

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)
December 2010 Update

CIHC Conference, December 6-8, 2010, San Diego—The 20th Annual CIHC Conference is only weeks away. Registration for this once a year event remains open at www.cihconline.com. This year's conference will be held at the historic Westgate Hotel in San Diego and is titled, "*New Directions in EH&S Practice.*" Key topics at this year's Conference will be Government and Emerging Issues; Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response; General EH&S Practice; and Industrial Hygiene Practice.

Some of this year's speakers include, among a host of other California and nationally acclaimed experts, **Dr. John Howard**, NIOSH Chief; **Dr. Barbara Materna**, Chief, Occupational Health Branch, CA Dept of Public Health; **Dr. Charles Geraci**, Senior Scientist and Coordinator, NIOSH Nanotechnology Research Center; **Susan Ripple**, North American IH Manager, Dow Chemical; **Aaron Trippler**, Director, AIHA Governmental Affairs; **Dr. Jim Goltz**, Earthquake & Tsunami Unit Manager, California Emergency Management Agency; **Dr. Michael Sullivan**, California State University Northridge; **Bill Gaylord**, Director R&D EHS at Allergan Pharmaceuticals; **Tom Grumbles**, Senior Consultant, Entrix and key player on BP Oil activities; and **Dr. Bruce Labelle**, Cal-EPA DTSC Chief, Environmental Chemistry Lab and Green Chemistry analytical guru. Go to www.cihconline.com for registration, a complete program and exhibitor opportunities.

CIHC Board Activity – The CIHC held a Board meeting by conference call in November. Highlights included final December conference planning logistics; CIHC's involvement in the ASSE jointly sponsored 2011 CA EH&S Conference; CIHC's involvement in Cal-OSHA committees; and line-up of retiring and new CIHC Board members. The ASSE jointly sponsored CA EH&S Conference is being spearheaded by the state's ASSE chapters and scheduled for April 13-14, 2011 in Anaheim, CA. CIHC is actively participating on the conference program committee and has committed to sponsoring two roundtables (Nanomaterials and Global Chemical Regulatory Shifts, with an emphasis on Green Chemistry and risk assessment). Jackie Luca, former CIHC Board member, was instrumental in recruiting Northrup Grumman's Governmental Affairs Manager who has committed to briefing conference attendees on California's environmental regulations and legislation and impact on local business. And more recently, our Northern California Section has stepped forward to sponsor yet one additional roundtable (their theme to be determined).

CIHC Board Members Representing NCS—Going into 2011, the CIHC Board representation from NCS is as follows: CIHC President, Chris Laszcz-Davis, MS, CIH, REA; CIHC Treasurer Joel Cohen, MPH, CIH, CSP, will rotate out of the Board's treasury role and move into an NCS Alternate role (with a continued mentoring role for the incoming CIHC Treasurer); Patty Beach, MS, CIH will move into the NCS primary representative role on the CIHC Board; Richard Hirsh, MPH, CIH, will move off the CIHC Board as an NCS Alternate after 2 years. Our many, many thanks to Richard Hirsh for his efforts and insights over the past two years and to Joel Cohen for a dedicated infrastructure building 6 year role on the CIHC Board.

Need Experienced Professionals—to comment on the new MSHA Coal Dust/Silica Proposed Regulation. CIHC is forming a small task force of experienced professionals to review and comment on MSHA’s recently proposed Coal Dust/Silica Regulation. This effort will be leveraged by the national AIHA on a broader scale. All those interested in joining this effort, please contact your NCS CIHC Board reps.

The CIHC has several non-Board scientific advisors it relies upon to steward the CIHC efforts/awareness of issues critical to California Industrial Hygienists. They include—Larry Gibbs, Stanford University (nanomaterials) and Jackie Luca, formerly of Northrup Grumman (green chemistry). As future issues arise (such as the coal dust/silica regulation), we hope to reach out and draw upon our local section experts and bring them into the dialogue.

CIHC’s next meeting is scheduled for Monday at the December 2010 conference in San Diego. All local section members are invited to attend. Minutes from our September and November Board meetings are available on our website at www.cihconline.com. Feel free to contact us—we need your input and insights!

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