

The British Occupational Hygiene Society e-bulletin

March 2009



Welcome to the March 2009 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

BOHS funds collection of exposure data to support the development of the Advanced REACH Tool

The Advanced REACH Tool (ART) is an advanced exposure assessment tool that is being developed by a consortium of European research organisations. It will produce more precise and accurate estimation of exposure for use in REACH than is currently available with existing exposure models, such as the EASE model. BOHS is helping to facilitate the collection of high quality exposure data to aid the calibration of the mechanistic model of ART, and will also provide guidance on the coding of the various items of contextual information.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=91>

LEV Awareness Courses launched - find out if you'd benefit

We're delighted to announce the launch of a Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) Awareness course, aimed at buyers/owners of LEV systems (employers), facilities managers, works managers, health & safety managers, and union health & safety reps, where there is a definite need for a basic appreciation of LEV.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=90>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

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>

18 March 2009 ~LEV Guidance from HSE specialist inspectors, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

The presenters for this regional meeting are all Specialist Inspectors from the HSE who will discuss HSE's cross-cutting LEV project, including an overview of recently published HSE guidance HSG258 'Controlling Airborne Contaminants at Work'; a presentation and practical demonstration of LEV systems with the aid of working models, and a discussion about assessment along with dutyholder requirements and responsibilities regarding thorough examination and test. Please book directly with the Scottish Regional Organiser, John Adamson, at: scotland@bohs.org

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=175>

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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 – 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 full programme is available The conference's dedicated website is www.oesc2009.org

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

For details of other events that will take place throughout the year please visit the Event Calendar:

<http://www.bohs.org/eventsTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/EventCalendar?page=0>

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Meetings and events not organised by BOHS but which you might be interested in attending.

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

VACANCIES

Senior Research Officer/Senior Statistical Officer or equivalent grade | £34,390 - £45,110 | Apply by 16/03/2009

This is a secondment in the first instance for six months, working on developing the national indicator set for the Health, Work and Well-being agenda.

http://www.bohs.org/jobs_a.aspx?job_id=64

Senior Analyst | £34,390 - £45,110 | Apply by 16/03/2009

This is 6 month secondment opportunity, working in the cross-government Health, Work and Well-being Delivery Unit.

http://www.bohs.org/jobs_a.aspx?job_id=65

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NEW ON THE WEBSITE

REACH pages updated

Now including information about BOHS collaboration with the ART consortium, and all the latest articles from the Steering Group.

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/HotTopics/REACH/TheRoleofBOHSinREACH>

GMC 'Tomorrow's Doctors' Consultation

This is a consultation on the training syllabus for new doctors, outlining the standards for undergraduate medical education, and covering the outcomes that graduates from UK medical schools must achieve in order to graduate, as well as standards for the delivery of teaching, learning and assessment. Once agreed, it will not be reviewed for many years to come and so will form the blueprint for doctors' training until the next review. Currently, it does not mention health at work. This is your opportunity to try and alter this.

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

Latest two official BOHS responses to consultations published

The most recent official responses to open consultations have been posted on the website since the last e-bulletin are to HSE's consultation on the HSE strategy, and to the government's response to Dame Carol Black's review of the health of Britain's working age population. These and all other official responses can be found in the Members' Area.

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

LEV Awareness badged course pilot update

We now have five course providers signed up to run our LEV Awareness badged courses, and have been publicising them at the HSE's LEV roadshows which have been running in March. Our new LEV Awareness web clip is also helping to publicise them, both at events and on the website. 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>

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, especially on Tuesday 17th, (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 – quickly! - if you'd like to volunteer: anthea@bohs.org. Thanks!

BOHS Annual Conference – book your stand at the exhibition

If you are a supplier of products and services for those involved in occupational and environmental health and hygiene, then don't miss the opportunity to exhibit at our Annual Conference, this year in Eastbourne, from lunchtime on Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 30 April. Please contact the Conference team to make your booking on 01332 250718. Further details about this and sponsorship packages are in the exhibition prospectus which you can download from the event information on the website <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=149>

Inhaled Particles X [IPX] Proceedings published

The IPX Proceedings are about to be published by the Journal of Physics: Conference Series (JPCS), in Volume 151 of JPCS, accessible from their home page <http://www.iop.org/EJ/conf>

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HSE INFORMATION

Recently published research reports

Include "Control of gas shielded arc welding fume"...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/whatsnew.htm?ebul=hsegen/02-mar-2009&cr=15>

and "Occupational mesothelioma risks in Britain", "Evaluation of guidance for directors/board members"...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/whatsnew.htm?ebul=hsegen/09-mar-2009&cr=16>

Freedom of information

Latest releases include: UV radiation, migrant workers, asbestos...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/publishedinformation.htm?ebul=hsegen/02-mar-2009&cr=16>

Mining statistics updated

Latest accidents, dangerous occurrences and occupational health statistics.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/mining/statistics.htm?ebul=hsegen/26-feb-2009&cr=12>

Horizon scanning

Latest reports include: Carbon capture, Biomass, Wind energy?

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/horizons/sfreports.htm?ebul=hsegen/23-feb-2009&cr=14>

Skin

HSG262: Managing skin exposure risks at work

Practical advice and guidance to help you manage exposure risks at work.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg262.htm?ebul=hsegen/19-jan-2009&cr=5>

FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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