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President's Message ... from the desk of Ryan Stewart

Hello AIHA Alberta members!

First off, thank you to all the executive members for their contribution to another successful Spring PDC and AGM in Leduc on March 18-19th. I'd like to specifically thank Leanne Varkonyi for organizing the PDC on Combustible Dust and Diane Radnoff for organizing speakers on chemical spills and ethics for the AGM!

Thank you to all of those who took time out of your busy schedules to attend the PDC/AGM and show your support for the local section.

As part of our outreach efforts to raise awareness about the field of occupational/ industrial hygiene, the local section sponsored two occupational health and safety students (Karla and Lori) to attend both the PDC and AGM. A letter of what they learned and of appreciation is included in this newsletter. They both said that they found the experience very valuable!

Thank you to Roy Clough, Stacy Richardson, Lisa Chen, Leanne Varkonyi and Joanna MacDonald for your contributions over the past number of years to the Local Section executive!

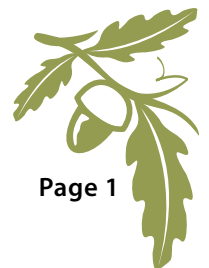
At the AGM, a number of executive positions were filled by new volunteers. Please help me welcome the new executive members!

President Elect – Moira Botham
Secretary - Michelle Kutz
Maintenance Points – Restita Espiritu
Public Relations Director – Katey Zhu
Education Director – Jackie Ellis

Diane Radnoff will transition to the President role and I will transition to Past President.

Have a great Spring!

Ryan



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Calendar of Events 2010

August 4

AIHA Teleweb

Industrial Hygiene Ethics: Know Where Your Liabilities are Lurking

October 9 - 12

PCIH and Exposure Assessment Symposium, Fort Worth, TX

May
November 8 - 12

Alberta H&S Conference and Trade Fair, Edmonton, AB



Conference Fun



From the Editor's Quill:

Ever wonder what it would be like to collaborate with a health and safety superstar?

I experienced a taste of this at the last PCIH. The PCIH is a more intimate gathering compared to AIHce. Many of our thought-leaders attend so when you join a workshop or group discussion you have a good chance engaging any one of them.

One of our colleagues, Shamini Samuel, has been given an even greater honour. She has recently been asked to join the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) Board of Directors, alongside the likes of John Henshaw.

Kudos to you, Shamini!

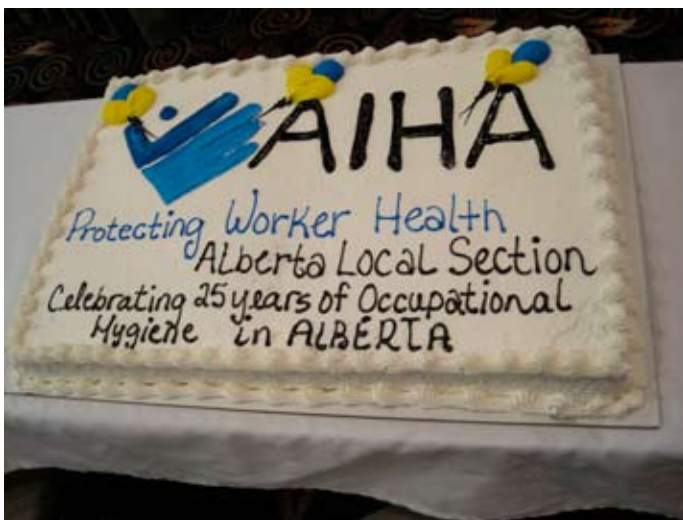
~ Angela Bianco

Alberta Hygienist one of ABIH Board of Directors

VISIT THE NEW AIHA-ALBERTA WEBSITE

<http://www.aiha-ab.com>

The AIHA Alberta Local Section website seeks to provide information on a variety of issues for both the membership and the public at large.



Thank You Members
for 25 Good Years

2010 AGM/PDC PRESENTATIONS

With permissions from our presenters, the 2010 AGM/PDC materials are now available for direct download at our website Library section.

Also check the website if you are looking for an updated inventory of CM points.

<http://www.aiha-ab.com>



Hello, I am your new local section ABIH Director Liaison and this note is intended to introduce myself and give you a brief update on what's happening in ABIH.

ABIH is trying to improve communications with current and potential certified industrial hygienists (CIHs). Working through local AIHA sections gives us an opportunity to connect with people working in the field of industrial hygiene. Each local AIHA section has been linked with an ABIH Director who will provide updates to the section on a periodic basis.

We have updated our website (<https://www.abih.org/>). It has a new look and contains everything we think anyone would want to know about certification and ABIH. We have also recently converted to an electronic format for our newsletter. Newsletters are sent only to CIHs, CAIHs, and current applicants/examinees, but past copies of the newsletter are posted on our website.

Other news from ABIH (see our website)

- CIHs now have a requirement for two hours of CM credit in ethics;
- ABIH is now accredited by ANSI under the relatively new ISO/IEC 17024 standard;
- The Occupational Safety and Health Technologist certification, which used to be a joint venture with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, is no longer associated with ABIH.
- ABIH is considering establishing an Industrial Hygiene Technologist certification.

Want to provide feedback? I am your contact! I'd like to hear your questions about ABIH or ideas for how we can improve our certification and communication process. I can be reached at 403-299-6440 or by email at ssamuel@golder.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shamini Samuel

Qualified Environmental Professional?

by Rhonda Lee Curran, P.Eng., QEP

The QEP designation is an international, multi-disciplinary, fully accredited environmental credential administered through the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice (IPEP).

QEPs must have extensive knowledge and experience, have successfully completed a rigorous examination process as part of the application, and follow a strict code of ethics. The knowledge areas include topics such as air, water, waste, policy, health and safety.

Many Canadians may be eligible for this environmental certification, or the related Environmental Professional Intern (EPI), but they have not yet begun the application process. To learn more, please visit www.ipep.org or contact me at RhondaLee.Curran@gov.ab.ca.

To help prepare for the QEP examination process, you may wish to attend the "Environmental Practices Review" course being offered in conjunction with the A&WMA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Calgary this June!

See <http://www.awma.org/ACE2010/> under Technical Program, Professional Development Courses.



Rhonda Lee Curran, AIHA AB Section member, is the newest QEP in Alberta. Alongside her with congratulations are Jay Nagendran, QEP, IPEP Board of Trustees and Gillian Kerr, EPI.



Air and Waste Management Association

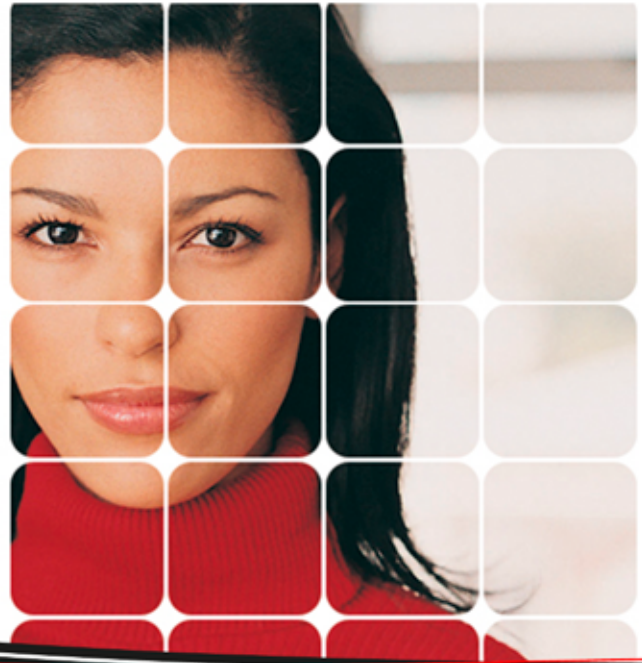
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What's Your Poison?

In 1945 a disease known as "Itai-Itai Disease" spread through Japan. This was due to what poison.

- Barium
- Cadmium
- Iodine
- Selenium

Which of the following poisons was often referred to as the "Lunar caustic"?

- Aqua regia
- Nitric Acid
- Silver nitrate
- Sodium hydroxide

Which of the following queens was so barbaric that she is reputed to have tested and studied the effects of various poisons on the poor and the sick?

- Catherine de Medici
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Noor Jehan
- Queen Elizabeth

Student Reviews of 2010 PDC/AGM

Attending the AIHA conference was a great experience overall. Both days were filled with lots of information that was new to me but also some that I could relate to even with my limited safety experience. Learning about combustible dust explosions was interesting. The hazmat presentation was informative and relevant to what I have learned in my program. The ethics presentation and activity was thought provoking. I was able to learn about new hygiene and safety products. Attending the conference presented a valuable networking opportunity. It was great interacting with people who have so much background in safety and hygiene. I now better understand how to start my career and the designations that can be attained in hygiene. Thanks once again for the sponsorship!

Karla Dahlgren

Student Reviews of 2010 PDC/AGM

I was one of the students selected to attend the AIHA, Alberta local section conference on March 18 and 19, 2010. It was a valuable experience. I was able to meet some friendly people who were able to answer my questions as well as tell me their stories of how they got to where they are today. My favourite part of the conference was Friday. The presentation about Hazardous Spills was very entertaining and was also interesting. I also enjoyed being a part of the afternoon portion of the conference as it allowed me to interact with some great people. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be a part of the conference.

Lori Krueger
NAIT OH&S Student



Notice Regarding Attendance for CM Points

It has been observed at our AIHA Alberta Local Section sponsored activities (PDC, Symposia/AGM) that some members are not attending the full event yet wish to be allotted full certificate maintenance (CM) points for attendance.

AIHA National is becoming more stringent on their CM point allowances for professional development sessions. It is a requirement of members to attend the full session in order to be awarded the points that have been provided for our education events such as the PDC, Symposium and AGM. This is verified via the sign-in sheets. Members who are certified through ABIH are also required to fulfill an ethics requirement. To provide proof that the members attended this ethics component we circulated a separate sign-in sheet.

The spirit of maintenance points is to encourage ongoing learning and development within the Hygiene field. As always, the executive welcomes your feedback and tries to incorporate your feedback in our future sessions. If an activity is not what a member expected then we would encourage you to let us know via the course evaluation forms that are circulated.

In the future, morning and afternoon attendance sheets may be circulated and certificates will only be provided to those who attend the full day.

Thank you,
AIHA Alberta Section Executive



AIHA Global Outreach

In an effort to enhance your membership experience, AIHA has created a quarterly communication to highlight member benefits and relevant issues such as:

- International Affairs Committee and Ambassadors activity updates
- International events and conferences (attendee reports as provided, etc.)
 - Related Synergist articles
 - Links to additional relevant information

If you have any story ideas or related content to suggest, please email Aimee Johnson or call (703) 846-0790.

<http://aiha.org/insideaiha/Pages/GlobalOutreach.aspx>





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