

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 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

● **Ian McCallum Memorial Lecture at SOM Conference**

Professor Richard Wakeford, of the Dalton Nuclear Institute at the University of Manchester, will be giving the inaugural Ian McCallum Memorial Lecture on Monday 7 June at 10.15 am at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, as part of the Society of Occupational Medicine [SOM]'s Annual Scientific Meeting. Professor Wakeford has made significant contributions to the assessment of the risks to health posed by exposure to ionising radiation, especially low-level exposures. His particular expertise is in radiation epidemiology, notably in utero, preconceptional, occupational and environmental exposures and cancer 'clusters'. He has sat on national and international expert groups, written extensively on the subject (including many papers in the peer-reviewed literature), and is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Radiological Protection.

The Ian McCallum Memorial Lecture is jointly sponsored by BOHS along with the SOM and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, and BOHS will present it next year.

● **The 2010/2011 Edition of the BOHS Directory of Occupational Hygiene Consultants is now being compiled. Applications wanted from Faculty Members**

This Directory is distributed widely to influential Health and Safety bodies including a personal copy to all members of BOHS. In addition a searchable web edition will also be placed on the Society's website (www.bohs.org) and this is regularly used by Head Office to direct callers seeking occupational hygiene consultancy as well as being accessible for visitors to the site. The Directory is open to all members of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, regardless of their grade. Any organisation employing a Fellow, Member or Licentiate of the Faculty, and who is in good standing, may seek inclusion. Contact Claire Creed at claire.creed@bohs.org for more information.

● **BOHS on Twitter**

If you tweet, follow us on Twitter at:

<http://twitter.com/bohsworld>

NEWS

● **The Thomas Bedford Memorial Prize**

The Thomas Bedford Memorial Prize is BOHS's oldest award, and it is given by Council every two years for the best paper in the Annals of Occupational Hygiene. We are now drawing up a shortlist for the 2010 prize, from the papers published in 2008 and 2009 (Volumes 52 and 53). The main author of the winning paper will be invited to receive the prize at the 2011 BOHS Conference

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=107>

● **Latest BOHS Postgraduate Bursary Award**

We're delighted to announce that Christina Jackson, studying for an MSc in Occupational & Environmental Health and Safety Management at the University of Portsmouth, is the latest recipient of the BOHS postgraduate bursary to cover one year's tuition fee.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=106>

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- **New OHLearning.com Website hosting international training modules and materials - now live**

The Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA), a new organisation working under the guidance of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA), has created a website, www.OHLearning.com, where course materials for international occupational hygiene training modules are posted for free, open access.

<http://www.bohs.org/newsArticle.aspx?newsItem=105>

EVENTS

Forthcoming BOHS events which all count towards CPD

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

The final two in this series of seminars, being run jointly with ATaC, will take place in June – in Birmingham on 16 June and a second London one on 30 June. Book your place now via the Event Calendar!

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

- **8 June 2010 – Joint BOHS/IOSH Manchester & NW Districts Branch Meeting, Barton Grange Hotel, Preston**

This is an annual FREE day-long event, with a packed programme. Pre-booking is required and it's recommended you book early as places are limited and it is usually over-subscribed. You can find full details on how to book, and the programme, from the link below.

www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=233

- **17 June 2010 - Site Visit - Cargills UK**

A free site visit organised by our North West & North Wales Region Cargills UK, to see the oil seed extraction process using hydrocarbon solvent to extract oils in large volumes. There will be more information on this nearer the date, but to book a place please email Bill Williams, northwest.northwales@bohs.org.

www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=215

- **13 July 2010 - Joint North West & North Wales Meeting with IOSH, Monton House Hotel, Eccles, Manchester**

Health surveillance for the future!

Clare Forshaw (HSE) will talk on developing UK policy and guidance on health surveillance. Clare will discuss approaches to health surveillance and then specifically describe current work to develop new methods to detect early damage to hearing arising through exposure to noise (Otoacoustic Emissions testing, OAE).

This is always a popular annual meeting with a FREE hot buffet and no need to book places. For further details about timings and venue, click below:

www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=216

- **8 September 2010 - Nanotechnology - Open Technical Seminar, SCI, London**

More information on this seminar will be available soon, but book it in your diary now.

www.bohs.org/eventDetails.aspx?event=213

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.

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>

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VACANCIES

Vacancies within the Society

BOHS Qualifications Champions

We are implementing a radical change in the way we develop and review our syllabuses and question banks, to enable a more effective technical support system, and require a number of subject experts to take on these roles, for which we are offering to pay a retainer fee of between £750 and £1000. In addition, as well as being at the forefront of developments and instrumental in the future direction of our qualifications, our technical champions will gain CPD points, concessions to our events, and many opportunities for professional development and peer networking. In return we do require flexibility, commitment, ownership - people who are true champions of a subject.

If you are a qualified, practising occupational hygienist and/or have equivalent specialist qualifications in any of the subject areas covered by the exams and are interested in learning more, you can download the full details of the role/person specification and how to apply [here](#). **Applications should be sent by email to anthea.page@bohs.org. The closing date is 1 June 2010.**

BOHS Introductory Lecturer - South West

BOHS Introductory Lecturers are paid £250 for each lecture delivered and we now have a vacancy for the South West region. This is a contracted role requiring a member of the Faculty who has some teaching/tutoring/lecturing experience, and a proactive attitude. Anyone considering applying should be clear of the likely time commitment and the requirements of the role - download full details, including the role/person specification and how to apply, [here](#).

Please apply in writing to sandi.atkinson@bohs.org by 30 June 2010.

Job vacancies

Great Career Opportunities - Australia | Apply by 01/06/2010

Heggies is a leading specialist environmental consultancy enjoying a rapidly growing international reputation. With offices located around Australasia and in SE Asia, our Consultants enjoy many key roles in the region's most interesting and challenging landmark projects.

Occupational Hygienist | Salary - Competitive Rate | Apply by 21/06/2010

Allergy Standards Consulting Ltd is a successful, rapidly expanding environmental health business based in the vibrant city of Dublin and is currently gearing up for the next phase of service offerings. To help us do this we are seeking an energetic and ambitious occupational hygienist to join our multidisciplinary team here in Dublin City. Field experience in a range of services to include workplace air monitoring, noise, lighting and indoor air quality surveys is essential, with a background in a health related area with monitoring experience being particularly desirable. You will work closely with the existing team to develop world leading sampling strategies and will be committed to R&D and innovative techniques for assessing and solving air quality problems. The successful candidate will have the ability to produce accurate written reports and excellent communication skills are essential.

Interested candidates should forward Curriculum Vitae, together with a detailed cover letter to: Tracy Cullen, Allergy Standards Consulting, Trinity Technology and Enterprise Campus, 4th Floor The Tower, Grand Canal Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland or if you would like to apply by e-mail or request further information contact Tracy on tcullen@healthfriendlyair.com

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NEW ON THE WEBSITE

- ***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.

Here are some new papers which are currently on the Advance Access site, and some may have been put into the latest on-line issue by now. In either case, you can access them through <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/>. The next print issue is due for distribution on 23 June.

- A letter to the editor reporting a novel source of legionella - powder paint pre-treatment tunnels
- Exposure of bridge painters to organic solvents
- Personal use of hair dyes and temporary tattoos by hairdressers (and 30% got adverse skin reactions)
- Effectiveness of range hoods in kitchens
- Introducing an occupational health programme in Nepal
- Mesothelioma apparently from anthophyllite
- Respiratory symptoms at 0.4 mg/m³ metal-working fluids

If you have never registered for on-line access to the Annals and its archive back to 1964, instructions are in the members' area of the BOHS website.

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

Want to find out more?

- Read top [Editor's Choice](#) articles
- View papers online weeks ahead of print publication with [Advance Access](#)
- Register for free [email table of content](#) alerts

• **Current consultations**

Draft Guidance for the offshore Industry: *'Offshore e-Chemical Essentials'*; consultation issued by HSE running from May to August 2010.

HSE is consulting on the technical content of draft guidance on good control practice in a number of areas pertinent to the offshore industry.

You can respond directly to HSE or contribute to the official BOHS response; follow the link for full details, including downloads of the draft guidance documents.

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

OTHER NEWS

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

BOHS will be exhibiting at this event – 18 to 19 October 2010 at the Brighton Hilton Metropole. If you are interested in presenting, 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

• **New Regulations - The Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010**

BOHS members were consulted on these regulations, which came into force on 27 April 2010. More information can be found on HSE's website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/radiation/nonionising/optical.htm> The guidance to accompany the Regulations is being revised and this should be available in the very near future.

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● **HSE issues press release in support of ABICS**

At the beginning of April HSE issued a press release which emphasised the key competence requirement in the new 'Asbestos: The survey guide', and its strong recommendation to use UKAS accredited or ABICS certified surveyors for asbestos surveys. Read the full text from the link below:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2010/hse-asbestos.htm?ebul=hsegen/10-may-2010&cr=10>

HSE NEWS

● **Podcast - Noise and vibration at work**

HSE's Pete Lennon talks about tackling the risks

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/podcasts/2010/noiseandvibration.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-apr-2010&cr=7>

● **Potential effects of noise induced hearing loss**

Video demonstration allows you to 'see' noise damage

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/noise/video/hearingvideo.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-apr-2010&cr=8>

● **Results from Labour Force Survey**

Self-reported work-related illness and workplace injuries in 2008/09

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/lfs/0809/hubresults.htm?ebul=hsegen/06-apr-2010&cr=9>

● **Research on bioaerosol emissions from waste composting and workers' exposure**

Bioaerosols sampled at sites representative of commercial scale waste composting.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr786.htm?ebul=hsegen/12-apr-2010&cr=17>

● **REACH - chemicals legislation**

Your role explained

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/index.htm?ebul=hsegen/19-apr-2010&cr=18>

● **Silica awareness**

Events for people who cut stone, concrete and masonry

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/scotland/events.htm?ebul=hsegen/19-apr-2010&cr=20>

FEEDBACK

Have Your Say!

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