

The British Occupational Hygiene Society e-bulletin

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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.



NEWS

The 2009 Working for a healthier workplace - Peter Isaac Award

There's still - JUST - time to send in nominations for the 2009 'Working for a healthier workplace - Peter Isaac Award': the closing date is 30 September. The winner of this prestigious Award - which recognises valuable individual contributions to the reduction of ill-health at work - receives £1,000 to be used to subsidise attendance at any 2010 health and safety conference.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=99>

BOHS Approved Course Scheme goes live

Following a successful pilot of our 'Badged Course Scheme' during the first half of 2009, we have now permanently established our LEV Awareness course programme as the first of what will now be officially known as 'BOHS Approved' courses.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=98>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

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

The call for papers is now on the website, as well as some great new opportunities for exhibiting and sponsorship.

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>

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Membership Matters – Mapping our Future Course

A series of interactive regional consultations with Members. **Membership Matters** is your opportunity to debate the future shape of BOHS and the course we take together. We'll be looking together at questions such as: What are the key issues affecting Occupational Hygiene in the next five years; What are the strengths of the Society today?; What should we the Society aim to be as we look to the future?; These will be hosted by Steve Perkins, Chief Executive and Rob Turner – President Elect. Dates are as follows:

South West and South Wales – 15 October 2009 – 4pm – Park Inn Cardiff North

London – 21 October 2009 – 2.30 pm – St Stephens Club, London

East Midlands and Yorkshire – 2 November 2009 – 4pm – Dunston Innovation Centre, Chesterfield

Midlands – 18 November 2009 – 4pm – Birmingham Medical Institute

Scotland – 23 November 2009 – 2pm – IOM, Edinburgh

North West & North Wales – 2 December 2009 – 1pm – University of Manchester

North East – 8 December 2009 – Jurys Inn, Newcastle

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

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

Occupational Hygienist | Salary and Benefits TBC | Apply by 22/11/2009 Location: London Fantastic immediate opportunity for a construction biased Occupational Hygienist to work on some of London's most high profile projects. Contact Alistair for more information 01932 213202

Site Occupational Hygienist | Apply by 06/11/2009 Eli Lilly and Company is a world leading pharmaceutical organisation, with a multibillion dollar turnover and an international reputation for quality and innovation.

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Occupational Hygienist | Up to £38,000 (dependent on experience) | Apply by 30/09/2009

Working within a small team of Occupational Hygienists, you will play an important role in identifying, measuring, evaluating and controlling risk right across the business.

All these above vacancies can be found on the BOHS Website in the member's only section from the link below:

<http://www.bohs.org/jobsTemplate.aspx/Home/Membership/MembersArea/Jobsformembers?>

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NEW ON THE WEBSITE

European Commission SCOEL consultation

The European Commission is consulting on the SCOEL recommendations for a number of substances including nickel and cadmium. If you wish to comment on the science underpinning the recommendation for an EU-wide occupational exposure limit, you can click through from the website to the consultation.

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

REACH Out and Recruit A Member

Don't forget, the Recruit a Member campaign runs until November. It's 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

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

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OTHER NEWS

IOHA Newsletter

Download the latest IOHA newsletter.

<http://www.ioha.net/newsletter.html>

LEV Topic Inspection Pack (TIP)

The LEV TIP, used as reference document by HSE inspectors, is now publically available via HSE's FOI site. It is written for inspectors but there's quite a bit of background and generic guidance on LEV and its assessment which BOHS members, course providers and colleagues may find of use. Please bring it to the attention of P601 and P602 delegates and others who might find it of use.

<http://news.hse.gov.uk/2009/07/03/lev-inspection-pack/>

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Expenses Policy & Expenses Claim Form

Volunteers play a vital role within BOHS. Not only do we need volunteers, but we know that involved members tend to be strong advocates of the Society. We are genuinely appreciative of the work that so many of you do, and have done, for us. It's very much in our interests to encourage new faces, and we also strive to be as supportive as possible of those who are involved. As part of our commitment to you, as a volunteer, we promise to deal efficiently with expenses claims, and we have recently updated our Expenses Policy and the Claim Form, both of which are now available to download from the 'Volunteering' page of the 'Membership' section of the website (note, this is a public page, not within the Members' Only section).

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

Biological Monitoring updates

HSE and HSL are updating their guidance on biological monitoring. The one page guide for workers has been updated and is on HSE's web site (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg245.htm>). The larger guide for employers, occupational hygienists and health professionals is being updated and should be available next year. In the meanwhile the old version is now available as a free download from HSE <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg167.pdf>. HSE's list of biological monitoring guidance values in EH40 is available from <http://www.hse.gov.uk/cosHH/table2.pdf> and for each of the 16 substances a guidance sheet is available from HSL. These will soon be on HSL's web site (<http://www.hsl.gov.uk/>) but in the meanwhile contact John Cocker (john.cocker@hsl.gov.uk or telephone 01298 21 84 29). The number of American (<http://www.acgih.org/>) and German (<http://www.dfg.de/en/>) biological monitoring guidance values increase yearly and is now over 100. Kate Jones is giving a talk on skin absorption and biological at a joint seminar, on Skin Exposure Controls and Surveillance, with Helen Taylor on the 15 October. The next HSL training course on biological monitoring will be on the 12 January 2010 (http://www.hsl.gov.uk/training/courses/biological_monitoring.html) For more information or to discuss biological monitoring contact John Cocker.

HSE NEWS

Skin at Work

New hairdressing case study

A few years ago, Tracy employed a new hairdresser who suffered from dermatitis.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/hairdressing/casestudies.htm?ebul=hsegen/14-sep-2009&cr=3>

Example Risk Assessments

Risk assessment guidance - what do you think? Take part in HSE's user survey.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/14-sep-2009&cr=4>

Swine Flu

Filtering facepiece respirators - fitting advice

Part of HSE's swine flu advice to employers.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/2009/fit-testing-poster.pdf?ebul=hsegen/14-sep-2009&cr=5> [PDF]

HSE Publications

Online publications now freely available to download

230 priced publications freely available through the new HSE Books website.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/2009/hse-books.htm?ebul=hsegen/07-sep-2009&cr=5>

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Science and Research

Projection of mesothelioma mortality in Great Britain - statistical model

In this report, the statistical model has been refined and refitted.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/whatsnew.htm?ebul=hsegen/01-sep-2009&cr=17>

Asthma

Asthma: Bakers - time to clear the air!

Flour dust/enzymes containing additives - second most common cause of occupational asthma.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asthma/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/24-aug-2009&cr=4>

FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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