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Fall Conference **October 15-16, 2020**

The Fall Conference will be held as a VIRTUAL EVENT on the originally scheduled dates of October 15-16. The BilMar Resort has extended our contract and will host us for a future event, hopefully in the Fall of 2021.

The 2020 Fall Conference will be held online. We plan to use a new platform called Hopin which will allow conference style presentations (speaker video and presentation simultaneously), It will also have vendor "booths" for interaction with them that is very similar to an exposition hall.

The BilMar Beach Resort in Treasure Island, Florida has offered reduced stays in the event you wish to partake of the scenery and get a sabbatical escape for your training. More on that will follow.

The conference agenda and registration information will be posted on our Upcoming Events page [here](#) soon. We will update it as information allows.

Education will include longer format PDCs on Thursday and shorter general session content on Friday. Topics will include Flint Michigan Water Crisis, Ergonomics, Process Safety Management, Ergonomics, Sampling Equipment, and more.

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/>

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Construction Safety Week Sep 14-18 President's Message

Every day when we walk onto a job site, we know what's on the line. The work. Our reputations. A paycheck. But most importantly, what's really on the line are the lives and livelihood of every person on the job site. That's why we will do everything in our power to ensure that every one of us is safe. Our commitment to safety is a promise to ourselves, our co-workers and the families who rely and count on us. Safety Week is our opportunity to recognize and celebrate that promise to do whatever it takes to send everyone home safely every day.

Safety Week was initially started in 2014, when more than 40 national and global construction firms comprising the Construction Industry Safety Initiative (CISI) group and the Incident and Injury Free (IIF) CEO Forum joined forces with a single aim: to inspire everyone in the industry to be leaders in safety.

In 2016, Safety Week was more formally branded and started to take shape as the fully integrated annual campaign with a growing number of members and sponsors that exists today. We continue to focus on our original mission of:

- Thanking workers for supporting safety and recognizing their efforts to be injury free
- Increasing awareness of the importance of being committed to safety, every day
- Encouraging everyone to share best practices and to work together to strengthen the industry's safety culture
- Conducting on-site safety awareness activities to support education

Dear Members:

I can still remember the first conference I attended: Spring 2007 in Palm Beach. I started working with a small industrial hygiene consulting firm December 2006. I was in my mid-twenties and had no idea what industrial hygiene was. The opportunity to travel with work, learn more about industrial hygiene and meet new people was exciting and also intimidating.

The board was made up of Sherri Nickell, Brian Berke, Allan Schreiber, Albert Baerren, Michelle Ruffini, Bart Geyer, Wendy Benison, and Jamie Poole. Obviously, back then I had no idea who these people were, but since then they have helped to shape the professional I've become. Sherri Nickell always says hi with the most excitement at the conferences. You can tell she really loves this organization. Allan Schreiber talked my ear off one conference about his travels and the work he loves doing. Bart Geyer was the first member to discover I snuck into the 5K run in Indianapolis (2012). (I, later, paid the entry fee.) And Jamie Poole was there with encouragement when I was pregnant and deciding to switch companies. In 2007, I could never had imagined that the board members would become my friends. All I can hope as being a member of the board for 3 years and now as President, is that I, too, will have a positive and lasting effect on our members.

Being president of any organization during a pandemic, like COVID-19, is not ideal. There are going to be additional challenges to combat, but it is my mission to strengthen our membership and comradery during this time. Our Board is currently comprised of intelligent, creative and ambitious industrial hygienists that love this organization. I'm honored to serve on this board and represent the Florida Chapter of the AIHA. We are eager to make this year and the coming years memorable for all of you.

Nacole Caputo

IH Apps and Tools

AIHA offers software tools to provide the practicing industrial hygienist with quick and easy access to the information necessary to evaluate exposure profiles and determine if the exposures are acceptable, not acceptable, or if more data is needed to make the determination. They include:

- IH Exposure Scenario Tool
- Basic Exposure Assessment Spreadsheet
- Qualitative Exposure Assessment Checklist
- IH Mod 2.0
- IH SkinPerm
- IH Stat

and can be accessed here: <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 matthew.parker@atcgs.com

Jobs

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

<https://jobs.bcspp.org>

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene Course

This is a five day virtual course for those newly exposed to industrial hygiene responsibilities or in need of a foundational skill refresher.

Attendees gain exposure to the broad field of industrial hygiene through sampling and workshop sessions, hands-on lab experiences, demo sessions, and problem-solving exercises. This course is not only designed for OEHS professionals new to the field.

Attendees receive:

Current ACGIH TLV/BEI Booklet

Electronic Course Manual

Current AIHA ERPG Handbook

AIHA Occupational Environment

NIOSH Pocket Guide

32 Contact Hours

Register here:

<https://www.aiha.org/education/face-to-face-training/road-courses/fundamentals-industrial-hygiene>

Outgoing President's Message

Hello Everyone!

This spring was a challenge for all of us and disappointing in so many ways. The economic slowdown, canceling of the local chapter spring conference, and cancelling the physical national AIHA conference were all big let downs. At the same time, there were a lot of positive things that occurred this past year and during the quarantine. I appreciate (now more than ever) the great time we had at the fall conference with our colleagues, speakers, and vendors. I'm excited that we were able to award a scholarship to a deserving student at USF this spring. I'm happy to report that I am now an enthusiastic user of Zoom and Meetings in Teams, and really appreciate seeing my clients and coworkers on the computer monitor (note to self: check your hair and your background before turning the camera on...). I appreciate our Florida chapter board and their willingness to adapt and move forward with the new challenges that we were given. Of course I'm grateful for all of our Florida chapter members and vendors, and your understanding during these uncharted times. Finally, I'm thankful for the additional time that I spent with my family (who knew that grocery shopping would become the main event that everyone wanted to participate in!).

As Nacole Caputo steps into her new role as president, I'm excited to see the changes and growth that will be made as a result of these new times. The board will continue to need your support and participation as we continue to schedule future conferences and events. We value your ideas and creativity, and encourage you be an active participant in our chapter. If you have never served as a board member with our chapter, then I can't recommend it highly enough. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this group, working with other board members, and serving all of the chapter members. Thank you for this opportunity!

I look forward to seeing and *being* with everyone at the Fall conference!

Remember to have courage and be kind,

Mike

Photo of the Month

