

# September 2011 E-Bulletin

Welcome to the latest issue of BOHS's e-bulletin, our bi-monthly bulletin service intended to keep members fully up-to-date with current news, the latest Society events and information, and what's new on the website.

## NOTICES

### • **'Thinking About Statistics' survey**

BOHS members have been invited to take part in the 'Thinking about Statistics' survey. To take part and support the survey follow the link below, which should take no than 15 minutes to complete. The survey has been specifically designed for Occupational Hygienists and there is no need of any technical knowledge of statistics to complete the survey.

All responses will be kept anonymous and only used for academic purposes. You may withdraw during the survey at any time and if so, any data you have provided will not be retained or used.

The survey is part of an MSc research project, and is examining the reasons why Occupational Hygienists do or do not make use of statistics, so by taking part you will be supporting student research.

<http://edu.surveymoz.com/s3/628265/Thinking-about-statistics>

### • **RIDDOR & HSE Infoline**

New reporting arrangements under RIDDOR came into force earlier this month, moving to a predominantly online system. Revised online forms will, according to HSE, make the reporting process quick and easy. Fatal and major injuries and incidents can still be reported to HSE's Incident Contact Centre by telephone.

In addition, HSE's Infoline telephone information service will end on 30 September 2011. Businesses seeking information on health and safety can refer to HSE's website which has been enhanced with new resources including:

- interactive risk assessment tools for low-risk businesses
- Health and safety made simple – straightforward step-by-step guidance on what small and low risk businesses need to do to achieve a basic level of compliance
- expanded Frequently Asked Questions to answer common queries.

Comprehensive health and safety information is also available via Business Link, the Government's website for business.

[www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/hse-incidentreporting.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=2/12-sep-11](http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/hse-incidentreporting.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=2/12-sep-11)

### • **Top 10 most bizarre 'health and safety' bans**

HSE's list of top 10 most bizarre 'health and safety' bans confirms that most are health and safety myths, and none even relate to workplaces.

[www.hse.gov.uk/news/bizarre-bans/index.htm#?eban=rss-](http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/bizarre-bans/index.htm#?eban=rss-)

### • **FPB research finds business not so bothered by health and safety regulations**

Health and safety and employment laws have dropped down the list of the business lobby's moans about regulation. The Forum of Private Business (FPB) says its survey found administering tax has become 'the top regulatory burden' for small business owners. Tax-related regulation was deemed to be the most costly area of red tape, leaving smaller employers with a bill of £5.1 billion per year. Employment law was second at £4.2 billion, with health and safety law trailing at third in the small business grumbles list, at £3.8 billion. FPB says these results are 'quite different' compared to

its 2009 Cost of Compliance survey, which put employment law in first place, followed by health and safety in second and tax third. The business lobby's complaints about safety regulation have been criticised for over-estimating costs and for ignoring the benefits which include savings to business in reduced lost time and in keeping skilled workers on the job. The business figures also take no account of the human and financial costs of work-related injuries and ill-health borne by the public purse, communities and affected workers.

[www.fpb.org/news/2443/Cost of red tape reaches 16 8 billion despite government schemes new research finds.htm](http://www.fpb.org/news/2443/Cost_of_red_tape_reaches_16_8_billion_despite_government_schemes_new_research_finds.htm)

#### CD237 - HSE consultation on proposals to introduce revised Control of Asbestos Regulations

This consultation sets out HSE's proposals to introduce revised Control of Asbestos Regulations to implement changes required to comply with the European Commission's reasoned opinion on the UK Government's transposition of Directive 83/477/EEC as amended by 2003/18/EC on the protection of workers from the risks of exposure to asbestos at work.

The consultative document and the online questionnaire are available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd237.htm>. BOHS will be submitting a response; if you would like to contribute to this, please send your comments, by email to Adrian Hirst, [adrian@hirstconsulting.co.uk](mailto:adrian@hirstconsulting.co.uk), by Friday 28 October 2011 at the latest, to ensure he has enough time to compile the response before the closing date.

The consultation closes on 4 November 2011, by which date all direct responses must be received.

Further details of this and other relevant, current consultations, can be found in the Members' Area of the website via the Dashboard.

[www.bohs.org/currentconsultations/](http://www.bohs.org/currentconsultations/)

## NEWS

The Malaysian Industrial Hygiene Association (MIHA), the organiser of the 9th IOHA International Scientific Conference, is proud to announce that they have recently launched the Call for Papers and Call for Professional Development Courses on their website.

The deadline for abstract submission is 15th December 2011 and the deadline for the call for the PDC submissions is the 15th October 2011.

Please visit [www.ioha2012.net](http://www.ioha2012.net) for further details.

## PUBLICATIONS

#### New Sampling Strategy Guidance

A joint working party of the British and Dutch occupational hygiene societies has been labouring away for four years to produce guidance on a strategy for determining compliance with exposure limits. It is very difficult to come up with something that is both statistically sound and practicable! The guidance has now been approved by both societies and is available on the BOHS website. The BOHS half of the working party will be presenting a workshop on the guidance at the Autumn Scientific meeting in Leeds. We believe that this guidance is the best available in the world on measuring compliance with exposure limits.

<http://www.bohs.org/library/technical-publications/>

- **Annals of Occupational Hygiene volume 55 number 6 – now available online**  
 Issue 8 of the Annals should be on line on about 17 October, and members should receive print copies in the first week of November. This issue has 11 papers on a range of subjects, including chemical exposure during tyre recycling and noise exposure of orchestral musicians, including noise maps of the orchestra during Mahler's 6th Symphony, and other pieces - also a commentary on the problems of mapping hazards! From this year the Annals has 9 issues, and the 9th will include a set of five papers on developments in the ART exposure model for REACH, and two papers from NIOSH on exposures during carbon nanofibre manufacture. Remember you can sign up to receive the table of contents by email at <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org>.
- **Take advantage of OUP 20% discount on books offer exclusively for BOHS members**  
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<http://www.oup.com/uk/sale/webbohs>
- **HSE's Health and Safety Newsletter**  
 Court stories, real-life case studies and more  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=12/5-sep-11](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=12/5-sep-11)

## EVENTS

### EVENTS - Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

- **Autumn Scientific, 14- 15 November 2011, Leeds Metropole Hotel**  
 To be held at Leeds Metropole Hotel from 14 to 15 November. This year's event is designed to help you be the best hygienist you can be and to promote excellence within the profession. Bookings are now open and more information is available on the event page.  
<http://www.bohs.org/AutumnScientific2011/>
- **Occupational Hygiene 2012, 24-26 April 2012, Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff**  
 The BOHS Annual Conference is a major international conference promoting the science and practice of addressing health hazards in the workplace. The Conference brings together researchers, practitioners, regulators and business leaders from around the world to discuss issues - current and on the horizon - that affect health at work.  
  
 Next year's Conference will take place on 24-26 April at the Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff.  
  
 The Call for Papers has now been announced. For more information and to submit an abstract, please visit [www.occupationalhygiene2012.com](http://www.occupationalhygiene2012.com).
- **Midlands Regional Meeting – Sensitisers and Allergy, 12 October 2011, Birmingham Medical Institute**  
<http://www.bohs.org/Midlands-SensitisersandAllergy/>
- **London, South & South East Meeting – Vapour, Vomit, Smoke and Fire, 19 October 2011, SCI**  
<http://www.bohs.org/LondonSouth-VapourVomitSmokeFire/>
- **Annual Conference 2011 Presentations**  
 OH2011 presentations, from Stratford-upon-Avon, are now available to download.  
<http://www.bohs.org/OH2011Presentations/>

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● **2 – 5 July 2012 - X2012, [7th International Conference on the Science of Exposure Assessment](#), Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh**

The British Occupational Hygiene Society is hosting the 7th International Conference on the Science of Exposure Assessment (X2012) in Edinburgh, Scotland on 2 – 5 July 2012.

X2012 will bring together the leading international experts and provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and expertise in exposure assessment sciences. X2012 will contribute to the developments in state-of-the-art methodologies and practices in this field, and thereby improve our knowledge base to effectively control exposure to hazardous agents in the work environment, at home and elsewhere in the general environment.

Call for abstracts now open. For more information or to submit an abstract, visit <http://www.x2012.org/call-for-abstracts/>

See the [Events](#) section for details of all future events not featured here. You can view the list of forthcoming events, or see them in [calendar view](#) – utilise this view if you want to find past events which may have presentations available.

#### EXTERNAL EVENTS

Meetings and events not organised by BOHS but which you might be interested in attending, and for which you may also be eligible to claim CPD points. [www.bohs.org/externalevents/](http://www.bohs.org/externalevents/)

● **4 - 5 October 2011 - [IOSH Health and Safety: Getting the mixture right](#), Nottingham, UK**

● **[7th Annual HSE Forum in Energy. 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Grand Hyatt, Doha – Qatar](#)  
BOHS Members are entitled to a 20% discount on registration for this event**

With the implications of the fatal explosion on the Deepwater Horizon Drilling Rig still resonating, most oil and gas industry giants have been re-assessing their HSE practice and preventative measures. The [7th Annual HSE Forum in Energy](#) will gather around 350 leading regional and international industrial stakeholders from the oil and gas sectors to identify solutions essential to ensuring effective health and safety management and sustainable environmental practices. BOHS Chief Executive, Steve Perkins, will be chairing one of the conference tracks on health issues. The conference theme of “**Moulding the future of HSE Fraternity: Global Vision & Local Practice**” will provide industry with the necessary stepping stones to enhance skills and performance. In an era of corporate governance, intense media attention and government scrutiny, the broad programme, will help in effectively meeting the rising public expectation of industry that goes beyond simple compliance to EHS requirements and regulations. The conference is **endorsed** by **BOHS, ASSE, IOSH, BSC, & NEBOSH**.

● **11 - 13 October 2011 – [AIHA Asia-Pacific OH+EHS Conference and Exhibition](#), Singapore**

● **1 November 2011 - [Asbestos in Soil: Developments in Legislation, Policy and Practice](#), Manchester Conference Centre, UK – This meeting is organised by CL:AIRE, in association with the Environmental Industries Commission and supported by BOHS**

● **3 – 7 December 2011 – [AIOH Annual Conference](#), Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia**

● **15 - 19 September 2012 - [IOHA 2012](#), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

#### HSE NEWS

● **Vibration at work eBulletin**

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<http://www.hse.gov.uk/vibration/ebulletin/index.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=16/19-sep-11>

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- **Fume Focus Seminars - November 2011**  
 Nationwide series of events for welding industry  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/events/fumefocus.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=18/19-sep-11>
- **Office for Nuclear Regulation - What's new**  
 Latest news and updates to the ONR website  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/news/whatsnew.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=20/19-sep-11>
- **'Cutting costs, not corners'**  
 HSE Chair's speech to National Safety Symposium  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/speeches/transcripts/hackitt050911.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=10/12-sep-11>
- **Specialist Inspector vacancies**  
 Posts available across various disciplines  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/careers/jobprofiles.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=13/12-sep-11>
- **Updated rubber microsite launched**  
 Find out about health and safety issues in the industry  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/rubber/index.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=22/12-sep-11>
- **Clean up your act**  
 Wood dust exposure video  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/woodworking/wood-dust-exposure.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=14/5-sep-11>
- **Asbestos eBulletin**  
 Keep up to date with the latest updates via email  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/subscribe.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=7/30-aug-11>
- **Paper, Board and Printing eBulletin**  
 Keep up to date with the latest industry news in a free email  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/paper/subscribe.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=13/22-aug-11>
- **HSE Podcast**  
 Health and Safety Laboratory centenary  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/podcasts/2011/hslcentenary.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=4/8-aug-11>
- **HSE eBulletins - free email newsletters**  
 More than twenty new eBulletins launched recently  
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHSE/subscriber/new>

## FEEDBACK

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