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AOEC Activities, Announcements, and Funding Opportunities

The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) is a national program celebrating ten years of helping students learn about the field of occupational health and safety (OHS) from working people. Congratulations to the OHIP team for being selected by the APHA OHS Section to receive a special award on OHIP's 10th anniversary at this fall's APHA annual meeting in Boston!

We are hoping to have more than the usual compliment of OHIP interns at APHA. In order to do so, we need help. Checks to the Cook/Snyder Fund or contributions through the AOEC web page <http://www.aoec.org/content/payment.htm> would be greatly appreciated.

Longtime AOEC member and co-developer of the AOEC exposure code system, Katherine Hunting, PhD, MPH is retiring. Dr. Hunting spent 25 years at the George Washington University (GWU) and mentored many students through both the masters and doctoral programs. She will be sorely missed by the students at GWU.

The Institute for Occupational, Social and Environmental Medicine, University of Munich, an AOEC member clinic, recently received a successful re-designation as WHO Collaborating Centre for Occupational Medicine. During the next period (04/2013 – 04/2016) they will focus on following topics: summer schools (English, Spanish) and E-learning modules, psychosocial stress models in the Health Service sector and replacing mercury in small scale gold mining.

With all the attention paid to the President's budget eliminating the ERCs, there was an additional ERC created. The Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center (CARERC) combines the academic resources of four colleges at the University of Kentucky (UK) and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) to provide a fully equipped and recognized resource for occupational safety and health research and training in Central Appalachia.

The US Department of Labor announced a "Scholars Program Competition," for new researchers/students. The program is expected to fund 10-15 grants in the range of \$10,000-\$25,000. Proposals are due by July 21 and details are at <http://www.summitllc.us/dol-scholars-application/>

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

I'd like to say that Capitol Hill has the summer doldrums but it seems to be more of the same old, same old we've been seeing all year. The Senate, at least, moved on immigration reform but the House leadership is saying no way-no how. The news on the budget is much the same.

However, since most of your Congressional representatives (House and Senate) will be home for the July 4 holiday, it might be a good time to hit a political event and make your voice heard. As I've said almost every month for the entire year, a bit of discussion with your Congressional representatives about how these issues affect their constituents would not be amiss. Taking advantage of their presence in your area just might be the perfect opportunity.

New from Federal Agencies

OSHA

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch of the Department of Health of Canada will sign a Memorandum of Understanding to work together on implementing the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling in their respective jurisdictions. The signing was held on June 19, 2013.

OSHA announced a new **National Emphasis Program** to protect workers from the serious health effects from occupational exposure to isocyanates. "Workers exposed to isocyanates can suffer debilitating health problems for months or even years after exposure," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. Michaels continued, "Through this program, OSHA will strengthen protections for workers exposed to isocyanates." OSHA's web page on **Isocyanates** provides additional information on recognizing potential hazards, as well as OSHA standards that address isocyanates in the general, construction and maritime industries.

NIOSH

New NIOSH Smart Phone App Addresses Ladder Safety

NIOSH announces the availability of a new Ladder Safety smart phone application (app), making it easier for workers using extension ladders to check the angle the ladder is positioned at, as well as access to useful tips for using extension ladders safely. The app is available for free download for both iPhone[®] and Android[™] devices.

NIOSH announces the Center for Workers' Compensation Studies (CWCS) to maximize the use of workers' compensation data for injury and illness surveillance. This new Center hosted within the NIOSH Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations, and Field Studies will encourage collaboration of NIOSH scientists with insurers and other private and public sector organizations to address trends, use and limitations, integration of data, economic impact, prevention and reduction of work-related injury-illness, and best practices.

A new method was published in the NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods (NMAM): “Method 8007: Toluene in Blood.” The method is available at www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2003-154/pdfs/8007.pdf .

In May, NIOSH released recommendations that occupational exposures to carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and carbon nanofibers (CNFs) be controlled to reduce a potential risk of certain work-related lung effects. Read more at www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-04-24-13.html.

The new NIOSH Newsroom provides a central Web hub for NIOSH press releases, recent news publications and articles pertaining to NIOSH, and recent NIOSH research publications and articles. Visit the Newsroom at www.cdc.gov/niosh/newsroom.

MSHA

MSHA applauds a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which has held that the failure to maintain emergency lifelines in a manner for miners to use effectively, is a significant and substantial violation of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, regardless of the likelihood of a mine emergency actually occurring at the time of the violation. <http://www.msha.gov/media/PRESS/2013/NR130627.asp>

Region VIII Federal Partners

Webinar: Improving the Health of Communities through the National Prevention Strategy Designing Healthy Communities Thursday, July 18, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, MT. This session examines how homes and community design can promote inclusiveness for all populations. <https://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=82&page=NationalPreventionStrategy> (This link requires that TLS 1.0 be enabled in your web browser; To enable in Internet Explorer Click on Tools>>Internet Options>>Advanced>>, Check the box that says “Use TLS 1.0”)

Positions Available

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. 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.

Occupational and Environmental Faculty Position-Tyler, TX

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time, faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. Faculty in occupational and

environmental medicine at UTHSCT precept Occupational Medicine residents in a teaching clinic that is an AOEC (Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics) member clinic, participate in an academic training program, and provide occupational medicine services to a variety of local businesses. The position will be responsible for numerous academic and clinical programs as assigned by the Department Chair. This is a competitive, non-tenure appointment.

The successful candidate will have a strong track record of clinical experience and a desire to make a difference with a team-based philosophy. Candidates should possess an MD degree, hold current board certified in Occupational Medicine/Preventive Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, and be eligible for Texas medical licensure. The successful candidate must be willing to develop an active occupational medicine clinical practice and participate in the Department's numerous academic and clinical programs as assigned by the Department Chair.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current CV and arrange for three letters of reference to: Jeffrey L. Levin, M.D., M.S.P.H., Professor and Chair, Department of Occupational Health Sciences, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154, (903) 877-5900 Fax: (903) 877-7982 E-mail: jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu

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>

Medical Officer-NIOSH-Morgantown

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Division of Respiratory Disease Studies (DRDS), Surveillance Branch (SB), seeks a Medical Officer/Team Lead for the Workforce Screening and Surveillance Team. DRDS, located in Morgantown, West Virginia,

provides national and international leadership for the prevention of work-related respiratory illness, injury and death.

The primary purpose of this position is to provide medical and epidemiologic expertise and leadership for designing, conducting, analyzing, and interpreting clinical and/or epidemiological research and surveillance focused on medical monitoring for occupational respiratory disease. Board certification or eligibility in Occupational Medicine, Internal Medicine, or Family Medicine is required. Research experience in Epidemiology, Pulmonary Disease, and/or Chronic Disease is preferred.

Individuals interested in seeking a challenging opportunity and future career in occupational respiratory disease who feel they qualify for this position are encouraged to apply at <http://www.usajobs.gov>, Job Announcement Number: HHS-CDC-DH-13-805959 <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/333542400> (External Announcement) or HHS-CDC-MP-13-806520 <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/333542800> (internal to federal employees) by July 31, 2013. Please contact Eileen Storey, Surveillance Branch Chief, DRDS at 304-285-6382 or ESTorey@cdc.gov for more information. NIOSH is an equal opportunity employer and provides a smoke-free environment.

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.

The Mount Sinai School of Medicine: Two positions – Associate Professor of OEM and Assistant Professor of OEM

The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine is seeking two full-time faculty members with one including a role as staff physician in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Academic ranks for these positions will depend on the successful candidates' credentials and experience.

The Mount Sinai Medical Center is a 1,171-bed, tertiary-care teaching facility acclaimed internationally for excellence in clinical care. Founded in 1852, The Mount Sinai Medical Center encompasses The Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. The Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine is committed to preventing and treating work-related and environmentally induced illnesses and conditions. Faculty and staff provide clinical intervention and education to communities and healthcare professionals to reduce occupational health risks. The Division, *Mount Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health*, renders over 20,000 clinical visits annually in Manhattan, Staten Island and Yonkers.

The requirements for this position include BC/BE in Occupational Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Oncology or Gastroenterology, with a strong interest in Occupational Medicine. Candidate must possess or be able to obtain a valid New York State medical license. A BC/BE in Occupational Medicine is preferred. Responsibilities include outpatient care, clinic leadership, teamwork and supervision of ancillary providers. The position also offers the opportunity for clinical research and graduate teaching.

These positions must be filled quickly, so please forward qualified CVs to Nyla Medlock at nmedlock@medlockconsulting.com or at 806-239-6952 immediately.

Research Scientist, in the National Farm Medicine Center--Position number MC100226

The Research Scientist in this tenure track position will conduct applied (translational) research in agricultural safety and health with an emphasis on dairy workers. He/she will work directly with the program leader in the development and implementation of the newly established Wisconsin Dairy Workers Safety and Health Initiative, which includes an array of research, education/training and services. The scientist will collaborate with National Farm Medicine Center (NFMC) and Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation (MCRF) scientists, Marshfield clinician investigators, and external scientists and will supervise his/her program staff. This individual is expected to participate in national and international professional scientific endeavors, including journal publications, peer-review mechanisms, and presentations at professional conferences. Options to participate in leadership roles within the NFMC and/or the NIOSH-funded National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety will be considered. He/she will contribute to MCRF's mission to discover and communicate scientific knowledge that substantially improves human health and well-being.

Position Qualifications: Qualified applicants must have a PhD (in Industrial Hygiene, nursing, Ag Education, Ag Engineering or equivalent), MD, DVM, or equivalent. Applicants must also have a current, valid MD or DVM licensure in the State of WI, if applicable. Demonstrated

ability to plan and execute applied/translational research is required. Publication record of original research in peer-reviewed journals. Demonstrated potential for developing a consistent record of scientific accomplishments in discovery, publications, and receipt and management of extramural grants and/or contracts. To apply go to: <https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/>, scroll down to employment, click on non-physician and key in MC100226.

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.

Occupational Health Physician-Plainfield Healthcare Center

Day Kimball Medical Group is seeking a BC/BE Occupational Health Physician for a full time position that has a leadership component. We are a young and growing department with an expanding client base that is in need of an Occupational Medicine specialist to help expand the program. Our services include: pre-employment exams including CDL, medical exams, firefighter physicals and management of various work-related illnesses and injuries.

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, Putnam and Thompson, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern CT, Day Kimball HomeMakers and Day Kimball Physician Practices. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,200 employees including nearly 300 highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is daykimball.org. To apply: <http://newton.newtonsoftware.com/career/JobIntroduction.action?clientId=4028f88b24c330a20124eb33b4ad1653&id=8a42a12b364b788401364c84b5360f66&source=> Position ID: PLFDWIMD or for additional information contact Kathleen Stevenson, RN, Occupational and Employee Health, 12 Lathrop Road, Plainfield, CT 06374, Ph 860-457-9150 x1141 Fax 860-928-8280.

Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA-- Occupational Medicine Physician

The selected physician will be performing pre-employment physical examinations and assessing patients' ability to perform essential functions of their job. They will also examine and diagnose

patients' post-injury or post-illness and identify expected outcomes and plans based on diagnosis or issues. Temple University Hospital's Occupational Health Department provides services to Temple University Hospital employees as well as subsets of the Temple University employee and student populations. In addition, the Department of Occupational Health provides contracted services to other employers in the Philadelphia region. OM Physicians may participate in the delivery of healthcare by providing site visits. Employment opportunities exist for both full-time and part-time physicians.

Candidate Qualifications: M.D. or D.O. from an accredited institution, Board Certification or Board Eligibility in occupational medicine, family medicine, general internal medicine or emergency medicine. Strong knowledge of regulations pertaining to worker's compensation, accommodation of disabilities, public health, worker safety, and environmental health and safety. Proficiency in general computer skills and ability to efficiently utilize an electronic medical record system (EMR). Medical Review Officer (MRO) certification is preferred. A selected candidate without certification will be required to obtain this certification. Prior experience working in an occupational health setting preferred.

Interested candidates should submit a current curriculum vitae and complete contact information to the address below. Personal statements summarizing experience and contributions to diversity are encouraged. Please submit your information to: Evelyn Balogun, MD, MPH, MBA, Medical Director – Department of Occupational Health, Temple University Hospital, C/O Julie Brissett, Sr. Physician Recruiter & HR Administrator, Physician & Faculty Recruitment, Temple University School of Medicine, 3420 N. Broad Street, MRB 101, Philadelphia, PA, 19140, Email: julie.brissett@tuhs.temple.edu Ph: 215-707-5665 Fax: 215-707-9452

Fellowships

2014–15 Australian–American Health Policy Fellowship

The Australian–American Health Policy Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals—academics, government officials, clinical leaders, decision-makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, and journalists—to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. Fellows study Australian health policy issues, share lessons learned from the United States, and develop an international perspective and network of contacts to facilitate exchange and collaboration that extends beyond the fellowship experience.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2014–15 fellowship is September 5, 2013.

For a 10-month stay in Australia, the fellowship awards up to \$89,000 (AUD). There is also a family supplement available. For further information on the Australian–American Health Policy Fellowship and to obtain an application, please visit commonwealthfund.org. Please direct questions to Robin Osborn of The Commonwealth Fund (tel.: 212-606-3809; e-mail: ro@cmwf.org).

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

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training Course July 18- 19, 2013 Iowa City, IA

This two-day workshop covers the most current standards and recent developments in pulmonary function testing. If you are an occupational health nurse, physician, industrial hygienist, technician, medical assistant, or employee health practitioner responsible for performing accurate pulmonary function testing, you will greatly appreciate this course. All participants will have ample opportunity to practice pulmonary function testing utilizing a variety of spirometry equipment with one-on-one instruction from the faculty. Contact: Cassandra Sickels at cassandra-sickels@uiowa.edu

Commercial Driver Medical Examination Training Program

August 3, 2013

Des Moines, IA

Effective May 21, 2014 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will require all health care professionals performing medical exams for commercial drivers to complete a training program and successfully pass a certification exam. This program will provide the core curriculum developed by FMSCA for training and prepare the health professional for taking the certification exam. Upon completion of this program, the healthcare professional will receive a certificate needed to register for the National Registry of Certified Examiners (NRCME) examination. **Contact:** Jill Hartz at 319-335-7075 or jill-hartz@uiowa.edu Associated Documents: [Brochure with registration information](#)

2013 Southeastern Atlantic College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (SEACOEM) Annual Symposium

August 16-18, 2013

Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center

Virginia Beach, VA

This year's annual symposium will be held at the spectacular Virginia Beach Resort Hotel. The conference includes the opportunity to network with colleagues while attending a seminar that offers an outstanding agenda covering a wide range of subjects including such topics as "Chronic pain and opioid management" "Evidence-based treatment of spine injuries" and "Occupational dermatology". For more information, a detailed time table and additional agenda topics visit the SEACOEM website. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/seacoem13.html>

2013 Appalachian Regional Work Safety and Health Symposium

An Interdisciplinary Update on Miner Health and Safety

August 22, 2013

Lexington, KY

Sponsored by the University of Kentucky Department of Mining Engineering and the Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center (CARERC). This interdisciplinary conference - designed for the benefit of coal miners, coal mine operators, and the health and safety personnel who support them - will focus on scientific and policy developments of interest to all parties. For additional information contact Amber Kidd at amber.kidd@uky.edu.

36th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Summer Institute

July 28 – August 2, 2013

Norfolk, Virginia

The Summer Institute is an integral and long established part of the Continuing Education Program at the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center (NC OSHERC) at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Summer Institute offers a week-long interdisciplinary conference with over 30 courses varying in length from one to five days. Occupational Health Nurses and Physicians, Safety Professionals, Industrial Hygienists and others with an interest in community and occupational health are encouraged to attend. The annual Summer Institute provides the opportunity to complete the requirements for three Technician Certificate Programs (IH, Safety, and Environmental).

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/institutes/summer13/index.html>

Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication

July 29 – August 2, 2013

Boston, MA

<https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/Radiological-Emergency-Planning>. This program brings together leaders in the field of emergency preparedness and planning to explore the basic principles for creating a comprehensive radiation emergency plan. By providing practical tools and guidelines, this course will prepare participants to plan for and respond to a radiological event, whether at the state, local, or individual facility level.

Respiratory Protection Program

July 29 – August 2, 2013

Norfolk, Virginia

This week-long course is designed to provide a single source of information for establishing and maintaining a respirator program that meets the OSHA requirements outlined in 29 CFR 1910.134. **The new OSHA Assigned Protection Factors will be covered in the course.** The course is appropriate for individuals who are just starting respirator programs as well as those with established programs in need of updating. Much of the course is taught with hands-on experience using a wide selection of respirators.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/respiratory-protection.html>

Industrial Hygiene Sampling

July 29 – August 2, 2013

Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

The course design provides an in-depth examination of technology and procedures involved in planning and conducting occupational hygiene air sampling surveys. The course consists of class lectures, demonstrations, hands-on laboratories and procedures for both active and passive sampling, using classical as well as direct reading instruments. Chemical contaminant sampling will be addressed and supplemented by a case study applying the course concepts to "real world" scenarios. The course should be valuable to those responsible for conducting occupational hygiene sampling surveys for chemical contaminants.

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

OSHA Training - 2264, 3095, 501, 511, 7100, 7115, 7200, 7500, 7845

July 29 – August 2, 2013

Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

A wide variety of OSHA Training classes are presented by the OSHA Training Institute Education Center, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, under contract with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. Classes range from $\frac{1}{2}$ day to $3\frac{1}{2}$ days allowing participants to tailor their schedule to meet individual training requirements. A detailed list of courses, agendas, dates and times can be found at the web site.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/institutes/summer13/courses.html>

Occupational Health Nursing Certification Review (COHN/COHN-S)

July 29 – 31, 2013

Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

This 2 1/2-day course is designed to provide an intensive review for Occupational Health Nurses preparing for the American Board of Occupational Health Nurses Certification exam. Nurses interested in a comprehensive review of Occupational Health Nursing will also find this course beneficial. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/occupational-health-nursing-certification-review.html>

Hearing Conservation Certification and Re-Certification

July 29 – 31, 2013 (Certification) and July 30, 2013 (Re-certification)

Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

These courses are approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) and are designed to help participants perform valid audiograms and develop hearing conservation programs according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.95. Students who complete the 2 1/2 day course will be eligible to apply to CAOHC for certification as an occupational hearing conservationist. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/hearing-conservation-certification.html> or <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/hearing-conservation-certification-refresher.html>

Winning with a Successful Safety Culture

July 31 – August 2, 2013

Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

This 2 day course provides current and challenging perspectives to jump start your safety program and strengthen the safety culture in your organization through accountability and consistency. The methods demonstrated are simple and have been proven to be effective in many world class organizations. Through interactive discussions using real world examples participants will learn how to set up an employee-focused *Safety Certification Program* tailored to meet the needs of their organization.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/winning-successful-safety-culture.html>

2013 Conference Environment and Health – Bridging South, North, East and West

August 19-23, 2013

Basel, Switzerland

Hosted by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (an associated Institute of University of Basel) and co-sponsored by International Society of Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), International Society of Exposure Sciences (ISES) and International Society of Indoor Air Quality (ISIAQ). For more information go to <http://www.ehbasel13.org/>

Occupational Health Crossing Borders

August 19-30, 2013

Munich, Germany

The summer school is targeted at occupational safety and health professionals. It provides information about occupational safety and health systems around the world with special focus on Europe. Please find additional information at: <http://www.osh-munich.de/>

2013 Southeastern Atlantic College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (SEACOEM) Annual Symposium

August 16-18, 2013

Virginia Beach, VA

Reserve the date for the annual symposium. More details to follow.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/seacoem13.html>

In-Place Filter Testing Workshop

August 19 – 23, 2013

Boston, MA

<https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/Filter-Testing> Learn the latest air-cleaning theory, filter testing techniques, and regulatory requirements for in-place testing of HEPA filtration and gas adsorption systems. This course provides nuclear, safety, engineering, and industrial hygiene professionals with the tools to apply new knowledge of filter technology to their organizations' projects and plants. Wide-ranging ventilation topics are covered.

NC OSHERC NORA Lecture/Webinar

August 21, 2013

2:00pm to 3:30pm ET

The speaker will be Dr. Maryann D'Alessandro, NIOSH, NPPTL. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Susan Randolph, MSN, RN, COHN-S susan.randolph@unc.edu.

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

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.

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](#)

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 adjusters, 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.

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>

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

**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 <http://www.necoem.org/events/2013-AC-home.html>.

**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

**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>

Masters' and Doctoral Training Opportunities

**Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN**

The mission of the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC) is to ensure a Center of Excellence that provides: 1) cutting-edge interdisciplinary academic and research training to prepare exceptional leaders who make significant contributions to the field of occupational health and safety and 2) continuing education to prepare occupational health and safety professionals to address current and emerging threats to the nation's workforce. This ERC, one of 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.htm>

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 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 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/lampptraining> and LAMPP encourages anyone in education to take advantage of this excellent training.

The training has been designed to raise educators' awareness of lead poisoning and enhance their ability to respond to the needs of children harmed by lead. It's free, informative and easy to

follow. There are separate modules for Classroom Educators, Administrators, and personnel from Health Services, Family Resource Centers, Pupil Support Services, Private Schools and Child Daycare Facilities or anyone who might benefit from learning about the signs of lead poisoning, why educators need to be concerned and methods to prevent childhood lead poisoning.