



# AIHA™



Florida  
LOCAL SECTION

## NEWSLETTER

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## Fall Conference October 14-15, 2021

The Fall Conference will be held as an in-person event on October 14-15. The BilMar Resort has extended our contract and will FINALLY host us. We appreciate their cooperation through the pandemic and look forward to their facility.

The BilMar Beach Resort in St Petersburg on Treasure Island. The resort has offered reduced stays in the event you wish to partake of the scenery and get a sabbatical escape for your training.

The conference agenda and registration information is posted on our Upcoming Events page [here](#). Registration is open now!!!

Education will include longer format PDCs on Thursday and shorter general session content on Friday.

Our wonderful Vendors/Exhibitors make the event one not to miss. You will see new equipment, suppliers, and services that will make your jobs easier and better.

Please visit the website or LinkedIn page for  
more information

<http://flaiha.wildapricot.org/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4874861/>

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## President's Message

### COVID-19

This pandemic is not done with us yet. The number of infections is on the rise again, but the hospitalizations and deaths are ravaging the unvaccinated. The Local Section is aware that some of you have not taken the vaccine and we respect your right to do so, but we strongly encourage everyone to get their vaccine if they are eligible and able.

We will be requiring and enforcing the use of masks at the conference for all attendees. We understand that the vaccinated are not likely to suffer serious symptoms if infected, but any infection will allow spread from a virus with an  $R_0 = 6$ . The AIHA has publicly endorsed the use of vaccines and your local section board concurs. But until the vaccine numbers improve, or the natural immunity slows transmission, we must follow the CDC guidelines for indoor meetings.

So get a comfortable mask and join us. Please **don't** use anything with an exhalation valve unless it is covered by a filter of some kind. We may even do some best mask awards to keep the message positive. We understand that most of us are wearing the mask to protect others from something we don't have. But safe is better than sorry. It only takes one of us to bring it to many of us.

As your newsletter editor, I am vaccinated, and I don't have any of the comorbidities that contribute to this pathology. As such, I am not a frequent mask user, but I do wear one in crowded places. So join me in "wearing one for the team". And join us in Treasure Island!!!

Hello, all members and vendors:

It is my honor to have the opportunity to serve as your **president** for 2021! I can't believe that it has been a year since we have not seen each other. 2020 is an unprecedented year. Despite all the challenges and obstacles that we faced during the pandemic, we have accomplished a lot. I recall that in March of 2020, we, the board, had to make tough decisions to hold our first virtual conference. Who can predict since then, we have done that twice? It was certainly not easy, which I gave a lot of tribute to the great leadership (our past president, Nacole Caputo) and strong team effort from all board members. Together we have learned a lot, especially in leveraging the technologies. We have delivered excellent online PDCs and other education sessions and provided the platform for members/vendors to stay in touch.

I know we will continue facing new challenges along the way. Our mission has never changed, which is to make the workplace safer and healthier by supporting our members in all aspects of professional growth with comprehensive education programs, vendor services connection, networking opportunities, and future young professional sponsorship.

I would like to encourage you to get involved in our Florida local chapter. I welcome your ideas on how to keep our members engaged. I have been a board member since 2016, it has been the most rewarding opportunity. It is a great place to build your leadership skill, enhance your knowledge, and work with a wonderful team.

I want to thank all members and vendors who support us all the way. Your dedication and commitment is the key to make this chapter successful.

Please keep yourself and your family safe and well! I am looking forward to seeing you soon in person!

Sincerely



Yuan Wang, CIH, CSP, MSPH  
President – AIHA Florida Local Section

### IH Apps and Tools

<https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consumer-resources/topics-of-interest/ih-apps-tools>

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## Call for Speakers

We are seeking suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc. for speakers for the Fall and Spring Conferences. Please contact Adelmarié with your thoughts!!!

## Newsletter Stuff

Please forward this newsletter to any other in the chapter or profession that might be interested. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email [mparkerofpcb@gmail.com](mailto:mparkerofpcb@gmail.com)

## Jobs

<https://careeradvantage.aiha.org/>

<http://jobs.assp.org/>

<https://jobs.bcbp.org>

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

## AIHA Courses

There are several courses and webinars listed on the AIHA website covering offerings until and beyond the new year. Check them out here:

<https://www.aiha.org/events>

## Catalyst

Catalyst is AIHA's exclusive online community where you can network, talk to experts, join a conversation with people who share your interests, and find what you need throughout your journey with AIHA. There are 5 reasons to sign up:

Networking Opportunities

Source of Inspiration

Expand Your Knowledge

Mentorship

Building Strong Relationships

Oh yeah and its an interesting place for some scientific and some not so scientific debate.

<https://www.aiha.org/membership/catalyst>

## Research Priorities

The AIHA Board of Directors approved creating a research strategy as part of the Envisioned Future initiative. This strategy would form the cornerstone of developing an organization-wide, cohesive, purposed, and prioritized program of work. With this realignment strategy, the Association could shift to a more driven focus that professionals would integrate into various organization efforts. Four dimensions to this strategy have been put into place:

Discovery- the inclusion of a systematic, inclusive, and research-based process for identifying content needs and establishing development priorities

Research - conducting ongoing member and market needs assessments, commissioning projects in applied research to develop tools and translate basic science, and anticipating future IH/OEHS needs through futures scanning and in-depth research

Development - instituting an annual process to prioritize and invest in a portfolio of projects to create, revitalize, and repurpose Association knowledge

Evaluation - guiding a continuous review and management of AIHA content and outcomes

Over the course of the last few years, AIHA's Content Portfolio Advisory Group (CPAG) has identified six topic areas that are considered important research areas. AIHA will therefore focus primarily on these emerging issues:

Hazard Banding/OEL Process

Sensor Technologies

Global Standard of Care

IH/OEHS Business Value

Total Worker Exposure

Big Data Management

## Photo of the Month



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