

# The British Occupational Hygiene Society e-bulletin

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Welcome to the May 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

### Occupational Physician is latest beneficiary of BOHS Bursary Award

We are delighted to announce that Dr Isaac Ajayi, studying for an MSc in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Management at the University of Portsmouth, has been awarded a bursary to cover one year's tuition fee.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=94>

### New Chief Executive for BOHS

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Steve Perkins as our new – and first ever - Chief Executive. This new role will provide the consistent direction and management required to maximise the opportunities for growth and development of the Society and, according to Steve Bailey, BOHS President, Perkins "is undoubtedly the right man for the job".

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

### Inhaled Particles X proceedings published

The proceedings from Inhaled Particles X conference have now been published by the Journal of Physics: Conference Series. This is an on-line, open-access journal and all articles are permanently available online without charge immediately after publication.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=92>

## EVENTS

### Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

#### 2 – 10 June - Joint BOHS/HSE Asbestos Roadshows, across the UK

This series of joint HSE/BOHS roadshows is aimed primarily at building surveyors who want to find out more about the new HSE guidance on asbestos surveying, what it is likely to mean for surveyors, and how individual surveyors can demonstrate their competence.

Glasgow 2 June: <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=176>

Manchester 3 June: <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=177>

Birmingham 4 June: <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=178>

London 9 June: <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=179>

Cardiff 10 June: <http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=180>

## **14 – 17 June - 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). The meeting is unique in bringing together experts in dermal exposure assessment, dermatology, and skin toxicology with policy-makers and health, safety and environment professionals interested in increasing their knowledge of dermal exposure issues.

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

## **REACH: Registration and Beyond: Exposure Scenarios and safe handling advice; 2nd European Workshop/Conference, 30 Sept – 1 Oct 2009**

If you're involved in REACH, then this is an event not to miss! 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. It will address practical issues and include workshop sessions relevant to registration and beyond, including an exchange of REACH initiatives available from European occupational hygiene associations and a review of the latest tools to support development and application of Exposure Scenarios.

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

**Details of all our other events, including seminars, site visits and free regional meetings, can be found on our Event Calendar in the Events section.**

<http://www.bohs.org/eventsTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/EventCalendar>

## **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>

## **NEW ON THE WEBSITE**

### **Presentations from the Annual Conference**

All presentations that have been made available to us from the Occupational Hygiene 2009 Annual Conference in Eastbourne are now on the website event calendar, in the past events section.

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

### **Asbestos in Public Buildings statement**

The latest BOHS position statement to be published concerns exposure to asbestos in public buildings. The purpose of having such a statement is to pre-empt any requests for our position on 'asbestos' which we anticipate because of the on-going debate about asbestos issues in the non-scientific, consumer (tabloid) press and also in parliament and the sidelines of government, in particular, but not exclusively, about asbestos in schools which currently has a very broad public interest angle. Of course, the whole statement can and will be reviewed at any time, as needed, and so should certainly not be seen to be set in stone. That said, from a communications point of view, it is very useful and proactive to have such a statement to hand, which can provide a measured, balanced and authoritative perspective without stifling the complexities and contradictory views behind it, and at the same time without being too bland.

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

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## **TG12 The Thermal Environment, Addendum to the second edition**

*This addendum to TG12, by Tony Youle and Ken Parsons, two of the original authors, is now available via the website only in the 'Technical Publications' section. Please note that it must be read in conjunction with the second edition, it does not replace it.*

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Publications/TechnicalPublications>

## **Website Review**

*We are in the process of reviewing the BOHS website as part of a redevelopment project which will lead to the launch of a new site in early 2010. If you have a view about the current site or what you'd like to see in a new site, and haven't already filled out the questionnaire, you can still do so by downloading the form via the Home Page.*

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx>

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust**

*Applications are now open for Travelling Fellowships from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for 2010. The Trust offers 100 such Fellowships to UK Citizens to travel overseas to undertake study projects related to their profession, trade or particular interest. The project must fit into certain categories (eg. one of these categories is 'Science, Engineering & Enterprise'). The closing date for applications is 6 October 2009 and full details can be found on the WCMT website.*

[www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk)

### **What contextual information do you report when you carry out air sampling surveys?**

*Jennifer Hopkins is undertaking a research project at the University of Manchester. The aim of the project is to assess what contextual information hygienists currently report and how this can be used for exposure modelling purposes. She would be grateful if you would fill in her online questionnaire, which looks at what contextual information is reported when carrying out air sampling surveys. It should take no more than 15 minutes. Please click on link below to respond. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer directly, not BOHS: [jennifer.hopkins@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.hopkins@hse.gsi.gov.uk)*

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MGiHf\\_2bBL9meTCIsIm0O5Fw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MGiHf_2bBL9meTCIsIm0O5Fw_3d_3d)

### **Request for photos from Annual Conference**

*If anyone has any photographs taken at the Annual Conference which they are happy to have included in the next issue of the Newsletter, please send them to Anthea Page, [anthea@bohs.org](mailto:anthea@bohs.org). Thank you!*

### **ICCE-17 Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26- August 1, 2009 – call for papers**

*Abstracts are still being accepted for the 17th Annual International Conference on Composites or Nano Engineering. If you are interested, please immediately submit paper title to Prof. David Hui, [dhui@uno.edu](mailto:dhui@uno.edu).*

*These ICCE-17 detailed abstracts will be reviewed and appear as short papers in World Journal of Engineering, upon payment of registration fee and attendance of ICCE-17. Further, all full length version of these short papers, with paper title change, will be reviewed and published in WJOE or in Composites B journal. There is no financial assistance available. Hilton Waikiki Kuhio hotel rate is \$115+tax per night for six or more nights. The registration fee is US\$490, before May 26, 2009.*

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## HSE INFORMATION

### HSE and World Asthma Day

Activities - aimed at reducing occupational asthma and work-related respiratory diseases.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/conferences/asthma.htm?ebul=hsegen/11-may-2009&cr=2>

### Bakers - time to clear the air!

Pocket card: advice/guidance on how flour dust can cause asthma - how to protect yourself.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg429.pdf?ebul=hsegen/11-may-2009&cr=3> [PDF 488KB]

### HSE Chair panel contribution - Westminster briefing event

Transcript by HSE Chair, 'Past the performance plateau: A new strategy for health and safety'

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/speeches/transcripts/hackitt280409.htm?ebul=hsegen/11-may-2009&cr=16>

### Chemical carcinogens workshop report

Report of the stakeholder workshop in June 2008.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/drp/workshop08.pdf?ebul=hsegen/14-apr-2009&cr=7> [PDF 2.9MB]

### Substance selection criteria

Process developed by UK REACH CA Steering Committee for use in the UK.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/substances.htm?ebul=hsegen/14-apr-2009&cr=8>

### HSE's agriculture website re-launched

New structure and style - topic pages, ask an expert, resources...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-apr-2009&cr=5>

## FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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