

AOEC E-News March 2013

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AOEC Activities, Announcements, and Funding Opportunities

As noted in the February AOEC E-News, the **Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP)** celebrates its 10th year this summer. We are now sifting through over 325 applications. There is definite interest in the field. However, at this point we have funding for fewer than 20 interns for 2013. If you, your department, or organization can provide even as little as \$100 those funds can help with covering mileage reimbursement or go towards the orientation in Los Angeles. It costs roughly \$7,500 per intern to provide them with a nine week experience. All donations are tax exempt. Checks can be made to AOEC-OHIP and mailed to the AOEC office or made electronically through the AOEC website at <http://www.aoec.org/content/payment.htm> and click on Contribution. Although the button says PayPal you can either use a PayPal account or simply a credit card.

Dr. Celeste Monforton was recognized with the *Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award* in honor of her tireless dedication to eliminating asbestos-related diseases and unending support of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

A reminder that April 28 is the day of observance known in most countries as the **Workers' Memorial Day** and in Canada as the **National Day of Mourning**. The observance has spread to over 75 countries and is now an international day of remembrance of workers killed in incidents at work, or by diseases caused by work. In addition, the International Labour Organization (ILO) celebrates the **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** on April 28th to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.

The Mexico/US border is not the only border with migrant worker health issues. The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) convened a meeting to discuss cross border issues regarding migrant workers on the even longer border between the US and Canada. The meeting was held in Hamilton, Ontario on March 25, 2013 and included speakers from the Migrant Farmworker Clinic based at the University of Connecticut and Migrant Health Promotion which started in Michigan and now includes offices throughout the US. They also heard from community and health care providers from across Southern Ontario who reported on their experiences and challenges with this population, as well as from official agencies, with a goal to improving access to health care for workers.

<http://www.thespec.com/news/business/local/article/908390--ontario-s-migrant-workers-fly-under-health-radar>

George Washington University (GWU) will offer an interesting Summer II class *Veterans, Deployment & Environmental Issues*. The class will be offered on Monday afternoons from July 8 to August 12. PUBH 6199 is a one credit class. It is not only open to all graduate students at GWU but also anyone outside of the university with the permission of the instructor, David Goldsmith, PhD. For additional information contact David Goldsmith, PhD at dgoldsmi@gwu.edu or at 202-549-1019 (cell).

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

The good news is we have a budget for 2013. The one downside is that it will reflect the roughly 5-10% cuts of sequestration unless the Congressional folks get an earful while on their two week spring break. However, the ERCs and Ag Centers are safe for another year.

The 2014 budget battles are just beginning. However, it appears both sides of the aisle and of Capitol Hill are actually taking the budget seriously this year. Both the Senate and the House have passed budget resolutions and while we still don't have the President's budget it is expected by the time Congress reconvenes in April.

The Senate budget is about \$184 billion more than the House—a difference which will take some serious negotiating to resolve. Moreover, none of the work of the Appropriations Committees and Sub-committees has begun. While there is some optimism (this is the first Senate budget in four years) we could very easily be back to continuing resolutions in the fall.

A bit of discussion with your Congressional representatives that we need a real budget for 2014 would not be amiss. While you can e-mail your Congressional representatives, a visit to their local office is better and if you are in DC, we can always help arrange a visit to their office. Since most visitors get to meet with a staffer, it won't matter much if Congress is officially in session or not.

AOEC will be at AOHC again this year. Our annual Coffee and Conversation will be in Wekiwa 10 from 7 am until 9 am on April 27. All AOEC members and interested ACOEM members are welcome to join us.

New from Federal Agencies

NCEH/ATSDR

Christopher Portier, PhD, Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR), has announced his retirement, effective March 29, 2013. Since 2010, Dr. Portier has led America's efforts to promote healthy, safe environments and prevent harmful exposures. An internationally recognized expert in designing, analyzing, and interpreting environmental health data, he helped modernize how NCEH and ATSDR reduce environmental disease in the United States and played a key role in reorganizing ATSDR to better serve communities in need. Beginning April

1, 2013, Robin Ikeda, MD, MPH, (Captain, U.S. Public Health Service), will assume the duties of NCEH/ATSDR Director in addition to her role as CDC Deputy Director, Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury and Environmental Health.

CDC-RFA-EH13-1306, NCEH/ATSDR Public Health Conference Support Program, on www.grants.gov. NCEH/ATSDR believes that conferences and similar meetings are critical for the development and implementation of effective programs that promote healthy environments, prevent adverse health effects from hazardous substances, and address factors that make Americans and American communities vulnerable to environmental threats. In an effort to support such collaboration, NCEH/ATSDR announces this one-year conference support award program to provide partial funding for conferences focused on environmental health issues. Eligible entities are encouraged to apply for awards estimated to range from \$5,000 to \$90,000. NCEH/ATSDR anticipates making between four and eight awards, with no award greater than \$100,000. To be eligible, conference proposals must be linked to one of ten "Topics of Programmatic Interest" specified in Part II. In addition, conferences must occur between June 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. Along with other required application elements, applicants are asked to submit a ten-page narrative that includes a description of the need for the proposed event, a description of organizational capacity, and a work plan.

OSHA

OSHA has posted a Guidance Document on "Spirometry Testing in Occupational Health Programs: Best Practices for Healthcare Professionals" at <http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3637.pdf>

NIH

The Office of Disease Prevention (ODP), National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to seek broad public input on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013–2018 Strategic Plan for the ODP. The mission of the ODP is to improve the public health by increasing the scope, quality, dissemination, and impact of prevention research supported by the NIH. The ODP invites input from prevention researchers in academia and industry, health care professionals, patient advocates and advocacy organizations, scientific or professional organizations, federal agencies, and other interested members of the public. Submit comments at http://prevention-nih.org/aboutus/strategic_plan/rfi.aspx

Positions Available

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: <http://jobs.wayne.edu/hr> Job posting number: 039226

Executive Director, Occupational Medicine Emory University

Position Summary: The Executive Director, Occupational Medicine, will have direct responsibility for building the occupational health and safety program for all employees of Emory, including the healthcare delivery system. A nationally recognized leader in occupational medicine, the Executive Director will lead the interests and missions of Emory University to enhance the health of workers through prevention of injuries and workplace diseases, promotion of health, assessments of injuries including clinical care, disability management, research and education. The Executive Director is responsible for assuring the quality and efficiency of these functions for Emory University and Emory Healthcare. These responsibilities require the Executive Director to exert effective leadership to oversee these operations and implement policies and procedures that identify employees at time of employment and reviews upon period timeframes for mandatory health assessments/compliance.

Responsibilities: The position includes responsibility for the development and integration of Occupational Injury Management and Employee Health Departments, establishment of programs that enhance the health of workers, play a visible role in preventing diseases and evaluate the interaction of work and health. This position involves both proactive and reactive Human Resources programs.

Requirements: A Doctor of Medicine degree and eligibility for licensure in the state of Georgia; Board certification and significant experience in occupational medicine; Minimum of five (5) years of leadership experience in occupational medicine; Minimum of three (3) years’ experience in a senior leader position in occupational medicine in an academic healthcare system; Direct occupational medicine administrative experience, both operational and fiscal to include prior P&L responsibilities and a broad understanding of complex employee health strategies and the issues challenging the field of occupational medicine in the current environment; Demonstrated creative communications and business skills; Ability to lead a department of occupational medicine with an understanding of the diversity of the internal and external audience; and A collegial, consultative management style allied with the ability to be decisive.

To apply: Forward qualified CVs to Nyla Medlock at nmedlock@medlockconsulting.com or contact her at 806-239-6952.

Pulmonary/Occupational Medicine Faculty Position

Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

National Jewish Health– the #1 Respiratory Hospital in the United States by U.S. News & World Report is seeking applicants for a faculty position in the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS) at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated excellence through clinical, educational and research endeavors and will have an energetic and enthusiastic ambition to advance and serve as a leader in the field of environmental and occupational health.

- Potential areas of expertise desired are, but not limited to, occupational allergy and asthma, occupational airway disease and sarcoidosis.
- Primary duties may include but are not limited to clinical care in outpatient settings; educational activities with fellows, residents and students; work on translational research projects; as well as participating in the collaborative and integrative group practice atmosphere we provide.
- Applicants should have an MD or an equivalent degree and must be board eligible or board certified in Pulmonary Medicine with an interest in Occupational Medicine, and must be eligible for a medical licensure in the state of Colorado.

Interested candidates should submit their Curriculum Vitae with letter of interest to:

Lisa A. Maier, MD, MSPH, FCCP, Chief, DEOHS at National Jewish Health c/o Samantha Moodie moodies@njhealth.org or by fax 303-398-1452.

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 x1141Fax 860-928-8280

Fellowships

2014 American Public Health Association Public Health Fellowship in Government

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2014 APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government. This is the seventh year that APHA is offering this fellowship, which has been described as an “amazing” and “phenomenal” experience by previous fellows. Candidates must have strong public health credentials and be interested in spending one year in Washington, D.C. working in a congressional office on legislative and policy issues related to health, the environment or other public health concerns. The fellowship will begin in January 2014 and continue through December 2014. The fellowship provides a unique learning experience for a public health professional to gain practical knowledge in government and see how the legislative and public policy process works.

All candidates: must be citizens of the United States or permanent residents, must be APHA members, must have five years or more experience in a public health setting (Internships, graduate assistantships and residencies do not count toward the five year requirement) and must have a Masters degree or doctorate in a public health or related discipline.

For more information, please feel free to contact Charlene Bright at charlene.bright@apha.org or (202)777-2491. Electronic application, including a CV and three letters of recommendation, are due to APHA by April 8, 2013. **Apply now online**

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 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 to populate academic health centers across the United States. Up to two positions are available each academic year. Members of underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. For a brochure or other information contact Damiris.Perez@mssm.edu or phone 212-824-7109.

Fellowship Training Program in Medical Toxicology

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

Call for Papers

Inhaled Particles XI 2013 – Call for Papers open!

Inhaled Particles XI (IPXI) is the latest in a long line of highly successful and prestigious international conferences and meetings organized by the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS). It is being held in the city of Nottingham, UK on 23 to 25 September 2013. The Scientific Committee aims to deliver a balanced program which combines plenary sessions and parallel scientific and technical sessions with a range of interactive workshops and case studies. The Committee welcomes papers on any aspect of diseases and health impacts of inhaled particles and we especially encourage papers in the following areas: deposition, translocation and clearance studies, mechanism of disease in the lungs and extra-pulmonary sites, cellular mechanisms, nanotoxicology, assessment of exposure to particles and fibers including nanoparticulates, exposure scenarios, exposure modeling, risk assessment and risk management. Visit www.inhaledparticles.org for more information and to submit your abstract before 8 April 2013.

Conferences and Meetings

Isocyanates and Health: Past, Present and Future

Potomac, MD

April 3-4, 2013

Rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy. The purpose of this international multidisciplinary conference is to identify and discuss the latest knowledge and important issues on the health effects of isocyanates, including current best evidence about exposure monitoring, environmental controls and clinical management. Information and registration at:

<http://www.isocyanates2012.org/>

Chromosome 5 and 7 Abnormalities in Oncology Personnel Handling Anti-Cancer Drugs

April 3, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC or Webinar

NORA seminar from 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET sponsored by the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center. Melissa McDiarmid, MD, MPH, DABT from the University of Maryland will present. After the presentation, an interactive question and answer session will be held. An archive link will be available shortly after the seminar for those who have a conflict with the April 3 date/time. Application for continuing education credits has been made; the fee is \$6.00 with check payable to NC OSHERC. For those who need CM points from ABIH, a certificate of attendance can be provided. For more information, including slides and evaluation form, please contact Susan Randolph at susan.randolph@unc.edu or 919-966-0979. You can also request to have your name added to the email distribution list used solely for the NORA Seminar Series (8 emails total per year).

Diesel, Transportation, Occupational Exposures, and Health

April 5, 2013

New York, NY

By the end of the Annual Scientific Meeting, each participant will be able to: Explain the health and safety impact of transportation work on transit employees. Summarize how diesel exhaust impacts lung cancer rates in the work place. Identify the effect of diesel and other fine particles on health. Explain advances in diesel engine technologies and the impact new technologies have on worker health. Registration and additional information at <https://ophp.umdj.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=USM040513>.

Supervising Asbestos Abatement Projects - Refresher Course

April 10, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This one-day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved AHERA course to maintain certification as a supervisor of asbestos abatement projects. A closed book examination of 25 multiple choice questions will be given today as part of the required refresher class time. Passing the exam is required in North Carolina to renew accreditation.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/supervising-asbestos-abatement-refresher.html>

Building Inspection for Asbestos - Refresher Course

April 11, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This one-half day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved AHERA course to maintain certification as a building inspector for asbestos. Materials will be presented as a review of the initial course as well as new developments. A closed book examination of 25 multiple choice questions will be given. Passing the exam is required in North Carolina to renew accreditation.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/building-inspection-for-asbestos-refresher.html>

Management Planning for Asbestos - Refresher Course

April 11, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This one-half day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved AHERA course to maintain certification as a management planner for asbestos. Materials will be presented as a review of the initial course as well as new developments. A closed book examination of 25 multiple choice questions will be given. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/management-planning-for-asbestos-refresher.html>

Designing Asbestos Abatement - Refresher Course

April 12, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This one-day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved AHERA course to maintain certification as a project designer of asbestos abatement. Materials will be presented as a review of the initial AHERA Designing Asbestos course as well as new developments. A closed book examination of 25 multiple choice questions will be given. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/designing-asbestos-abatement-refresher.html>

Building Inspection for Asbestos - Initial Course

April 15-17, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This 3-day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved course designed to meet the AHERA requirements for those individuals inspecting buildings for asbestos. Information will be provided to assist in the planning, implementation and documentation of the inspection process. This course is a prerequisite to AHERA Management Planning for Asbestos. This course will include fit-testing of all students and hands-on practice in inspecting a building for asbestos containing materials.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/building-inspection-for-asbestos.html>

Respiratory Protection and Fit Testing Workshop

April 16-18, 2013

Cincinnati, OH

Sponsored by the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Information and registration available at www.DrMcKay.com

Management Planning for Asbestos - Initial Course

April 18-19, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This 2 day class is an EPA and State of North Carolina approved AHERA course designed to introduce participants to the components of a management plan dealing with asbestos in a structure. This course meets the requirements under AHERA for accreditation of management planners. The AHERA Initial Building Inspection for Asbestos course is a **prerequisite** for the AHERA Initial Management Planning for Asbestos course.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/management-planning-for-asbestos.html>

Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Training Program

April 22-23, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This 16-hour course is designed for operations and maintenance personnel who are required to complete small scale removal of asbestos. It includes demonstrations using glove-bag techniques and mini-enclosures. A course manual and certificate of completion will be provided.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/asbestos-operations-and-maintenance.html>

The Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Conference

April 22 – 26, 2013

Atlanta, GA

More information will be forthcoming soon.

Israeli-American Medical Toxicology Conference

Haifa, Israel

April 23-25, 2013

The American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) in conjunction with the Israeli Society of Toxicology (IST) is proud to announce a joint conference with faculty from the United States, Israel, Canada, Europe, and elsewhere to provide cutting edge, clinically-relevant presentations in a historic venue. Contact info@acmt.net with any questions.

CAOHC Approved Hearing Conservation Course

April 24-26, 2103

Baltimore, MD

To be held at the JHU School of Nursing \$550.00 fee

The purpose of this CAOHC-approved course is to provide instruction and certification 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 Refresher Course

April 25, 2103

Baltimore, MD

To be held at the JHU School of Nursing \$350.00 fee

One day refresher for your CAOHC certification.

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

Break the Cycle of Environmental Health Disparities #8

April 29-30, 2013

Atlanta, GA

A project of Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, Innovative Solutions for Disadvantage and Disability, and Sustainability Initiatives at Emory University. In addition to presentations by the students involved in Break the Cycle, there will be two guest speakers, Michael Rudolph, DDS, MPH and Arthur McCabe. The themes of this Break the Cycle is the role of community gardens in community revitalization and sustainability, in building a sense of community and in breaking the cycle of disadvantage and disability

Registration is free, but is limited on a first come, first served basis.

<http://www.pediatrics.emory.edu/centers/pehsu/registration.html>

Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Assoc. (COHNA)

Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Assoc. (AOHNA) Education Day

April 30, 2013

Edmonton Alberta

The theme of the conference is "Charting the Course for Occupational Health". Contact us at:

www.aohna.ab.ca or info@aohna.ab.ca

Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Assoc. Conference

May 1& 2, 2013

Edmonton Alberta

Our conference this year is featuring a Keynote speaker: Carol Ann Fried, "The Dance of Equilibrium". Contact us at: www.aohna.ab.ca or info@aohna.ab.ca

Guidelines for Laboratory Design: Health and Safety Considerations

Boston, MA

May 6 - 10, 2013

<https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/Laboratory-Design>

This program provides real-world insight into laboratory health and safety issues, ensuring that participants can effectively design and construct a safe and sustainable laboratory.

Supervising Asbestos Abatement Projects - Initial Course

May 6-10, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

This 4-1/2 day course provides a comprehensive discussion of the practices and procedures used in asbestos abatement projects. It is designed to meet the OSHA requirement for a "competent person" and the EPA requirement for an "accredited supervisor" to supervise asbestos abatement projects. An EPA approved course for those supervising asbestos abatement projects as required by AHERA. Includes techniques on set-up, sampling, respiratory protection and other key aspects to assist in understanding the principles and practices of worker health and safety in asbestos-related work.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/supervising-asbestos-abatement.html>

AIHce 2013,

May 18-23, 2013

Montreal, PQ

AIHce is designed to enhance knowledge of important topics and build strong relationships with other professionals. A variety of courses, sessions, posters, lectures, workshops and luncheon discussions address professional development, scientific issues, management trends, industry innovations and much more. Visit www.AIHce2013.org for important dates, travel information, and a sample approval memo that can be used to drive home the benefits of attending AIHce in Montreal.

Work, Stress, and Health 2013: Protecting and Promoting Total Worker Health™

May 16-19, 2013

Los Angeles, California

There will be pre-conference workshops and opening events on May 16. This conference is convened by the American Psychological Association, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Society for Occupational Health Psychology (SOHP). For more details: <http://www.apa.org/wsh/>

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course

May 17, 2013

Iowa City, IA

Technicians whose NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course certificates are dated January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2007, are eligible to complete a NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher

Course by December 31, 2012, to maintain a valid NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course certificate. Contact: Cassandra Sickels at cassandra-sickels@uiowa.edu.

Introduction to Public Health Surveillance

May 20–24, 2013

Atlanta, GA

The course is designed for state and local public health professionals. CDC and the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University will cosponsor the course. Topics scheduled for presentation include an overview and history of surveillance systems; planning considerations; sources and collection of data; analysis, interpretation, and communication of data; surveillance systems technology; ethics and legalities; state and local concerns; and future considerations. Tuition is charged. Additional information: <http://www.sph.emory.edu/epicourses>, by e-mail pvaleri@emory.edu or by mail Emory University, Hubert Department of Global Health, 1518 Clifton Rd. NE, CNR Bldg., Rm. 7038, Atlanta, GA 30322; telephone (404-727-3485) fax (404-727-4590).

Radiation Safety Officer Training for Laboratory Professionals

June 3 – 7, 2013

Boston, MA

This fundamental 40-hour training program is specifically designed to train researchers and safety officers with the necessary skills to implement a radiation protection program in the biotechnology, university, hospital, or medical laboratory setting.

<https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/RSO>

Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene: The Application of Basic Principles

June 3 – 7, 2013

Boston, MA

This program offers a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of industrial hygiene practice and is designed to ensure that participants leave with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in safety, health, and environmental practice. Industrial hygienists, environmental health and safety professionals, engineers, and others will benefit from the faculty's extensive experience in the field. <https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/Industrial-Hygiene>

Introduction to Ergonomics

June 3-12, 2013

Baltimore, MD

Can be taken for either CE credit or Academic credit. \$1,908.00 fee

This introductory course in ergonomics will include human physical capabilities and capacities and apply ergonomic principles to the analysis and design of workplaces - and associated tasks, tools and equipment. The work environments discussed will include industrial, healthcare, and office settings. Particular emphasis will be placed on ergonomic concerns such as posture, vibration, lifting, repetitive motion, and manual material handling. At the end of the class, participants should be able to identify ergonomic principles, assess basic work areas, and provide

control strategies. Classes involve lecture, interactive discussions, and projects designed to assist students with applying course material in workplace environments.

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

North American Refugee Health Conference

June 6-8, 2013

Toronto, ON

Building on the momentum of the Canadian Refugee Health Conference held in 2011, health professionals and experts from many disciplines will meet to discuss the best health practices, challenges for optimal care, research and advocacy for the refugee patient population.

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

Airborne Particles

June 7-14, 2013

Baltimore, MD

To be held at the JHU School of Public Health \$1,431.00 fee. Can be taken for either CE credit or Academic credit. This course presents a basic understanding of airborne particles and will explore properties of gases, particle motion, size statistics, Brownian motion and diffusion, particle deposition and clearance in humans, filtration, aerosol samplers and sampling.

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Epi on the Edge: The 2013 CSTE Annual Conference

June 9-13, 2013

Pasadena, CA

Registration and additional information will be available soon at <http://www.csteconference.org/>. Abstract submission is open now at <https://cste.confex.com/cste/2013/cfp.cgi>.

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training Course

July 18- 19, 2013

Iowa City, IA

This 2-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

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.ehbase113.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/>

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.

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**

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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).
<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.