

The British Occupational Hygiene Society

E-bulletin

January 2010

Welcome to the first edition of the British Occupational Hygiene Society's e-bulletin service for 2010. 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.



NOTICES

● **Have you renewed your membership yet?**

Hurry! Renew before 28 February to receive your unique BOHS lapel pin with your membership card and receipt. www.bohs.org/login.aspx?nextURL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.bohs.org%2fstandardTemplate.aspx%2fHome

● **CPD Reminder**

All members of the Faculty, are obliged to take part in the CPD scheme and the deadline for the submission of your 2009 application is **31 January 2010**. You will be unable to submit your application online after this date so please hurry as the deadline is fast approaching. For further information about the scheme and to submit your application please use the following link:

<http://www.bohs.org/login.aspx?msg=Only+registered+BOHS+members+can+access+this+page&nextURL=%2fstandardTemplate.aspx%2fHome%2fMembership%2fMembersArea%2fCPDOnline%3f>

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

This year's IOSH Conference takes place at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow from 24 to 25 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 Sandi Atkinson if you'd like to volunteer: sandi.atkinson@bohs.org. Thanks!

As BOHS is also an official supporter of the IOSH Conference, BOHS members are eligible for a 10% on the full conference fee when booking online – all you need to do is quote the reference: BRI143.

● **WANTED! Regional Organisers**

The East Midlands and Yorkshire Region and the Scottish Region currently both have a vacancy for a Regional Organiser.

Do you have access to a free or low cost venue to hold regular meetings of interest to BOHS members in your area? Do you have a flair for organising meetings, generating interest and enthusiasm amongst your peers? Full support will be given from Head Office to anyone wishing to take on this role, including all of the publicity and administration involved in putting on a meeting, and the role is eligible for CPD points. **Your Region needs YOU!** If you are interested in finding out more please contact Sandi Atkinson at sandi.atkinson@bohs.org or call 01332 250718.

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NEWS

● **Nominations for BOHS Council 2010**

All voting members of BOHS can now provide nominations for President-Elect, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four Ordinary Members of Council. The closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday 26 February 2010. Also, all voting members of the Faculty can now provide nominations for the Registrar of the Faculty. Nominations must be received by Monday 22 March 2010.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=103>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

● **February to June 2010 - Managing Asbestos in Premises, the Survey Guide – Open Technical Seminars**

2010 sees a series of seminars being run jointly with ATaC, around the launch of HSE's new asbestos surveying guidance, 'HSG264 Managing asbestos in premises, the survey guide'. The first of these was fully booked and a great success in London on 20 January. Subsequent events are booking up fast in Leeds, Glasgow, Norwich, Cardiff and finishing in Birmingham on 16 June so hurry and book your place now via the Event Calendar!

www.bohs.org/eventsTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/EventCalendar

● **25 February 2010 - Horizon Scanning and Futures in HSE, Gateshead**

This is a free Regional Meeting organised by our North East Region, which will be covering two broad themes: i. An Introduction to horizon scanning and futures, a presentation by Peter Ellwood, and ii. Climate change and the working environment, a presentation by Gordon Smith. For full details and to register your place, follow the link:

www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=206

● **10 March 2010 – REACH Update, Vauxhall Motors Social Club, Ellesmere Port**

This free Regional Meeting is being run by the North West & North Wales Region. More information will be available shortly, to register your place contact Bill Williams at northwest.northwales@bohs.org

● **17 March 2010 – Confined Spaces: Incidents and Instrumentation, SCI, London**

The London, South and South East Region are hosting this free Regional Meeting. Full details can be found on the website in the Events Calendar www.bohs.org/eventsTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/EventCalendar. To book your place please contact Bob Daunton at london.southeast@bohs.org

● **13 April 2010 – Bacteria and Mould Assessments in Indoor Environments, HSE, Cardiff**

This free Regional Meeting is being held by the South West & South Wales Region. More information will be available shortly, to register your place please contact Julie Helps at southwest.southwales@bohs.org

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- **27-29 April 2010 – The BOHS Annual Conference ‘Occupational Hygiene 2010’; Harrogate**
 Don't miss the opening Warner Lecture, this year from Ben Goldacre, of 'Bad Science' fame, or the wide range of professional and scientific sessions, covering 'real science and real risk', occupational health, noise, PPE, musculoskeletal disorders (MSD), nanotechnology, skin exposure, LEV and welding, and REACH. Workshops this year are on managing skin exposure, the REACH 'ART' exposure modelling tool, LEV, asbestos, hygienists as expert witnesses, and occupational health and hygiene benefits realisation, and there's the usual poster display and exhibition of suppliers. You can book one, two or all three days, as well as for the social highlight, the Conference Dinner, online.
www.occupationalhygiene2010.com
- This year for the first time, we're also running **Professional Development Courses** on the day before the Conference opens, **Monday 26 April 2010**. There are three to choose from, and they can also be booked online together with, or separately from, the Annual Conference. See the link below for full details.
www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/OH2010PDCourses
- **12 May 2010 – Thermal Environment, Vauxhall Motors Social Club, Ellesmere Port**
 The North West & North Wales Region are hosting this free meeting. Full details will be available shortly, to register your place please contact Bill Williams at northwest.nortwales@bohs.org
- 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, and for which you may also be eligible to claim CPD points.
<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Events/ExternalEvents>

VACANCIES

- [Senior Occupational Hygienist](#) | Salary - Competitive Rate | Apply by 12/02/2010
 We are currently seeking a Senior Occupational Hygienist to provide the necessary support to Production to enable work to proceed without significant health risk and in accordance with legislation and best practice.

As one of the UK's leading marine engineering companies, Babcock (Marine Division) actively supports RN, MOD and other customers with our mission to ensure that all employees go home safely every day.
<http://www.bohs.org/jobsTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/Jobsformembers>

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

- **EC Consultation on the development of a Strategic Nanotechnology Action Plan (SNAP) 2010-2015**
 This is a web-based questionnaire, which closes on **19 February 2010**.
www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/CommentsonCDs

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● **Membership Benefits survey**

If you've not yet responded to this survey there's still time to do so – follow the link in your original email message or via the Members Area of the website below. The survey closes on 6 February.

www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea

● **The Annals of Occupational Hygiene** is our peer-reviewed scientific journal, one of the world's top research journals on hazards and risks to health resulting from work, published on our behalf by Oxford University Press.

The January Annals includes a free-access editorial, "REACH - How is it going?", which springs from the Brussels conference that BOHS and the Dutch society jointly organised in October. See the issue contents list at <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl>. BOHS members can register for free access to all of the on-line editions and archive. Instructions are in the members' area of the BOHS website.

<http://www.bohs.org/login.aspx?msg=Only+registered+BOHS+members+can+access+this+page&nextURL=%2fstandardTemplate.aspx%2fHome%2fMembership%2fMembersArea%2fAnnalsOnLineRegistration%3f>

Also on the Annals website <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/> are links to "virtual issues" on dermal exposure, and REACH: exposure modelling, which bring together the papers we have published on these topics in recent years.

Want to find out more?

- Read top [Editor's Choice](#) articles
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OTHER NEWS

● **Managing asbestos in premises, the survey guide – HSG264**

HSE is scheduled to publish its new asbestos surveying guidance, HSG264, the long-awaited replacement for MDHS100, on Friday 29 January 2010 at £10.95 per copy. Orders may be placed at

<http://books.hse.gov.uk/hse/public/saleproduct.jsf?catalogueCode=9780717663859>

● **ABICS**

HSG264 (mentioned above) provides strong guidance to Duty Holders that they should only use competent surveyors and suggests using either **individuals who have been certified by ABICS** or companies who have been accredited by UKAS. ABICS is now advising those who might be thinking of applying not to wait and risk being run over in the stampede for certification, but to apply now. Further information is available at www.abics.org.

● **Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) Annual Scientific Meeting**

SOM would very much like to encourage BOHS members to submit abstracts for and/or attend its Annual Scientific Meeting in 2010, to be held from 6 – 10 June at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh. The abstracts deadline is 28 February 2010, and the event is open for online booking.

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

● **SOM/RCN Joint Occupational Health Conference & Exhibition**

Both organisations have expressed a desire to see BOHS members presenting at this joint conference – the deadline for abstracts is not until June. You can find information via the web link below, or via the External Events page on our website (see External Events section of this e-bulletin).

www.rcn.org.uk/events

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HSE NEWS

- Waste services - Local Authority guidance**
 Guide for those procuring, managing and monitoring waste management services
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/waste/services/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/25-jan-2010&cr=4>
- Guidance to improve health and safety in waste and recycling**
 Helping local authorities understand the importance of a sensible approach
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2010/hse-1212010.htm?ebul=hsegen/25-jan-2010&cr=5>
- Free - LEV Roadshows**
 Following on from the previous pilot roadshows, HSE is running a further five events nationwide. These are particularly aimed at small business owners/ managers to raise awareness of LEV requirements. BOHS is supporting these and will be publicising our Approved LEV Awareness Courses at each event.
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/lev/events.htm?ebul=hsegen/11-jan-2010&cr=17>
- Chemicals - Prior Informed Consent (PIC)**
 A requirement to notify HSE of the import/export within the EU of some dangerous chemicals.
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pic/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/11-jan-2010&cr=22>
- HSE Strategy - Pledge Forum**
 Pledge your support for HSE's Strategy, join its forum and share your views.
<http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/inovem/inovem.ti/pledge/groupHome?ebul=hsegen/30-nov-2009&cr=2>
- Worker Involvement Workshop**
 Feedback and presentations from the July workshop in London.
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/involvement/events/workshop09.htm?ebul=hsegen/30-nov-2009cr=13>
- Whole-body vibration in quarries**
 Free leaflet - outlining the risk of developing back pain from whole-body vibration.
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/vibration/wbv/quarries.pdf?ebul=hsegen/30-nov-2009&cr=22> [PDF 248KB]

FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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