of your exam preparation efforts and highlight any weak areas you may have. Others needing a comprehensive review are also encouraged to attend.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/certified-safety-professional-review.html>

NC OSHERC NORA Lecture/Webinar

November 6, 2013

1:00pm to 2:30pm ET

The speaker will be Dr. Jackie Agnew, Johns Hopkins University. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Susan Randolph, MSN, RN, COHN-S susan.randolph@unc.edu.

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation Course

November 6-8, 2013

Baltimore, MD

8:00a -5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, \$550.00 fee 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/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/hearing.html>

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation One Day Refresher Course

November 7, 2013

Baltimore, MD

8:00a -5:00p at the JHU School of Nursing, \$350.00 fee 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/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/hearing.html>

"Switch it Up" at the 42nd Annual Iowa Governor's Safety & Health Conference

November 7-8, 2013

Cedar Rapids, IA

Keynote presentations by Michael Melnik & Tim Page-Bottorff and more than 30 breakout sessions! **Register Today** Contact: Cassandra Sickels at cassandra-sickels@uiowa.edu

2013 Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health Conference: The Many Faces of Agriculture

November 19-20, 2013

Ames, IA

The conference updates information on agricultural and rural safety and health and strengthens collaborative efforts among researchers, practitioners, agricultural producers and medical professionals. If you are a health care professional (MD, RN, PA, NP, RT, LMHC), agricultural safety and health, occupational health and environmental health professionals, educators, agricultural engineers, commodity group representatives, farmers, employers of migrant farm workers, media and local, state and national policy makers then you will greatly appreciate this event <http://cph.uiowa.edu/icash/events/MRASH/2013/> or contact Gayle Olson at 319-931-1351 or gayle-olson@uiowa.edu

The 7th International Conference on Children's Health, Environment and Safety

November 20-22, 2013

Jerusalem, Israel

This conference - the seventh after Amsterdam (1998), Washington (2001), London (2004), Vienna (2007), Bangalore (2010) and Poland (2011) offers a world-wide platform dealing with health problems of children caused by important environmental influences. Additional information at <http://www.inchesnetwork.net/>.

2013 NECOEM/MaAOHN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Science and Practice of OEM: Innovations and Challenges

December 5 & 6, 2013

Newton, MA

The two-day program will offer a wide range of topics and speakers. The complete program is available on the Program page. The Faculty page has biographical information about the speakers. Online registration is available on the Registration page. Please note that the deadline for the early registration rates is October 31, 2013. <http://www.necoem.org/events/2013-AC-home.html>.

National Worker Safety and Health Conference

December 10-12, 2013

Baltimore, MD

A conference to learn, strategize, and take action with activists and leaders. For more information go to <http://www.coshnetwork.org/2013Conference>.

Health and Safety in the Arts

January 26 - February 2, 2014

Cuba

University of Illinois at Chicago and the Performing Arts Medicine Association announce "Health and Safety in the Arts in Cuba - research program". More on this program can be found at www.artsmed.org/cubaprogram.html

Ongoing Educational Courses

**Masters' and Doctoral Training Opportunities
Midwest Center for Occupational Health And Safety Education and Research Center
University Of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

The mission of the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC) is to ensure a Center of Excellence that provides: 1) cutting-edge interdisciplinary academic and research training to prepare exceptional leaders who make significant contributions to the field of occupational health and safety and 2) continuing education to prepare occupational health and safety professionals to address current and emerging threats to the nation's workforce. This ERC, one of 18 nationwide, was designed in response to a mandate of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) -- to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and reduce the national burden of work-related injury and illness. The MCOHS provides graduate degree programs, continuing education and outreach activities, and serves as a regional resource for industry, labor, federal, state, and local government agencies, agriculture, and other interested parties. Graduates are prepared to assume positions in various institutions including: academic institutions; corporate and industrial settings; health agencies; and health care facilities, among others. Visit the MCOHS ERC Homepage: <http://www.mcohs.umn.edu> or Call toll free: 1-877-36- MCOHS (1-877-366-2647). MCOHS ERC Director: Susan Goodwin Gerberich, PhD (gerbe001@umn.edu) .*Tuition and stipends are available to eligible applicants.*

The degree programs and respective websites are:

Occupational Injury Prevention Research Training Program

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

Occupational and Environmental Medicine

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

Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Program

(Website in Progress)

Industrial Hygiene

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

Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing

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

Occupational Health Services Research and Policy

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

**Great Lakes Centers for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health
Announcement** – Online Occupational Health & Hygiene

Global Program in Occupational Health Practice: Two post-graduate programs.

- 100% internet-based, instructor led, distance learning programs.

Occupational Hygiene Program; designed for engineers, managers, and technicians who work in occupational safety, health and hygiene.

- This is the *only online OHTA approved course*.
- Students are prepared to sit for the OHTA examination.

Occupational Health Program; designed for health care providers -- physicians and nurses--

who deliver occupational health services to employees in companies or governments around the world.

Dates

Course 1 (Foundations): 2 Sept – 10 Nov 2012

Course 2 (either Health or Hygiene): 6 Jan – 16 March 2013

Course 3 (Management): 31 March – 8 June 2013

Further information and Registration: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/glakes/ce/IntPrgOHP.html> or contact: **Course Administrator** Lisa Duran, School of Public Health/GLC, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2121 Taylor St. M/C 922, Chicago, IL 60612 USA. Phone: 1-312-355-3500 Fax: 1-312-413-9898 Email: globalprogramOHP@gmail.com

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene Online

August 20 – December 4, 2013

NC Occupational Safety and Health Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This course closely follows the Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course presented face-to-face at annual **Summer and Winter Institutes** presented by the NC OSHERC at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The online course is a self-paced course to be completed within the dates above. This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of Industrial Hygiene. If you have recently assumed Industrial Hygiene responsibilities or you have experience in other aspects of Safety, Health or Environmental areas and would like to learn more about Industrial Hygiene, then this is the course for you. The course participants will become familiar with the basic terminology, calculation methods, essential concepts and key principles involved in the practice of Industrial Hygiene.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/industrial-hygiene-fundamentals-online.html>

Online Master's Degree: Occupational Health Nursing

North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Occupational Health Nursing

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

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

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

http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_16754_11740.html

Continuing education for occupational health nurses: <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/occupational-health-nursing-courses.html>

Online Fundamental of Industrial Hygiene

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene is now being offered online. This course closely follows the Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course presented face-to-face at annual **Summer and Winter Institutes** presented by the NC OSHERC at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The next session begins August 20, 2013. See website for details:

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/industrial-hygiene-fundamentals-online.html>

California Department of Public Health Online Courses

Nurses/physicians/industrial hygienists: CDPH is offering free continuing medical education courses online. Learn about work-related and childhood lead exposure, Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever) and mercury. You can get units through **these informative one-hour courses**.

<http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=4586a1ad0b7ecd671f7295e07&id=cb39e933f7&e=%5bUNIQID>

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CIH Online- Register Now!

The Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center is pleased to announce CIH Online. CIH Online exam review and maintenance courses offer practicing industrial hygienists studying for the Certified Industrial Hygiene Exam and safety professionals seeking ABIH and/or BCSP credits an advantage by providing you 24/7 access, peer-to-peer networking, community discussion boards and instructor-led online review sessions. Course are eligible for IH contact hours, IH Ethics contact hours and COC (Continuance of Certification) points through the BCSP. Visit www.CIHonline.org for more information and to register today!

Nursing CNE Activities on Asthma Triggers

In conjunction with Dr. Helen Miner, Director of AHEC and Dr. Barbara Huggins from “Dose of Health” CBS 19, the Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health developed two continuing education courses targeted toward school nurses. Both courses discuss asthma triggers and asthma management techniques. The Asthma Primer course is designed to provide a medical knowledge base of the disease and provide resources and tools for management of the disease in the school setting. After this program the school nurse should be able to identify causes, signs, and symptoms of asthma and be able to identify asthma triggers and their impact on learning. The school nurse will also be able to identify how their school can become asthma-friendly environments, control asthma episodes, and manage asthma in students. The Asthma Triggers course goes into depth, describing different categories of asthma triggers and how they can be identified. Both courses stress the importance of utilizing an Asthma Management Plan that is personalized for each child. You can access the courses free of charge at www.swcpeh.org/providers_ceupres.asp

So far over 80 continuing nursing education units have been awarded to over 40 school districts in Texas. However, the courses are eligible to be taken by any healthcare professional in the United States. If you have any questions regarding the courses, you may contact the program administrator, Shannon Cox at 903-877-5045 or at shannon.cox@uthct.edu.

The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)

NECOEM has uploaded several lectures given at the December 2011 Annual NECOEM Conference held in Boston, MA. These podcast lectures and handouts are free of charge and are

available by going to the following link: www.necoem.libsyn.com. You may also find these lectures on the NECOEM page on iTunes.

1. Work Related Concussions: Evaluation, Management and Return to Work Success (Stuart Glassman, MD) 2. Doctor: Can I Work Despite My Heart Attack, Back Pain, Psychosis? (James Talmage, MD) 3. What Mind Body Medicine Can Do for You and Your Patients (Herbert Benson, MD) 4. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: How Overdiagnosis and Flawed Causation Analysis Contribute to Poor Outcomes in Worker's Compensation (James Talmage, MD) 5. Prevention of Laboratory Animal Allergy (Gregg Stave, MD, JD) 6. The Challenges of Return to Work After Hip or Knee Replacement (panel: D.Ward, MD; J. Montana, PT; L. Sorafine, JD) 7. Fitness for Duty and ADA Issues in the Compromised Worker (Carolyn Langer, MD, JD) 8. Opportunities and Challenges of Onsite Clinics (panel: A. Rodgers, MD; R. Haugen, COHN-S; G. Salgueiro, RD) 9. Childhood Lead Poisoning (Paul Hunter) 10. Managing Workplace Safety and Medical Marijuana (panel: P.Lowe, JD; D. Ciullo)

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

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

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

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

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

US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity

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

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.

Lead Poisoning Awareness

The LAMPP Project in partnership with the Healthy Environments for Children Initiative at UCONN is very pleased to announce the release of a new lead awareness training for educators, "Lead Poisoning: Limiting the Ability to Learn". This free training is now available on the LAMPP web site <http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/lamppttraining> and LAMPP encourages anyone in education to take advantage of this excellent training.

The training has been designed to raise educators' awareness of lead poisoning and enhance their ability to respond to the needs of children harmed by lead. It's free, informative and easy to follow. There are separate modules for Classroom Educators, Administrators, and personnel from Health Services, Family Resource Centers, Pupil Support Services, Private Schools and

Child Daycare Facilities or anyone who might benefit from learning about the signs of lead poisoning, why educators need to be concerned and methods to prevent childhood lead poisoning.