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President's Message from the desk of.....Luisa Su

As the days get longer, weather gets warmer and mosquitoes multiply, we look forward to a new summer of endless outdoor activity – camping, hiking, boating, barbeques, soccer, running, yard work and more!

This past May, the Executive held their transition meeting in Red Deer. On behalf of the executive, I would like to thank Joanna Macdonald (Secretary – 2 years) and Chris Taylor (Webmaster – 4 years); for their hard work, unfailing enthusiasm, great ideas, creativity and commitment. Also, a warmest welcome to: Roy Clough (President Elect – next 3 years), Nasrin Dhanani (Secretary – next 2 years) and Brent Yaschuk (Webmaster – next 2 years).

As in the past, we are planning a number of events and activities for the coming months. Please remember to circle the following dates in your calendars:

- September 27 and October 11 we have our socials in Calgary and Edmonton, respectively. Take a break from your busy schedule and join us for a great evening of socializing, good food and good drinks! Remember to bring a friend or colleague. More info to come by e-mail.
- November 5, 6 and 7th, Calgary is hosting the 6th Annual Alberta Health & Safety Conference and Trade Fair at the Telus Convention Centre. This year's line up of speakers include: Vincent Covello and Andrew Maynard to name a few. Early Bird registration deadline is Sept. 21st. For more updates, please check their website at: www.hsconference.com

We are always in need of volunteers to attend the AB Section AIHA booth at the Trade Fair. If you are attending the conference, please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help support promotion of the association. Mike Mills, our PR Director, will be happy to 'slot you in' - so don't hesitate to give him a call.

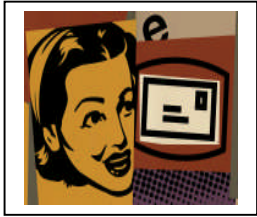
- November 5, in conjunction with the Health & Safety Conference, the AB Section will hold a Professional Development Course (PDC) titled: "Welding Health and Safety and Ventilation for Hot Work in Confined Spaces". Michael Harris, instructor for the course, is a renowned expert in welding processes and is also the lead author of the Confined Spaces Chapter in the AIHA "White Book" and lead author of "Field Guidelines for Temporary Ventilation of Confined Spaces with and Emphasis on Hotwork," published by the AIHA.

We are offering this PDC at a very low price of \$200.00 for members (early bird rate). Note that the Ontario Industrial Accident Prevention Association (IAPA) offered the same course at \$400.00 (break-even cost) during their conference in April. If interested, reserve your spot by registering as soon as you can.

- March 27 and 28/2007, we have our Spring PDC and Symposium & AGM, at the Royal Executive Inn (Edmonton).

Take care, enjoy your fun-filled summer with family and friends and see you at the socials!

Luisa



Membership Director's Corner

By Rhonda Lee Curran

As of May 28, 2007, we have approximately 183 paid members for 2007, plus 3 retired members. The executive is excited to announce the following new members of our local section!

Pamela Carlin
Candy Wagner

Liz Edwards
Tamara Wilbourn

Dave Howey

Suzanne Smith

Thanks to all who have paid their renewal dues and confirmed their up-to-date contact information! Although a few more renewal fees are still coming in, our membership numbers have typically suffered from members not providing a forwarding address when you more or change jobs. Please let us know if you have contact info for any of the following, as we would love to get them back!

Raymond Allen
Mike Donnelly
Carole Hunter
Madoka Okuma

Robert Bardal
Richard Forget
Naureen Islam
Angela Ross

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Some of the above “MIA” will not be listed in the next newsletter as their names have been run several times. If you have information regarding their whereabouts, now is the time to let us know.

For any new memberships or last-minute renewals, please register on-line at www.aiha.ab.ca under the store tab or send a cheque or money order made out to “Alberta Section – AIHA” to the address at the left.

Thank you!

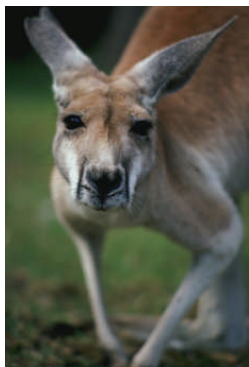
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Calendar of Events 2007

- September 21 – Early Bird Registration Deadline for H&S Conference in Calgary
- September 27 – Calgary Social
- October 11 – Edmonton Social
- November 5 – PDC: Welding Health and Safety & Ventilation for Hot Work in Confined Spaces
- November 5 to 7 – Fall PDC & H&S Conference in Calgary
- March 27 & 28, 2008 – PDC and Symposium in Edmonton

Did you know?



.... That Pamela Jones will be an ‘Aussie’ for the next couple of years??? YES! Pamela has moved to Perth, Australia to work for TransAlta.

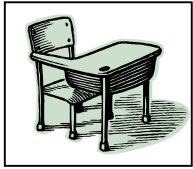
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Managing IH Risks for the Next Decade ~ Golder Workshop

Discusses issues for IH practitioners in Canada including:

- Globalization of Industrial Hygiene
- International harmonization of labelling and warning systems
- New health concerns related to old hazards such as asbestos, silica, welding fume and hexavalent chromium
- Growing IAQ concerns from vapour intrusion
- Exposure issues regarding nanoparticles
- Worldwide sustainability and social responsibility programs

October 4 and 5, 2007 at the Telus Convention Centre in Calgary, Alberta. Workshop approved for ABIH CM and EC credits. For further details or to register contact Brad Kuchera at Brad.Kuchera@Golder.com.



A Message from the Education Director by Tiffany Clayton

I am very excited about our next course, offered at the Alberta Health and Safety Conference on November 5, 2007 in Calgary. We have secured Mike Harris, PhD, CIH, to deliver “**Welding Health & Safety and Ventilation for Hot Work in Confined Spaces**” Mike Harris brings a wealth of experience to this topic, as he is both an industrial hygienist and a welder.

Attendees will learn about common welding and thermal cutting processes and the health/safety hazards associated with these processes. Terminology used in the welding industry is incorporated throughout the PDC as a means of familiarizing participants with the vocabulary used in the workplace. Materials, thermal processes and scenarios associated with potential for overexposures are described. Suggestions for improving the quality of monitoring data are provided as are suggestions for prioritizing exposure assessments. Ventilation techniques and respiratory protection options are also described.

This course is traditionally offered at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exhibition (AIHce) with great success. By attending your local section's sponsored version of this PDC, you will be saving \$100 and getting a hot lunch (not to mention an opportunity to learn from an engaging, knowledgeable presenter and network with fellow health & safety professionals).

Remember to sign up before September 21, 2007 to receive a price break (\$200 for AIHA members, and \$250 for non-members). After the early bird date, the cost will be \$295 for all registrants.

Mentorship Update

~ Shivi Thusoo ~ Past President ~

Fantastic news! We now have mentors and learners. Starting September 2007 we will be launching the mentorship program that has been developed by the Academy of Industrial Hygiene. One of the AIHA-National's strategic goals is to raise the professionalism of practicing industrial hygienists. Pursuing certification in industrial hygiene has always been viewed as one measure of increasing professionalism in the field. Our local section is piloting a mentorship program developed by the Academy of Industrial Hygiene to provide guidance, assistance and encouragement to industrial hygienists interested in enhancing their skills and advancing their careers.

Stay tuned for progress reports!

Canadian Council of Occupational Hygiene (CCOH)

~ Shivi Thusoo ~ Past President ~

The CCOH, a group that our Alberta Section provides limited funding for to promote the field of occupational health within Canada, has launched its second newsletter (see <http://www.ccoh.ca>). Articles include information on:

- Nanotechnology exposure monitoring,
- CRBOH certification approvals with IOHA,
- Summary of legislative changes, and
- Upcoming events across Canada.

For more information on CCOH contact your Alberta Section representatives on CCOH - Sheldon Weatherby (weatherby@strathcona.ab.ca) or Shivi Thusoo (Shivi.thusoo@devoncanada.com).

Calgary Social

~ Shivi Thusoo, Past President and Brent Yaschuk, Webmaster ~

We are planning the Calgary Pub Night to occur at Brewsters on 11th Avenue. We will have fantastic networking, great free food, beverages, and a convenient location to both people who work in the downtown core, as well as outside of it. So bring your business card and come on out and partake in the festivities, including the draw for one free attendance (chosen from the combined entries of section members at both Edmonton and Calgary socials) to this year's Health and Safety Conference, and the odd giveaway!

Thursday September 27th (between 5:00 pm - 7:30pm)
Brewsters Restaurant and Brewing Company (834 – 11th Avenue S.W.)
(Limited Free Parking)

NOTE: The Brewsters at Eau Claire has closed – and we are at the one on 11th Avenue!

Employment

~ Rhonda Lee Curan, Membership Director ~

Are you looking for a new job or are you an employer looking for the right candidate?

We can host resumes and relevant job postings on our website at www.aiha.ab.ca under the jobs tab. Please note that these postings must be limited in size (summary form) and preferably provide a web link to further information.

Contact our webmaster - Brent Yaschuk - for details at Brenty@conceptcontrols.com.

Check out our website for the current jobs posted – we add them as we hear about them!

In addition, you may advertise an employment opportunity in our newsletter for a small fee. Please contact our newsletter editor - Rhiannon Filip – for details at Rhiannon_Filip@golder.com.

Let's support each other by spreading the news!

HSCSA Board

~ Luisa Su, President ~

Are you looking for your next challenge????

Would like to be involved with the planning of the 2008 Alberta Health & Safety Conference? Than a position in the HSCSA Board may be for YOU!!!

The job entails attendance at monthly meetings (~3 face-to-face and the rest as teleconferences), deciding on issues related to the conference and representing (voting for) the AIHA Alberta Section's interests.

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For more information, please contact Diane Radnoff at 780-415-0600 or diane.radnoff@gov.ab.ca.



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Local Section Council Update

~ Shivi Thusoo, Past President ~

AIHA National established a Local Section Council (LSC) a couple of years ago to obtain feedback from local section and the help focus priorities for local sections. An Alberta Section representative currently sits on the second generation of this task force. Since January 2007, the LSC is now trying to find innovative and cost effective ways of implementing the priorities identified by the first generation of the LSC.

These priorities include, but are not limited to:

- Creating best practice guides for organizing and instituting programs within a local section (e.g., How to run a teleweb seminar),
- Promotion of a mentorship program, and
- Development of a local section web site that can track memberships and payments, and reduce administrative burdens.

If you wish to learn more about the LSC, please contact Shivi at Shivi.thusoo@devoncanada.com.

Continuing Education Note

~ Shivi Thusoo, Past President ~

The University of Calgary has launched their certificate program in HSE. Visit their website for more information (<http://conted.ucalgary.ca/hse>).



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The Health and Safety Advisor's responsibilities will include: writing and interpreting health and safety policies, procedures and standards; conducting incident investigations; presenting safety orientations to new hires; site inspections; and evaluating staff knowledge of the H&S program.

As the ideal candidate, you will possess a certificate in Occupational Health and Safety or a CRSP as well as 3-5 years of experience in a similar role. Experience in the environmental consulting industry would be an asset. You will possess strong verbal and written communication skills and interpersonal skills. In addition, you will be an analytical thinker and a self-starter. You must be willing to travel periodically to our field offices and field sites.