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Happy Spring to you all! I am looking forward to the Spring AOEC Eastern Regional meeting on May 21st at the Harvard Medical School. The Harvard-based Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit will be highlighted and discussed at this meeting. Our co-host is Dr. Rose Goldman and the Cambridge Hospital Occupational and Environmental Health Center. I hope to see many AOEC members there. In addition, there will be an AOEC Board of Directors meeting on the following day, May 22nd, at the Inn at Longwood Medical. I hope to have lively discussion about the proposed revised AOEC goals and the five-year strategic plan. *The proposed revised goals include:*

To support (assure?) the provision of high quality clinical services for people with work or environmentally related health problems.

To aid in identifying, preventing, and reporting occupational and environmental health hazards and their effects.

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To promote support for research projects regarding occupational and environmental health.

To advance ethical practice in occupational and environmental health through the identification, review, and discussion of ethical issues.

To advance occupational and environmental practice globally with an emphasis on developing countries.

## PEDIATRIC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALTY UNIT ACTIVITIES

Most of our clinics have realized that they are working more and more with families asking health questions about environmental exposures and We don't deal with children is not an appropriate answer. While the AOEC Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs) provide a good resource for getting advice, there are only the three thus far in the U.S. Realizing their own training limitations, many of our clinics have begun to establish relationships with the pediatric departments at their institutions and have begun to seek out venues for cross-training. Fortunately, there are several agencies who also realize the importance of pediatric environmental health resources. ATSDR plans to partner with EPA to obtain region specific funding to expand the current PEHSUs from three to at least five, possibly more, in the next fiscal year. AOEC is a collaborating organization with the Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) which is putting on a three day conference in June on Children's Environmental Health (*see upcoming events, page 6*).

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AOEC will once again have a booth in the Exhibit Hall at the **American Occupational Health Conference (April 23-30)** in New Orleans, LA. Ingrid Denis and Katherine Kirkland will be providing information and answering questions about AOEC at Booth 158 so be sure to stop by and say hello. The exhibit hall will be open on Tuesday, April 27 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, on Wednesday, April 28 from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and on Thursday, April 29 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

**INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON CHILDREN S HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY (INCHES)**

Combining the need for more dialogue on pediatric environmental health issues with the Board's desire that AOEC initiate more international outreach, AOEC has become a partner organization in the International Network on Children s Health, Environment and Safety (INCHES). INCHES sponsors include other organizations such as the CEHN, Childwatch International and the Dutch Association of Environmental Medicine as well as advisory board members from the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry, the Center for Independent Ecological Program, Russian Federation, International Society of Doctors for the Environment, European Environment Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Canadian Institute of Child Health. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the INCHES position paper, please contact the AOEC office.

**COOK/SNYDER FUND**

In light of the losses that the OEM community has experienced this year, AOEC has established a fund in honor of Judy Cook and Meta Snyder. This fund will be used to support travel and participation in meetings and conferences for the students and/or to cover the costs for an internship program for students interested in the OEM field. Students in nursing, medicine, industrial hygiene, health education and public health are eligible.

Since its inception, we have received over \$650 in support from AOEC members. How extensive the program becomes will depend upon how much money we raise, number of students interested in participating, expense per student, etc. We would like to extend our appreciation to all those who have contributed to the Cook/Snyder Memorial Fund. If you are interested in contributing to the fund please contact the AOEC office. *All contributions to the fund are tax-deductible.*

For more information about any of the items listed below, please call the AOEC office (202/347-4976) and refer to the item number.

1	<b>ATSDR: Human Health Studies Applied Research and Development:</b> Notice of Availability of Funds
2	<b>OSHA: Employer Payment for Personal Protective Equipment - Proposed Rule</b>
3	<b>OSHA: Susan Harwood Training Grant Program - Notice of Availability of Funds</b>
4	<b>NIOSH: Safety and Health Interventions in the Construction Industry - Notice of Availability of Funds</b>
5	<b>HHS: Evaluation of the Needlestick Injury Alert - Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment &amp; Recommendations</b>
6	<b>MSHA: Hazard Communication</b>
7	<b>EPA: Combustion for Energy Recovery Toxic Release Inventory Reporting</b>
8	<b>ATSDR: Availability of Final Toxicological Profiles</b>

**CLINIC NEWS**

A number of the member clinics have reported name, address and telephone changes (**in bold**). Please change your directories, accordingly. A new clinic directory with updated information will be sent to AOEC members in November.



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**COLORADO**

**Toxicology Associates** (formerly Toxicology Associates/The Western Center)

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH) PUBLISHES BOOKLET ON STRESS**

NIOSH has published a booklet, *Stress At Work*. It highlights the causes of stress and includes steps that can be taken to prevent stress on the job. For a copy, call 1-800-35-NIOSH (1-800-356-4674) and ask for DHHS (NIOSH) Publication 99-101. The email address is [pubstaff@cdc.gov](mailto:pubstaff@cdc.gov).

On February 19, OSHA released a draft proposal of its ergonomics standard. As required under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act (SBREFA), OSHA is conferring with small businesses about the draft before it can publish a proposed rule and begin the formal rulemaking process. The proposed rule can be found on the internet at <http://www.osha.slc.gov/SLTC/ergonomics/ergoreg.html> or AOEC office has hard copy if you can't download or print it off the net.



**VIEW FROM VERMONT AVE.**

*-Katherine Kirkland, MPH  
Executive Director*

Please remember that the average Congressman and their staff have little or no background in the medical aspects of ergonomics. I strongly urge all AOEC members with medical expertise in this field to contact their Congressional representatives office and offer to share your experience and knowledge. While ergonomics is the

current hot button issue, this is true of most occupational and environmental health issues. Congressional staff are required to provide background on an enormous number of issues. Making your expertise known and available to them not only helps them but also promotes the very issues we are most concerned about in a responsible and professional manner.

Nestled into the Opportunities page of this newsletter you will see the ad for the position of Assistant Administrator for ATSDR. The selection committee expects to submit the list of potential candidates for the permanent Assistant Administrator to CDC Director, Jeffrey Koplan, MD, MPH by late June. If you aren't interested in applying but know someone who would be good for the job, please let me know. I'll be happy to either put you in touch with a member of the search committee or pass the name of your nominee on to the committee. In the interim, beginning April 19, Dr. Henry Falk will serve as Acting Assistant Administrator.

Dr. Falk is currently the Director, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health. Dr. Maureen Lichtveld will serve as Acting Assistant Administrator for the four-month rotation following Dr. Falk.

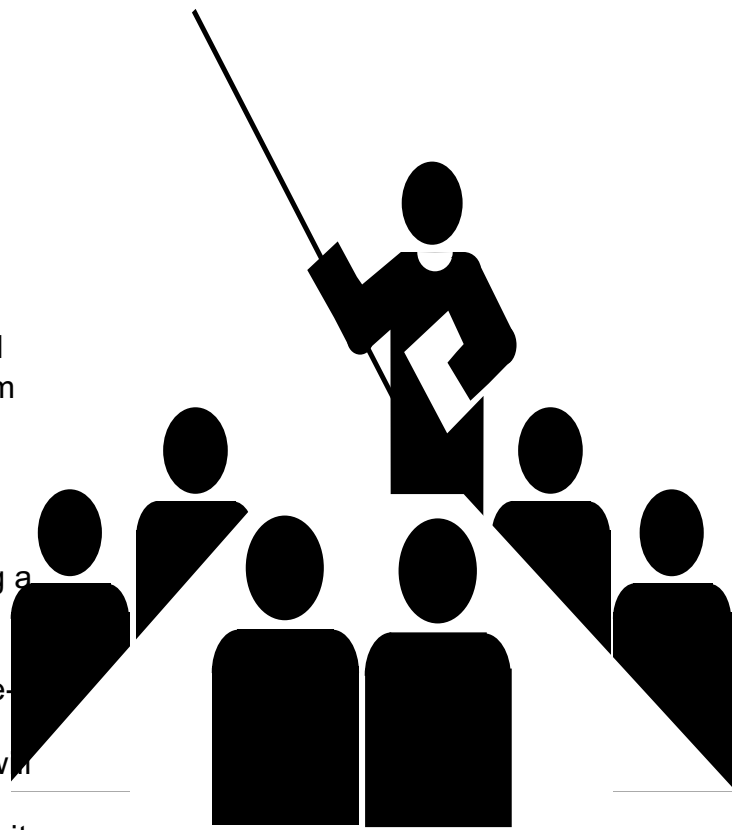
Under the heading of Upcoming Events (p.6), you will see an October conference, *Reproductive Hazards and Outcomes Conference* being held in Toronto. We hope to mail out conference brochures to all AOEC members shortly. I want to make you all aware that this has been designed to be both an international conference as well as one which will prove informative to both health care professionals and workers. The break out sessions in particular are well planned to cover a diverse audience. When the conference brochure arrives, I urge you to review it carefully. If it doesn't fit your own schedule and interests, be sure to pass it on to your colleagues.

Congress is beginning to gear up legislatively, Rep. Andrews (D-N.J) has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives (H.R. 776) to extend OSHA coverage to all state and local government workers. Recently, Congress passed laws that extended coverage to the workforce that serves Congress as well as the U.S. Postal Service. There is no companion bill in the Senate at this time. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) has introduced another OSHA reform bill (S. 385). A similar version of this bill was defeated in the last Congress. In an expected move, Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-NC) has introduced a bill to stop OSHA from finalizing the ergonomics rule.

Finally, I have a correction from my fearless prediction in the last issue of AOEC News. While the President's budget did indeed low ball ATSDR with a budget request for only \$64 million, Linda Rosenstock once more demonstrated her persuasive powers. NIOSH's budget was actually increased by about 6%. With Barry Johnson leaving ATSDR and no immediate successor in the wings, it will be a struggle in the House and Senate to even get ATSDR back to the \$76 million they received this year.

## RECRUITMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

One of the current concerns of occupational medicine is the recruitment of qualified people into residency programs, the NIOSH Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program and other training programs as well as ensuring excellence in training programs. AOEC will be addressing this issue through a variety of actions. Our first step, mentioned in the previous newsletter, was to begin providing a matching service for residents. The program began very informally this past year with the AOEC staff informing residency programs via e-mail of this service. Next year all occupational residency programs at AOEC member clinics will be informed that they have the option of telling residents who have not been accepted to submit their CVs to AOEC for possible matching with another program.



We also hope to help recruit members for the NIOSH EIS. Many residents do not realize how well this program prepares them for a career in academic occupational medicine. EIS officers not only get two years of hands on experience with NIOSH but also have the opportunity to author papers for both CDC and peer reviewed medical journal publications. They become members of an elite corps with serious research heft. NIOSH provides outstanding opportunities to work with world-renowned experts in beryllium, injury epidemiology, and a host of industry-wide studies. Applications must be submitted by September 15, 1999 for a July 2000 start date. Rosemary Sokas, MD, MOH will be working with Rick Ehrenberg, MD to help promote this unique opportunity. Dr. Sokas may be reached at 202-205-8556 or via e-mail at [rrs8@cdc.gov](mailto:rrs8@cdc.gov). Dr. Ehrenberg may be reached at 404-639-3346 or via e-mail at [rle1@cdc.gov](mailto:rle1@cdc.gov).

We also continue our efforts to interest medical students in occupational and environmental medicine. Peter Orris, MD, MPH and Rosemary Sokas, MD, MOH continue to work with Sheila Arbury and the American Medical Students Association to promote the field. A new incentive has just been opened by NIOSH to assist this effort. AOEC has been offering a stipend for residents in occupational medicine to tag along on HHEs for several years. Allison Tepper, coordinator of the tag along program for NIOSH has informed AOEC that medical students may also participate in HHEs. We are working on developing a funding mechanism wherein AOEC can provide travel stipends to interested medical students next fall.

Any AOEC member with other ideas about recruiting for occupational and environmental medicine is strongly encouraged to contact the AOEC office. We are open to all suggestions and hope within the next five years to report an overflow of applicants to residencies and the EIS program.

# U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

**May 7, 1999 - Chemicals, the Environment and Disease - a Research Perspective, Seattle, WA.** Sponsored by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, University of Washington and Western Washington Area Health Education Center. Contact: Western Washington Area Health Education Center - (206) 441-7137; [www.wa.gov/lni/omd](http://www.wa.gov/lni/omd).

**May 24-25, 1999 - Environmental Influences on Children: Brain, Development, and Behavior, New York, NY.** Sponsored by The Pew Charitable Trusts, NIEHS, Institute for Health and Environment, Univ. Of Albany School of Public Health. Contact: New York Academy of Medicine, (212) 822-7273; <http://www.mssm.edu/cpm/599conf.html>.

**June 4-7, 1999 - Pediatric Environmental Health Conference: Putting It Into Practice, San Francisco, CA.** Sponsored by the Children's Environmental Health Network, (510) 450-3818, [www.cehn.org](http://www.cehn.org).

**June 5-11, 1999 - American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition, Toronto, Canada.** Sponsored by AIHA and ACGIH. Contact: AIHA, (703) 849-8888; [www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org); ACGIH, (513) 742-2020.

**June 6-9, 1999 - The 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medical-Legal Aspects of Work Injuries, Toronto, Canada.** [www.iwh.on.ca/work99.htm](http://www.iwh.on.ca/work99.htm).

**June 9-12, 1999 - Acts of Mass Terror and Public Health Preparedness, Clearwater Beach, FL.** Sponsored by the Sunshine Education and Research Ctr., Univ. of S. Florida College of Medicine, Veterans Administration, VISN 8 and the Ctr. for Disaster Mgmt. and Humanitarian Assistance. Contact: Dr. James McCluskey ([jmccclusk@hsc.usf.edu](mailto:jmccclusk@hsc.usf.edu)), 813-974-5203; <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/erc/>.

**August 2-4, 1999 - Hazard Control Technologies in Healthcare: Collaborative Strategies for the Next Millennium, Colorado Springs, CO.** Sponsored by ACGIH. Contact: ACGIH, (513) 742-2020, fax:(513) 742-3355, e-mail:[mem@acgih.org](mailto:mem@acgih.org).

**August 9-13, 1999 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Occupational Safety and Health Summer Institute, Williamsburg, NC. Chapel Hill, NC.** Sponsored by the North Carolina Occupational Safety & Health ERC., 1-888-235-3320; e-mail [oshercww@sph.unc.edu](mailto:oshercww@sph.unc.edu).

**September 17-18, 1999 - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Occupational Medicine Update, Birmingham, AL.** Sponsored by the Deep South Center for Occupational Health & Safety. Contact: Melinda Sledge, (205) 934-7178; e-mail: [dsc@uab.edu](mailto:dsc@uab.edu) website:<http://www.uab.edu/dsc>

**September 25 - 28, 1999, North American Agromedicine Consortium (NAAC) 12th Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC.** Sponsored by the North American Agromedicine Consortium, affiliated with the International Association of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health. Contact: W. Gregory Cope, Dept. of Toxicology, North Carolina State University, (919) 515-5296; e-mail: [greg\\_cope@ncsu.edu](mailto:greg_cope@ncsu.edu). On-line registration available after 6/15/99: <http://www.wakeahec.org/> (click on Continuing Education).

**September 28-October 1, 1999 - The 4<sup>th</sup> ICOH International Conference on Occupational Health for Health Care Workers, Montreal, CD.** For more information see website: [www.santepub-mtl.qc.ca/icoh1999/icoh1999.html](http://www.santepub-mtl.qc.ca/icoh1999/icoh1999.html).

**September 29-October 4, 1999 - 1999 North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology, La Jolla, CA.** Sponsored by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology. Contact: Contemporary Forums Conference Management, (925) 828-7100, ext 0; e-mail: [nacet@cfforums.com](mailto:nacet@cfforums.com); website: [www.clintox.org](http://www.clintox.org).

**October 3-6, 1999 - Reproductive Hazards and Outcomes/ A Worker's Health Concern for the New Millennium, Toronto, Ontario.** Sponsored by Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers. Contact: Workers Health and Safety Centre, ph: (416) 441-1939, e-mail: [reproconf@whsc.on.ca](mailto:reproconf@whsc.on.ca).

**October 17-29, 1999 - 17<sup>th</sup> International Neurotoxicology Conference: Children's Health and the Environment: Mechanisms and Consequences of Developmental Neurotoxicology, Little Rock, AR.** Contact: Prof. Joan Cranmer, Univ. of Arkansas, (501) 320-2986, email: [cranmerjoanm@exchange.uams.edu](mailto:cranmerjoanm@exchange.uams.edu).

**October 24-26, 1999 - National Conference on Workplace Safety & Health Training, St. Louis, MO.** Sponsored by NIOSH, co-sponsored by OSHA and NIEHS. Registration form on NIOSH web page [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh).

**November 4-6, 1999 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse National Conference, Alexandria, VA.** Contact: AMERSA, (401) 785-8263; <http://amersa.org>.

**Fall, 1999, Spirometry Courses - September 13-15, October 12-14 and November 15-17 - NIOSH-Approved Spirometry; September 16 - Spirometry Refresher Course, Pittsburgh, PA.** Contact: Mary Townsend, Dr. PH, (412) 343-9946; e-mail [mctownsend@aol.com](mailto:mctownsend@aol.com); <http://members.aol.com/mctownsend>.

**National Jewish Medical and Research Center** in Denver, CO has an opportunity for a **Physician Assistant** to join a interdisciplinary team of Environmental, Occupational, and Pulmonary Health professionals. Ideal candidate must possess a minimum of 2 years recent and related experience as a mid-level practitioner. Pulmonary & Occ/Med exp. preferred. NCCPA and CO registration required. Send resume to National Jewish Medical and Research Center, 1400 Jackson St., G110, Denver, CO 80206, or e-mail to [StichmanD@NJC.ORG](mailto:StichmanD@NJC.ORG), or fax resume to (303) 270-2212.

**Mt. Sinai Hospital** is looking for a **nurse** to coordinate clinical services and case management at their Queens center, scheduled to open this Spring. Contact: Stephen Mooser, MPH, (212) 241-0176 or Debra Milek, MD, (212) 241-4801 or [debra.milek@mountsinai.org](mailto:debra.milek@mountsinai.org).

**Bureau of Environmental Health and Safety, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**, is recruiting for a **Public Health Assessor/ Toxicologist** in Boise, ID to conduct public health assessments, including toxicological investigations and related activities. Requires Master's degree in environmental health, risk assessment, toxicology, environmental epidemiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, or a related field; experience conducting public health assessments, writing assessment reports, and developing public relations materials. Closing date is April 16, 1999 or until position is filled. Contact: Maura Mack, (208) 334-0606.

**Occupational and Environmental Health Program , Dept. of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Univ. of Massachusetts (UMASS) Memorial Health Care System**, is seeking a **BC/BE occupational physician** to join the faculty in research and to assume directorship of the residency program and the clinical and consultative services in occupational medicine. Contact: Glenn Pransky, MD. MOccH, Director, Occupational and Environmental Health Program, Room A3-151, UMASS Medical School, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655-0309; (508) 856-4159, e-mail: [glenn.pransky@ummc.ummed.edu](mailto:glenn.pransky@ummc.ummed.edu).

**The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center School of Public Health** is seeking to fill a tenure-track position in the core discipline of Management and Policy Sciences at the **Assistant, Associate Professor** or **Full Professor** level for its new satellite MPH program in Dallas, Texas. The ideal candidate would have a solid foundation in the academic principles of public health and familiarity with public health practice. A doctoral degree in the field or a medical degree combined with a graduate-level academic training in public health is required. Responsibilities will be to teach, do research and perform community service. Applications, curriculum vitae, and three letters of references should be sent to Blair Justice, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center, P.O. Box 20186, Houston, TX 77225.

**Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)** is recruiting for the position of **Assistant Administrator**. The selectee will serve as the primary source of day-to-day guidance to the agency, provides leadership to ATSDR in working closely with state, local and federal agencies to reduce or eliminate illness, disability and death that result from exposure of the public and workers to toxic substances at spill and waste disposal sites.

For complete position announcement, call: 770-488-1785. This Senior Executive Service position is in the career civil service with an annual salary of \$109,123-\$125,900. Send resume/CV postmarked by May 3, 1999 to Connie Clayton, Human Resources Management Office, MS K07, CDC, 4770 Buford Hgwy., Atlanta, GA 30341-3724.

**The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation** announces a vacancy for the **Program Associate** position for two innovative programs based in Washington, DC. The Business/Health Associate will split time between the NEETF and the Institute of Corporate Environmental Mentoring and Wellness & The Environment. The Business/Health Associate helps implement the two new programs, is actively involved in their day-to-day operations, and serves as part of the administrative team in the office. For more info., visit the website at [www.neetf.org](http://www.neetf.org).

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AOEC and ATSDR intend to begin six Community Environmental Health Intervention Programs (CEHIPs) this year. The purpose of the CEHIP is to evaluate the six communities' environmental health concerns, help them gain access to health services, and empower the local health system to provide follow-up care. The last newsletter described the five sites where preliminary work has begun: Alberton, MT, Fort Valley, GA, Del Amo/ Montrose CA, and Agricultural Street Landfill and Grand Bois, LA.

The programs at the two Louisiana sites have shown significant development in the past several months. After distributing an RFP to all member clinics, AOEC selected the Division of Occupational and Environmental Health, Marshall University, Huntington, WV to perform these two CEHIPs. James Becker MD and his clinical team at Marshall have been working on this project since February 1. Dr. Becker attended Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings at Agricultural Street Landfill in New Orleans and Grand Bois, 57 miles southwest of New Orleans, on March 2-3. He and his team will develop a health questionnaire for each site and send it to the CAG for comments. They plan to visit the communities again in early May to meet with the CAGs and to distribute the questionnaires to the communities. Clinical evaluations of the residents' health should take place at both locations in June with concurrent education of local health professionals.

The program of environmental education for Mississippi nurses planned by AOEC and the Mississippi Regional Poison Control is scheduled to take place August 6, 1999 in Jackson, MS with interactive broadcast to other sites. This program will focus on methyl parathion and other local environmental health issues. The outbreak of illegal household use of this pesticide in 1997-8 demonstrated a need for health professional education on its effects and treatment. AOEC clinical personnel who have participated in the evaluation of methyl parathion-exposed individuals will conduct this program in cooperation with Mississippi Regional Poison Control personnel.

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