

The British Occupational Hygiene Society e-bulletin July 2009

Welcome to the latest 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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOHS Head Office IT Upgrade

Please note that during the week of 3 August, there will be a major IT upgrade taking place at the BOHS Head Office. Whilst we will, of course, do our very best to respond to enquiries, please be aware that our access to email, the internet and IT systems is likely to be disrupted, and therefore our ability to respond effectively may be impaired. The phone lines will remain unaffected, so if you have any urgent enquiries you should be able to contact us by phone (switchboard: 01332 298101), but please do bear in mind that we may be working under difficult circumstances! Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

NEWS

Bursaries for Modules Scheme just launched

We are delighted to announce the launch of our Bursaries for Modules [BfM] Scheme, aimed at encouraging those already working in the field of occupational health and safety to take their first steps towards a possible career in occupational hygiene.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=97>

BOHS stresses importance of competence standards in support of new HSE Strategy

We fully support HSE's newly published Strategy and the underlying principles of good health and safety practice which it encompasses. In particular, we welcome the recognition of the need for action to address the continuing toll of ill-health caused by unsatisfactory conditions in the workplace.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=96>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

30 Sept – 1 Oct - REACH: Registration and Beyond: Exposure Scenarios and safe handling advice; 2nd European Workshop/Conference; Brussels

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>

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7 October – Health and Safety Implications of Nanotechnology in the Workplace Open Technical Seminar; Edinburgh

It is widely accepted that there is a lack of information and knowledge concerning the implications of manufactured nanomaterials on human health and the environment. There are major concerns regarding the potential risks to health from the inhalation of nanoparticles (NPs) and carbon nanotubes (CNTs). Concerns have also been voiced about the potential risks to health from dermal exposure or ingestion and the possible risk of explosion during the manufacture, manipulation, use and disposal of these materials. Expert speakers at this seminar will address these issues and will give advice on the management of risks allied to the use of nanomaterials in the light of current knowledge.

<http://www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=185>

27-29 April 2010 – The BOHS Annual Conference ‘Occupational Hygiene 2010’; Harrogate

Put the date in your diary now! And keep checking the website for information – call for papers is now on-line.

www.occupationalhygiene2010.com

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

REACH Out and Recruit A Member

The Recruit a Member campaign is intended to encourage you, our members, to spread the word about the benefits of BOHS membership to your peers and colleagues; the member who's recruited the most new members by 16 November 2009 wins an iPod! Follow the link to see how you do it.

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

Presentations from recent events

Click on the event links below to view the presentations which are now available to download.

[HSE/BOHS Asbestos Roadshow, Cardiff; 10 June](#)

[HSE/BOHS Asbestos Roadshow, London; 9 June](#)

[HSE/BOHS Asbestos Roadshow, Birmingham; 4 June](#)

[HSE/BOHS Asbestos Roadshow, Manchester; 3 June](#)

[HSE/BOHS Asbestos Roadshow, Glasgow; 2 June](#)

[Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome Seminar, Glasgow; 1 June](#)

[LEV – Real Effects of the New Guidance meeting, Birmingham; 19 May](#)

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Consultation on Standards and Voluntary Accreditation for Occupational Health Services

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine (FOM) has developed draft Standards for Occupational Health Services. The standards are intended to be applicable to all types and size of occupational health services including in-house and outsourced, with the aim of developing a one-size-fits-all set of standards. Use the link to find out more, including a further link to the consultation document itself, and how to contribute to the BOHS response; the consultation ends on 31 August 2009.

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

List of P601, P602, P901 and P902 holders

We now publish lists of all holders of the following Proficiency Modules, on our main 'Examinations' page:

P601 Initial Appraisal and Thorough Examination and Testing of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems

P602 Basic Design Principles of Local Exhaust Ventilation Systems

P901 Legionella – Management and Control of Building Hot and Cold Water Services

P902 Legionella – Management and Control of Evaporative Cooling and Other High Risk Systems

www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Examinations

Peter Isaac Award 2009 - nominations invited

Nominations are now invited for this, our annual Award which recognises a valuable contribution by an individual to the reduction of ill-health at work, and is open to any individual member of BOHS or any other POOSH organisation. The winner receives £1,000 towards attendance at any health and safety conference, the specially engraved Trophy for the year, and a framed Certificate to keep, presented at the Annual Conference Dinner. Also included is complimentary attendance for one day of the Conference and the Conference Dinner, and free BOHS membership for one year.

The Award was initiated to mark BOHS's Golden Jubilee in 2003, and last year's winner, for 2008, was Dr Mark Piney of HSE, for his project on reducing exposure to isocyanates amongst motor vehicle repair workers.

The closing date for applications is 30th September 2009. Guidelines and how to apply can be downloaded from the link below.

<http://www.bohs.org/standardTemplate.aspx/Home/Professional/Awards>

OTHER NEWS

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.

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Swine Flu

The US Environmental Protection Agency has issued a presentation put together by its Federal Interagency Committee for Indoor Air Quality on the transmission of viruses in indoor air and HVAC system protection options.

www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/influenza_presentation.pdf

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EU-Funded Tender in Turkey – Experts Required

BOHS has been contacted by Veronique De Broeck, Public Affairs Director of PREVENT in Brussels, who is requesting help in identifying experts who may be interested in collaboration in a EU project in Turkey. PREVENT Institute for OSH is shortlisted in a consortium with the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH), Kooperationsstelle Hamburg (KOOP), ROMTENS Foundation and IVME Management Consultancy Training and Trade Ltd in an EC-funded project.

The purpose of the project is to train and support ISGUM (the OSH centre in Turkey) in its role of helping enterprises, especially SMEs, to apply the harmonised EU OHS legislation. The main requirement for supporting the role of ISGUM is providing adequate and specialised training to technical staff from sampling to analysis, and the establishment of a quality assurance system in terms of standardised international sampling and analytical methods.

The project starts in October 2009 and the period of execution is planned over 24 months, so the timescale is tight, and PREVENT is urgently looking for the following key experts: Team Leader, OHS Air Sampling & Physical Measurement Expert, Occupational Health Surveillance and Biological Agents Expert, and OHS Laboratory Analysis Expert. If you are interested in collaboration in the project, you are invited to send your CV as soon as possible to Veronique De Broeck, at veronique.debroeck@prevent.be. For further information try the PREVENT website, www.prevent.be.

Please don't contact BOHS directly about this!

HSE INFORMATION

HSE Swine flu guidance for employers - updated

Additional information on use of face masks in certain healthcare settings.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/2009/swineflu.htm?ebul=hsegen/13-jul-2009&cr=7>

Metalworking fluids DVD

View sample produced in conjunction with HSE.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/metalworking/video/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/13-jul-2009&cr=11>

New temperature website

Advice to manage hot working environments.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/temperature/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-jul-2009&cr=7>

Stonemasonry website rebranded

New design, new features - ask the expert, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/stonemasonry/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-jul-2009&cr=22>

MSD website

New design, includes new Upper Limb Disorder (ULD) guidance.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/msd/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/29-jun-2009&cr=11>

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

The COSHH website has been re-launched with a new design and new case studies.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/coshh/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/15-jun-2009&cr=7>

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FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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