

President's Message



It is with gratitude that I write my first president's message to you. I am looking forward to serving you and since this will be my last opportunity to serve in this capacity with MIHS, I look forward to making this the best experience possible. I have a very active Board and the best President Elect possible in Laura Randall. We have a great mini-conference lined up for this fall and working on a PDC as well as several TeleWebs. There is much to look forward to.

As many of you probably know, we lost one of our own recently in the passing of Dr. Jensen. I was privileged to know Dr. Jensen. I took a couple of his classes at Wayne State University. I learned a lot from Dr. Jensen but what I will remember most is his kindness, his humanity, and his sense of humor. And these are the qualities that will also help to sustain us in these unprecedented times.

Have a great summer. Enjoy, and I hope to see you at one of our planned events this fall.

- Terry Fisk

Free On-Line FEMA Courses Provide CM Points

By: Peggy Brady, CIH



In this tough economic time, this is a great way to earn free CM points. FEMA offers several free on-line courses. Over 50 of these courses have been approved by ABIH for CM points.

The process is very simple. Go to the site for the FEMA courses, <http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>, and find a course that interests you. Before taking the course, go to the ABIH site for CM point approval verification: <http://abih.org/members/roster/coursesearch.cfm>. In the box labeled 'sponsor', type in the word "Federal" and click on the search button. Several courses from various Federal Agencies will come up. Verify that the course you want, offered by FEMA, is listed as approved by ABIH for CM points. It will also show the

CM points awarded and the course approval number. The CM points range from 0.5 to 1.5 points.

To take the course, return to the FEMA site and simply click on the course name. It will give you an overview of the course as well as any technical requirements for your computer. To take the class, you simply click on the link to the course. There is also a link to the Final Exam questions and a link to actually take the exam. After successful completion of the exam, a Certificate of Completion will be emailed to you.

You can't beat the price, and it's a simple, convenient, way to earn points from your office or home.

Is it MIHS or MSIH?

By: Sharkey Mingela, CIH



I like most things old, be it architecture, tools, cars, or books. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate technology and the convenience of new things and I would never give up my calculator, computer, DRI or passive monitors to use a slide rule, typewriter, or an "organ grinder pump" again. By now you are probably

asking yourself where is this taking us?

Recently, Bureau Veritas, formerly Clayton Environmental Consultants, made a very generous donation by giving a major portion of their library to Wayne State University's Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences Program (WSU-OEHS). (Thank you Bob and BV.) Keep in mind that George and Florence Clayton began assembling this library long long ago, probably in the 1930s and possibly even earlier, and by 2009 it is quite an extensive collection. And while there are many contemporary reference books, pamphlets, and journals, it is also richly populated with "old musty stuff". You know books that have yellowing pages and ones that make you sneeze after you open them. Books and other documents that go back to the infancy of industrial hygiene. In the collection I found books from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, some with hand written signatures by their first owners in real ink, no ball point pens. Individuals such as George Clayton, Frank Patty, Warren Cook, Ralph Smith, and William Frederick just to drop a few names. If these people don't mean anything to you, you probably still use training wheels and don't have to shave; legs or face.

For the last several months, I have been moving these items from boxes and placing them on the shelves of WSU-OEHS reading room. Unfortunately or fortunately, I frequently am distracted from the task at hand because some book or pamphlet just begs me to drop what I am doing and sit down to peruse its historic pages. This task has me rearranging the publications contained in the WSU-OEHS collection as well and is a real bonus for me. Some of the more interesting discoveries I have made are:

- Frank Patty's personal copies of "Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine." Leather bound and gold embossed with Frank Patty's name. Very cooooool.

- First edition of Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology. Not "Patty's Industrial Hygiene" edited by any of the numerous editors that followed, but the real thing, just as Patty wrote it.

- Numerous US Public Health Publications from 1930s and 40s and long before NIOSH was twinkle in Nixon's eyes.

In my opinion one of the more interesting finds in this collection and the purpose of this newsletter article is what appears to be a copy of the first "official" publication from the American Industrial Hygiene Association. I found it in the Industrial Hygiene Section of the January 1940 issue of "Industrial Medicine". The article listed all of the local AIHA sections and their current activities, AIHA officers for 1940 and the Constitution and By-Laws of the nascent American Industrial Hygiene Association. Additionally each and every one of the AIHA members was listed. Remember when we had printed copies of the membership directory? In 1940 AIHA had only 160 members, 32 (20%) were from the Detroit area and presumably founding members of our professional organization. The AIHA Secretary-Treasurer and some of the Board also had Detroit connections. For your information in 1940 the Officers and Directors are listed. See how many you can recognize.

Wm. P. Yant	President
Warren Cook	President-Elect
Gordon C. Harrold	Secretary-Treasurer

Directors

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D.E. Cummings	F. A. Patty
Philip Drinker	C. L. Pool
Wm. G. Frederick	H. H. Schrenk
S. W. Gurney	

The 1940 AIHA members with a Detroit or Michigan connection are shown below together with their affiliation, if one was listed:

Wm. R. Bradley - Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, Detroit Department of Health

Archie Buchanan

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W. E. Campbell - Zurich General Accident & Liability Insurance Company

L. B. Case - Research Laboratories General Motors

Warren Cook - Zurich General Accident & Liability Insurance Company

C. F. Dinley - Detroit Rex Products

Wm. Frederick, PhD - Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, Detroit Department of Health

Lloyd E. Gordon

Gordon Harrold, PhD - Industrial Hygiene Laboratories Chrysler Corporation

Frank Jarzynka, MD - Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corporation

Paul Klebba MD - Wayne County Coroner's Office

William T. Krebs, MD - Medical Director Hudson Motor Car Company

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Clarence Selby, MD - General Motors Corporation

J. H. Shoemaker - Kolene Corporation

Meredith Spear - AC Spark Plug Division General Motors Corporation

J. A. Stifter

A. O. Thalacker - Detroit Rex Products

R. E. Van De Venter - Packard Motor Company

C. W. Winsor, MD - Parke, Davis & Company

William Witheridge - Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, Detroit Department of Health

James Young

Interesting isn't it? We have a very rich history and can claim many of the "founding fathers" of industrial hygiene. How many of you knew the City of Detroit had an Industrial Hygiene Bureau? How about Hudson Motors and Packard Motor Car Company? Why is Ford Motor Company noticeably absent? It is likely Detroit reached critical industrial hygiene talent mass because of the lead poisoning begun here at the auto manufacturers in the middle 1930s? This collection of luminaries in one location led to the formation of our local organization before the parent organization was formed. So the next time someone asks you: What came first the chicken or the egg? You can respond: "that depends if you are a chicken or an industrial hygienist."

Another interesting bit of staggering information was a line found in this maiden article. Essentially it said that the "AIHA Secretary-Treasurer(a Michigan member) was to contact the Michigan Society of Industrial Hygienists to the effect that the AIHA Board of Directors has recommended to the Association the affiliation of local industrial hygiene groups." Did you get that? The Michigan Society of Industrial Hygienists, not the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society. I don't know if it was a typographical error or we really were at that time the Michigan Society of Industrial Hygienists. One would presume since the AIHA Secretary-Treasurer, Gordon Harold was a Michigan member that he would have gotten it right. So what is it: MIHS or MSIH? What should it be?

By the way if any of you are interested in coming in to look over the collection please feel free to contact any WSU-OEHS faculty member. Peruse our museum of old stuff too.

~ In Memoriam ~

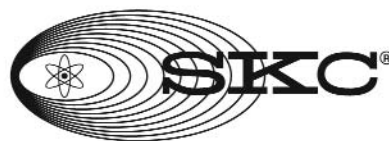
Leonard L. Jensen, PhD, CIH

It is with great sadness that we report the death (April 22, 2009) of Leonard L. Jensen, PhD, CIH. Dr. Jensen was a long time and Life Member of MIHS. He served MIHS in various capacities and was President in 1967. He was awarded the MIHS's Golden Impinger Award in 2006.

In the military, Dr. Jensen served as a bomber navigator in the US Army-Air Corps. He completed his baccalaureate degree from the University of Toledo, and received an MS in Industrial Hygiene and PhD from Wayne State University.

Starting his professional career as a Sanitarian for the City of Dearborn, he later moved to Ford Motor Company where he worked as a human factors engineer, industrial hygienist and toxicologist, and then migrated to Chrysler's Industrial Hygiene Department. From 1974 until his death, Dr. Jensen was the Principal of Jensen Environmental Training Services Inc. (JETS), a local environmental compliance training services business. Additionally, for more than 40 years, Dr. Jensen served on the part time faculty at Wayne State University's Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences Department where he was responsible for educating and training many industrial hygienists and toxicologists. His sense of humor and series of funny anecdotes, for almost any occasion, will be sorely missed by those of us that knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Dr. Leonard Jensen.



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Be sure to frequently check the job-posting page on the MIHS website.

Go to www.MIHSweb.org, and click on the NEW lefthand sidebar link "IH Job Postings".

WARREN COOK INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE DISCUSSIONAL

This is an early announcement for the Warren Cook Industrial Hygiene Discussional. This 1.5-day discussion-based program is intended for senior-level industrial hygienists involved in industrial hygiene policy development and management. The 46th annual offering of this program will occur October 29-30, 2009 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Discussional has become a valuable tradition for industrial hygiene managers to learn how peers are handling contemporary issues and to benchmark their own activities. For more details, click here:

<http://sitemaker.umich.edu/cohse/calendar&mode=single&recordID=2845590>

COMPREHENSIVE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE REVIEW

The Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review is a 4.5-day course that provides an intensive, high-level review of a wide range of industrial hygiene topics. This program is offered twice annually in Ann Arbor, Michigan and has gained the reputation of being one of the premier programs for people needing to broaden or refresh their industrial hygiene knowledge base or to focus their efforts on professional certification.

Attendees benefit from interaction with more than a dozen experts covering industrial hygiene topics. The next offering will be September 21-25, 2009. This program is co-sponsored by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society, and the University of Michigan. Registration is handled through the AIHA. Detailed information is available at the following AIHA website: <http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/road/CIHReview.htm>

University Links

Oakland University

Masters in Safety Management Program:

<http://www2.oakland.edu/shs/osh/mssm.cfm>

Bachelors in OSH:

<http://www2.oakland.edu/shs/osh/program.cfm>

Bachelors in Environmental Science:

<http://www2.oakland.edu/esp/>

University of Michigan

Masters Program in IH:

<http://www.sph.umich.edu/ehs/ih/>

School of Public Health:

<http://www.sph.umich.edu/index.html>

Wayne State University

Masters Program OEHS:

<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/oehs/msdegree.php>

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:

<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/oehs/index.php>

Are You Really Certified?

By: Adam Andrews, CIEC



If you hold a private, IAQ-related credential, you will be surprised to learn that it may be nothing more than a training certificate. ANSI/NOCA Standard 1100, published in March 2009, carefully distinguishes training certificates

(referred to as “assessment-based certificates”) from professional certification programs and explains key differences between the two. The standard clarifies an important point of confusion that has plagued the IAQ industry for years, causing considerable friction between competing industry certification programs.

What’s the Difference?

According to the ANSI/NOCA standard, a training certificate (or “assessment-based certificate”) is awarded to someone who attends a particular course of instruction and passes a test based on that course. A professional certification, on the other hand, is awarded to someone who passes an examination based on broad industry knowledge that is independent of training courses or course providers.

Does It Matter?

In section 8, Standard 1100 stipulates that holders of training certificates may NOT use letters or acronyms behind their names, nor may they use the word “certified” in describing their credentials. The use of letters, acronyms and the word “certified” are reserved to holders of professional certifications as defined in the standard.

This is an extremely important development for the IAQ industry. ANSI/NOCA 1100 suggests that the “certifications” offered by many IAQ organizations today are training certificates only and that those organizations are misleading their members

The ANSI/NOCA standard does not condemn all IAQ certifying bodies, however. Organizations whose policies qualify them as certification programs under Standard 1100 include the American Board of Industrial Hygiene

(ABIH), which offers the CIH designation, the American IAQ Council, which offers the CIEC/CIE, CMRS/CMR and CMC/CMI designations, and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, which offers the CSP designation. None of these organizations develops or requires specific training courses as prerequisites to certification.

Certification and Accreditation

Predictably, ABIH, the American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC) and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals are also among the only IAQ groups to achieve third party accreditation for their certification programs. Because all national accreditation bodies serving the indoor air quality field strictly prohibit accredited programs from developing, approving or delivering certification prep courses.

A Self-Test

If you are unsure whether your credential is compliant with Standard 1100, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Does my certification body develop, accredit or deliver its own certification prep courses?
2. Does my certification body require its own prep course as a prerequisite for certification, or imply that such a course is the only way to certification?

If the answer to these questions is “yes,” then your certification body should not grant titles or use the word “certified” in describing you. According to ANSI/NOCA Standard 1100, your credential is a training certificate, not a professional certification.

Adam Andrews, CIEC is the Assistant Director of the American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC), a non-profit certifying body founded in 1993 to serve the indoor air quality industry. The ACAC operates independent, third-party accredited certification programs for indoor environmental consultants, microbial consultants, microbial remediators, indoor air quality administrators and residential mold inspectors. The ACAC certifies more than 5,000 professionals in the United States, Canada and overseas. For more information about the ACAC and its programs, visit www.certificationcouncil.org.

MIHS Board Meetings

All meetings will begin at 6:00pm and end by 8:00pm
Location varies - Will be posted on the Event Calendar on the MIHS Website

August 17th - Monday
October 20th - Tuesday
December 7th - Monday

Any and all members are encouraged to participate at MIHS Board Meetings; however, since scheduling changes may be made, often at the last minute, you should verify that the meeting will take place at the scheduled day and time.

Oakland University's Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) Program is

looking for companies who will provide some internship opportunities for their students. If you would be willing to provide this, please contact:

Dr. Linda Schweitzer
Assistant Professor
Environmental Chemistry
289 Science and Engineering Building
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schweitz@oakland.edu

New Ethics Requirement from ABIH

Beginning in 2010, new applicants and CIHs/CAIHs due to recertify will be required to document that they have completed at least two hours of coursework in ethics. The coursework can be provided via classroom or distance learning. For applicants, this will count as part of the current IH coursework requirement.

For CIHs/CAIHs:

If you are due to report for the 2005-2009 (Worksheet due February 1, 2010) CM cycle, the new ethics requirement does not apply to you for this cycle. If you are due to report for the 2006-2010 (Worksheet due February 1, 2011) CM cycle or subsequent cycles, the requirement does apply.

The ethics requirement (i.e. at least 2 hours or 0.33 CM points / 5 year cycle) will count as part of your minimum of 10 CM points in IH rubrics in Category 4 - Attendance at Educational Programs. Ethics CM points are awarded for activities that are at least 1 hour in length; however, several ethics activities less than 1 hour may be grouped together to achieve the 1 hour minimum. Contact ABIH for additional information on how to do this.

Appropriate ethics subjects could include:

Integrity/professional conduct; Confidentiality of sensitive information (HIPAA privacy rule, human subject protection during research projects, employee medical records, etc.); Conflict of interest; Intellectual property rights/plagiarism (who has rights to data/information and who takes credit for publishing); etc.

There are numerous sources for ethics coursework that are either developed or are being developed: AIHA Local Sections, ACGIH & AIHA Telewebs (in conjunction with the Joint IH Ethics Education Committee), other professional societies, and even your own employer's ethics classes may apply. Course sponsors or individual CIHs can submit a Request for CM Points to ABIH.

Examples of Ethics courses which have been approved can be found in the ABIH CM Course Database.
[Choose Subject of Interest > Ethics Only].

Report from 2009 AIHCe - Toronto



Compared to previous years, this year's AIHA Conference was lightly attended. Official attendance figures are not available yet but I heard that attendance was in the 4000 range.

This is a substantial reduction from past years where I believe as many as 12,000 industrial hygienists attended. The location was superb as downtown Toronto is a great city. It was a real treat to be in an active and vibrant city. There are more people on the streets of Toronto at 10:00pm, just hanging out, than downtown Detroit has at the height of a typical business day.

At this year's Local Sections Council (LSC) Business Meeting the MIHS was represented by Bill Cleary and Sharkey Mingela. The meeting was opened and run by Mike Taylor, current LSC Chair. Following brief introductions we immediately proceeded to review candidates and elect John Lopez CIH, CSP the new LSC Secretary.

The second agenda item, AIHA's Recruitment Campaign "Get a Member", was presented by Ted Knutson, Vice-Chair LSC. This AIHA campaign began on April 23, 2009 and continues until December 15, 2009. During this period all of the local sections will be competing with one another in their various divisions (divisions are based on the size of the local section) to recruit the greatest number of new members. The top two Local Sections in each division will receive a free AIHA TelWeb. Third through seventh place will receive a free Distance Learning DVD of their choice. Let's get out there and recruit new members.

The next agenda item was an ABIH update by Jeff Throckmorton, LSC Secretary regarding ABIH's new ethics requirement. For MIHS this is old news as we will be providing this training opportunity to MIHS members at our Mini-Conference this fall.

Shannon Gaffney, from the Students and Early Career Professionals Committee made a brief presentation to the LSC meeting and indicated that there is a summary package of ideas available to student sections.

The Purdue University Student Section won the 2009-2010

AIHA Best Student Section Award.

Cynthia Minan, AIHA Distance Learning/Continuing Education reported that on August 4, AIHA will present an Ethics TelWeb that will satisfy the ABIH CM requirements. Additionally she indicated that soon the TelWebs will be available as bundles to local sections at reduced rates. A major portion of the meeting was spent on a brain storming session titled "Re-envisioning the Value/Promise of Local Sections. This part of the meeting was facilitated by Marsha Rhea. One of the outcomes of this session involved the reinforcement of AIHA Local Section Goals:

- Assisting local section members in career development;
- Advancing and promoting the profession of industrial hygiene, safety, and environment;
- Assisting society in general in the EHS area.

Additionally, the LSC Meeting attendees voiced what they felt were the most valuable things local section members gain from local section membership:

- Education opportunities (CM points);
- Socializing opportunities (networking);
- Quality Local Section Website;
- Employment opportunities;
- Mentoring at all levels of career development;
- Aligning and collaborating with allied professions.

Ted Knutson provided a summary of the Local Section Council Business Notes:

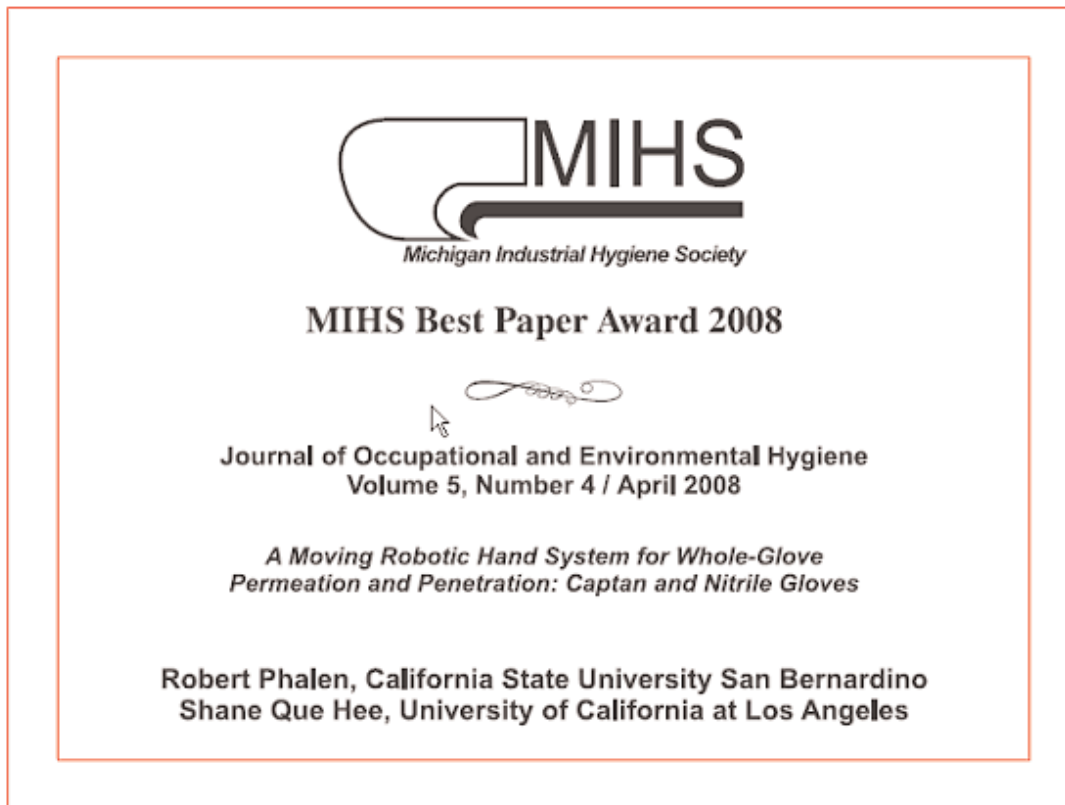
- Local Sections Website Award has been cancelled;
- LSC Officer travel budget has been cancelled;
- AIHA Board Coordinator travel budget has been reduced 50%. What this means is that the Board Coordinators will not be able to attend meetings at local sections as frequently;
- The LSC is reworking the AIHA Speaker's Bureau and will try to have more relevant speakers and topics;
- AIHA indicated that the deadline for requesting that AIHA collect local section dues is July 31, 2009. Some sections have doubled their membership by choosing this option and AIHA recommends that all sections select this option. The meeting concluded with an agreement to meet again next year in Denver.

Bob Phalen & Shane Que Hee Receive MIHS Best Paper Award At the 2009 AIHce in Toronto

*Pier-George Zanoni,
PE, CSP, CIH,
MIHS Best Paper
Award Chair*



Bob Phalen and Shane Que Hee were on hand in Toronto at the annual American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Expo to receive the MIHS 2008 Best Paper Award for their JOEH article entitled "A Moving Robotic Hand System for Whole-Glove Permeation and Penetration: Captan and Nitrile Gloves." Commemorative award plaques were given to our prestigious winners by Cindy Ostrowski, CIH on behalf of MIHS at the AIHA Volunteer Reception Tuesday evening of the conference.



The MIHS Best Paper Award was established in 1957 to acknowledge significant contributions in occupational health research to the Industrial Hygiene profession. Published articles in the combined Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (JOEH) are evaluated by MIHS Best Paper Award committee members for nomination to receive the Best Paper Award.

Certainly, this year's winning paper embodies the style, originality, and significance to the work of the IH profession which are the hallmark's of so many of the past MIHS best papers. The paper describes Bob & Shane's work on a moving robotic hand system -representing yet one more step providing research valuable to the future of improved personal protective equipment.

Please join the members of the MIHS Best Paper committee in giving this years winners our congratulations and best wishes for success in their future research on this topic.

(Pier-George Zanoni, PE, CSP, CIH, MIHS Best Paper Award Chair)

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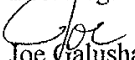
Re: Support

On behalf of the more than 150 Volunteers, Officers and Board Members of the Michigan Safety Conference, I would like to extend our appreciation for your generous donation to our organization. When presenting the check at this month's General Committee meeting, Mr. Mingela defined the donation as an "act of support and statement of community". We couldn't agree more. This is an outstanding gesture by the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society, and our membership deeply appreciates your support.

Organizations like ours will need to adapt quickly to the changing economic environment. We are pleased to report that we have identified several creative ideas that we feel will help us lower our operating costs and balance our budget for 2010, while continuing to provide the same quality and value that we feel the Michigan safety Conference is known for.

Please extend our appreciation for the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society's support to your membership and inform them to mark their calendars for April 20-21, 2010. We have already started planning next year's conference, and feel our 80th year will be one of our best.

Best Regards,


Joe Galusha
President of the Michigan Safety Conference
Managing Director, Global Risk Management
Marsh USA Inc.



cc: Sarunas Mingela

Michigan Safety Conference CM Point Information:

Dates = 4-7-09 & 4-8-09

Sponsor = Michigan Safety Conference

Activity = Annual Michigan Safety Conference

CM Approval Number = 09-004

Points = 0.5 points/0.5 days, 2.0 total

Rubric/Point area = IH

MSC Recognition

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society extends its gratitude to the following MIHS members for helping man the MIHS Booth at the 2009 Michigan Safety Conference in Grand Rapids. This was another successful year at the MSC.

Peggy Brady

Bob Chapman

Bill Cleary

Tom Kakos

Sharkey Mingela

Tracy Parsons

Pier-George Zanoni

Greg Zigulis

New WSU OEHS Newsletter available at:

http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/oehs/oehs_newsletter_5-2009_final.pdf

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WSU OEHS Fall Seminar Series, "Legal Aspects of EHS"

By: Dr. Bill Watt, CIH



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College of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences - Wayne State University

Opportunity for FREE CIH CE points

For those not taking it for academic credit, the seminar is FREE. In addition, the ABIH has approved CIH CM points for this seminar series in past years, and points are expected to be awarded again this year. Attendance at two seminars has been worth 0.5 points; at 3 seminars, 1.0 points. Note: ABIH requires a minimum 3 contact hours so points are not available for attending only one seminar. For those with a CSP as well, an additional bonus is that ASSE generally allows CSP CE points for ABIH approved activities.

The seminars are held from 5:30 to 7:30 on alternate Tuesdays in room 0360 of the EACPHS building, 259 Mack Ave, corner John R Street. Enter from the north side of the building. Parking is available in the structure across JohnR from EACPHS. Here is a link to driving directions:

<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/directions.php>

The dates are as follows:

Seminar 1	Sept 8
Seminar 2	Sept 22
Seminar 3	Oct 6
Seminar 4	Oct 20
Seminar 5	Nov 3
Seminar 6	Nov 17
Seminar 7	Dec 1

If you have questions, call Dr. Bill Watt at
WSU OEHS at (313) 577-4475.

What's in The Synergist?

By: Andy Crause, CIH - MIHS Board



"Michigan Ergonomics Standard Update"
(*"The Synergist"* May 2009,
Volume 20, No. 5)

A small "aside" on Page 57 of the May 2009 Synergist caught my eye as I was reading the cover story about "Lean Ergonomics". Cathy White reports that, on January 14, 2009, the Michigan Occupational Health Standards Commission unanimously agreed on a proposed ergonomic standard (with a couple alterations) and moved the proposed standard forward for rule promulgation.

The next step is to get informal approval from the Governor's office, which will prompt further review including a regulatory impact statement and public hearings. Currently, California is the only state with its own ergonomic rules. (Editorial comment: It is unlikely that ergonomics is at the top of the Governor's agenda with the current economic conditions and state of the State, so I would think this might be several years away.) OSHA has voluntary ergonomic guidelines.

The draft proposed standard is available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/WSH_Ergo_Draft_17_1-14-2009_263258_7.pdf

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