

The British Occupational Hygiene Society e-bulletin

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Welcome to the January edition of the British Occupational Hygiene Society's e-bulletin service. The bimonthly bulletin is designed to keep members fully up-to-date with the latest Society events and information and what's new on the website.

NEWS

Latest articles

Have your say on the latest version of HSE's 'Asbestos, the Survey Guide' AND on the new HSE Strategy Plan - but be quick!

Two HSE documents are currently up for discussion: 'Asbestos: the Survey Guide' version 2 (which will replace MDHS 100), and the latest HSE Strategy and Plan. But deadlines for submitting comments are looming...

If you'd like to submit comments as part of the official BOHS response, then you must do so by 23rd January 2009 for 'Asbestos: the Survey Guide' and by 13th February 2009 for the HSE Strategy and Plan.

Go to our 'Comments on CDs' page (members only) to view the documents and submit comments.

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/CommentsonCDs?>

Occupational Hygiene 2009 – POSTERS CAN BE SUBMITTED UP TO 31 JANUARY 2009

Posters for our 2009 Annual Conference at The Winter Gardens in Eastbourne can still be submitted, **up to 31st January 2009**. Please email your poster abstract to conferences@bohs.org with 'poster abstract for OH2009' in the subject line.

Papers for the Conference are no longer being accepted, as the programme is complete. The Conference Organisers welcome posters on any aspect of occupational hygiene and occupational health, and are particularly keen for active hygienists to share their experiences of workplace problems and solutions.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=87>

New LEV guidance from HSE refers to our P601/P602 qualifications

New HSE guidance, HSG258 'Controlling airborne contaminants at work; a guide to local exhaust ventilation', contains references to both of BOHS's LEV Proficiency Modules - 'P601 Initial Appraisal and Thorough Examination and Testing of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems' and 'P602 Basic Design Principles of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems'.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=79>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

21 January 2009 ~ Pharmaceutical Industry ~ SCI, London

This Regional Meeting is being held by the London and South East team. Further details on the events page.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=128>

17 February 2009 ~ Skin Exposure, Control and Surveillance ~ Birmingham Medical Institute

16.30 – 18.00 17th February 2009

This is a **FREE** seminar, organised by our own expert Dr Helen Taylor from the BOHS Technical Group, will cover some of the aspects to consider when looking at skin exposure factors, including absorption and uptake of various chemicals as a result of contact with the skin. To register please send a brief email with your contact details to Leila Kirk, Midlands Regional Organiser, at midlands@bohs.org.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=160>

Working for a healthier workplace

17 February 2009 ~ You're Giving Me Bad Vibrations, North East Region, St Helen's Church Hall, Gateshead

This meeting is a presentation on the technical aspects of measuring "bad" vibrations, and gives reference to the respective current regulations. Featured areas: whole body vibration, hand arm vibration and noise

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=165>

25 February 2009 ~ Asbestos Contaminated Land Seminar~ SCI, London

This one day event promises to bring together up to date views and research and the full programme is now available on the website. Places for this event are going fast – hurry and book your place to avoid disappointment..

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=166>

11 March 2009 ~ London Regional Meeting,~ SCI, London

The BOHS President Elect will be speaking at this meeting, on a topic to be confirmed and full details will be available closer to the event.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=167>

18 March 2009 ~ Biological Monitoring OTS ~ Vauxhall Motors Social Club, Ellesmere Port

This meeting is being introduced by Dr John Cocker of HSL and Roger Alesbury, BOHS President-elect. Please register your interest with Bill Williams at northwest.northwales@bohs.org

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=162>

28 – 30 April 2009 ~ Occupational Hygiene 2009 Annual Conference ~ The Winter Gardens, Eastbourne

The BOHS Annual Conference is the biggest event of our calendar. It brings together the best research and development ideas in Occupational Hygiene from around the world. The initial announcement will be sent to all members soon, and don't forget that there is still time to submit abstracts to be considered for poster presentations.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=149>

14 May 2009 ~ LEV – Real Effects of the new Guidance ~ Gaydon Motor Heritage Centre, Warwickshire

Leila Kirk is organising this free seminar which sets to examine the implications of the new LEV Guidance.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=161>

20 May 2009 ~ London Regional Meeting,~ SCI, London

Full details will be available closer to the event.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=168>

14 – 17 June 2009 ~ Occupational and Environmental Exposure of Skin to Chemicals Conference 2009 ~ Edinburgh

BOHS is hosting the next international conference on Occupational and Environmental Exposure of Skin to Chemicals (OEESC 2009) in Edinburgh, Scotland and bookings are being taken. Book before the 10 April 2009 to benefit from the early bird reduction to the fees. The conference will focus on the science of skin exposure to chemicals, measurement and modeling of exposure and skin permeation, knowledge gaps and future challenges, and policy initiatives to control exposures and risks. There will be a mixture of plenary lectures, discussions sessions, posters and short courses and an outline programme is available The conference's dedicated website is www.oeesc2009.org

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=153>

1 July 2009 ~ LEV Seminar and Demonstration, North West and North Wales Region

Two identical half-day LEV seminar and demonstration events at Nederman UK, Bamber Bridge, Nr. Preston Lancs. on Wednesday 1st of July. There will be a morning session commencing at 10am and a separate 2pm afternoon session on the same day. This will be a free event kindly sponsored by Nederman.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=173>

14 July 2009 ~ Regional Joint Meeting BOHS/IOSH ~ Manchester

This meeting will be covering a current 'Hot Topic' and will be in Eccles. Further details will follow.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=163>

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30 September – 1 October ~ REACH: Registration and Beyond: Exposure Scenarios and safe handling advice; 2nd European Workshop & Conference, Husa President Park Hotel, Brussels

This is an international workshop and conference, organised by BOHS in collaboration with our European sister organisations, led by occupational hygienists for those whose work is affected by the regulations.. Download the first event flyer from our event page. The event will be open for bookings from March 2009.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=164>

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Further information about outside events please use this link to our outside event page

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/ExternalEvents>

IOSH Consultancy Group - Risk as a Reality, 29 January 2008, Leicester Racecourse

http://www.bohs.org/resources/res.aspx/Resource/filename/1276/Risk_as_a_Reality_29.1.09.pdf

2 March 2009, Royal Society of Chemistry's Occupational & Environmental Toxicology Group meeting on 'Environmental Human Biomonitoring, Society for Chemical Industry, London

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/Toxicology/ForthcomingEvents.aspx>
[programme information](#)

IOSH Conference, 10% discount for BOHS members

This takes place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2009 at the new BT Convention Centre in Liverpool. The proposed theme is 'Fresh Ideas, Practical Solutions' and there will be four key tracks focusing on legal and regulatory update, risk assessment in practice, culture and behaviour, health, work and wellbeing, and emerging risks. BOHS members are entitled to a 10% discount off the standard conference price (this discount can't be used alongside the IOSH member or early bird discounts, though). Quote BOHS9 when booking.

<http://www.ioshconference.co.uk>

22-27 March 2009, 29th International Congress on Occupational Health, South Africa,

http://www.icoh2009.co.za/cgi-bin/giga.cgi?cmd=cause_dir_cause&cause_id=1600

9 June 2009, Barton Grange, Lancashire IOSH Manchester is inviting BOHS members to an LEV day. There is a free, full day programme, including HSE/HSL speakers. To book please call John Westmoreland on 01524 822072.

22-25 June 2009, Society of Occupational Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting, 'Refining Practice', Cardiff

<http://www.som-asm.org.uk>

IOHA Congress 2010, Rome IOHA's 8th international Congress will take place in Italy from 28th September to 2nd October 2010

<http://www.ioha2010.org>

VACANCIES

Industrial Hygienist ~ Apply by 24/2/09

Life is very rewarding for our oil and gas professionals. Saudi Aramco has some of the world's largest oil fields, the industry's finest talent and some of the most advanced technology available. Add a great salary, stable employment and terrific benefits – this is what makes Saudi Aramco a prime career destination.

http://www.bohs.org/jobs_a.aspx?job_id=62

Field Scientist (two posts) Apply by 26/02/2009

Working for the HSL and based in Manchester/Luton or Buxton, Derbyshire. Attractive salary plus benefits

http://www.bohs.org/jobs_a.aspx?job_id=63

Working for a healthier workplace

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

BOHS Council Nominations

January is the month when we remind members that we need nominations for President-Elect, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and, this year, two individual members of Council, for positions running from the AGM at the Annual Conference on Wednesday 29 April. The closing date for nominations is Friday 27 February 2009. You don't have to wait for someone to nominate you, you can put yourself forward and organise the two supporting signatures you need - why not download the nomination form now.

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/Volunteering>

Faculty Salary Survey

The Summary of Results from September 2008's salary survey of Faculty members is now available in the Members' Area.

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/SalarySurvey>

LEV Awareness badged course pilot update

The first of our new LEV Awareness badged courses are now running and four course providers have currently signed up to the pilot. These LEV Awareness badged courses are primarily aimed at employers, facility managers, works managers, and health and safety managers, to increase their awareness of their duties, and ultimately may lead to much wider endorsement of employees taking further practical qualifications, down the BOHS Proficiency Module route. Full information on who the badged courses are aimed at, and who is involved in the pilot scheme, can be found on our Education and Training pages,

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/EducationTraining/BadgedCourses>

Memorandum of Understanding

BOHS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH) to develop the scheme of international training modules in occupational hygiene. You can see the MoU, and also download an associated discussion document which gives further background information from the Council page in the Members' Area:

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/Councilactivities>

HSE INFORMATION

Working safely with lead

Guidance on risks and management of exposure to lead.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/lead/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/01-dec-2008&c=4>

Online survey - Corporate Health and Safety Performance Index (CHaSPI)

HSE wants to find out who's using CHaSPI, how it's used and how it could be improved.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/corporateresponsibility/survey.htm?ebul=hsegen/08-dec-2008&cr=3>

Recently published research reports

"Better health at work project final report", "Upper limb disability and exposure to HAV"

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/whatsnew.htm?ebul=hsegen/08-dec-2008&cr=21>

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Improving health and work: changing lives

Government's response to Dame Carol Black's review - Working for a Healthier Tomorrow.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/hwwb/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/15-dec-2008&cr=9>

British Standards - Occupational Health and Safety Conference

Transcript of speech by the HSE Chair and accompanying slides from 9 December 2008.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/speeches/chaircommission.htm?ebul=hsegen/15-dec-2008&cr=10>

Low energy light bulbs

HSE advice for its Inspectors - radiation exposure.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/fod/oc/500-599/559-9.htm?ebul=hsegen/22-dec-2008&cr=12>

OTHER NEWS

IOSH Conference and exhibition – volunteers required to help man the BOHS stand

This year's IOSH Conference takes place at the new BT Convention Centre in Liverpool from 17 to 18 March. As in the last few years, we have a stand at the exhibition, and volunteers to help us man the stand on both days (alongside staff members) would be most welcome. This can count towards your CPD points, as well as provide you with free entry to any of the conference sessions on the day you attend. Visit www.ioshconference.co.uk for more information about the programme. Please email Anthea Page if you'd like to volunteer: anthea@bohs.org. Thanks!

SOM Conference – call for papers

The Society of Occupational Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting, 'Refining Practice', is to be held in Cardiff from 22 to 25 June 2009, and it has just issued its Call for Abstracts.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 27 February and these should be emailed to somasmabstracts@indexcommunications.com. You are advised to please take time to review the Guidelines before submitting your abstracts.

FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

If you have any suggestions or would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact us via the details below:

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