



Oregon Environmental Health Association

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Oregon Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference

A joint conference with the Oregon Public Health Association

2011 Agenda – Environmental Health Stream

October 10 – 11th, 2011, OSU Campus, Corvallis, OR

Monday, October 10th, 2011:

8:00am – 8:45am: **Registration & Continental Breakfast:**

8:45am – 9:30am: **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Austin Auditorium

Charlie Fautin, RN, MPH
President – Oregon Public Health Association

Ian Stromquist, REHS
President - Oregon Environmental Health Association

Tammy Bray, PhD Dean, College of Public Health and
Human Sciences Oregon State University

Julie Manning
Mayor, Corvallis

9:30am – 10:30am: **Keynote Speaker:**

Austin Auditorium

Mike Bonetto, PhD, MPH Health Policy Advisor
Office of the Governor

10:30am – 10:45am: **Break**

10:45am – Noon:

Concurrent Session #1:

Alumni Center, Rm 115

Bill Emminger, REHS
Benton County Environmental Health Supervisor
‘Are Inspections Effective at Preventing Outbreaks?’

From January 1, 1984 through October 22, 2010 seven outbreaks were associated with fraternities and sororities with 85.7% (6/7) of the outbreaks involving fraternities. Since 2008 five of those outbreaks have been associated with fraternities. Both the number of reported outbreaks and the frequency of outbreaks associated with fraternities are increasing.

Historically both fraternities and sororities requested voluntary food safety inspections from at least 1984, the earliest records that I have been able to compile. Fraternities began opting out of voluntary contract inspections in June 2004 with the dissolution of their Management Coop. In 2004, 90% (18/20) of the fraternities chose not to do voluntary contract inspections returning briefly in 2009. A cost-benefit analysis was performed comparing costs associated with these outbreaks and the cost of inspection.

Noon – 1:15pm:

Luncheon and Networking Groups:

Food served in the Alumni Center

Kaline Rosman, REHS, Coos County Health
Department, Environmental Health
**‘Networking / Round Table for: New
Environmental Health Specialists Entering the
Field’**

Alumni Center, Rm 115

1:15pm – 2:30pm:

Concurrent Session #2:

Alumni Center, Rm 115

Bonnie Widerburg, MPA, Public Health Educator, Oregon
Public Health Division
‘Algae Blooms in Oregon’

Harmful algae blooms in Oregon appear to be on the increase, both in numbers and in counties affected. In 2005 HABS issued six health advisories for water bodies in three Oregon counties; by 2010 the number of advisories issued grew to 22 for water bodies in nine counties.

The Oregon Public Health Division’s Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program, funded through a 5-year federal grant, is finishing up its third year. The program has greatly improved coordination and communication aspects of advising the public when a bloom of toxigenic algae has been detected.

Other tasks include entering bloom data and human and animal illness reports into a national data base and outreach and education activities to build awareness among the public and key affected groups.

2:30pm – 2:45pm:

Break

2:45pm – 4:00pm:

Concurrent Session #3:

Alumni Center, Rm 115

LCDR Gino K Begluitti, MPH, CIH, CHMM, Deputy
Branch Chief, Industrial Hygienist, U.S. Public Health
Service

'Emergency Response to Recovered Chemical Weapons'

In June, 2010. The E.S.S. Pursuit was conducting clam dredging operations of the coast of New Jersey and accidently retrieved several chemical weapon munitions, of which one fell from the conveyer and began to leak a dark brown liquid. The fishermen returned the leaking munitions to the ocean and continued with operations. Approximately 6-8 hours later, a fisherman, with exposure to the liquid, began to develop blisters and was dropped off at New Bedford, MA where the E.S.S Pursuit was off-loading.

This presentation will focus on the public and environmental health response and recovery that followed this event, highlighting the major challenges and successes of the local and state public health professionals.

4:00pm – 5:00pm:

Annual General Meeting (OEHA):

Alumni Center, Rm 115

- Election of Association Officers
 - The following positions need to be filled (two year terms):
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Vice-President
 - President Elect
 - Eastern Regional Rep.
 - NW Regional Rep.
 - Mid-Willamette Regional Rep.
- Emerging issues in Oregon Environmental Health
 - Michael E. Kucinski, REHS, Environmental Health Registration Board, Chair & Oregon DEQ, Water Quality/Onsite Manager
- Fundraising Goals
- Constitution & By-Laws

4:00pm – 6:00pm:

Break & Networking:

Alumni Center Lobby

(Hors d'oeuvres)

Poster Session

– *End of First Day* –

OEHA will hold a fundraising luncheon on Tuesday, October 11th (tomorrow). Please bring donations for auction.

The money will be used to fund our scholarship program and other charitable donations to organizations such as 'Public Health International'.

For more information, please visit the OEHA web-site at:

<http://www.oregoneha.org/aec.htm> (click the 'fundraising' link)

Tuesday, October 11th, 2011:

- 8:00am – 8:30am: **Registration & Continental Breakfast:**
- 8:30am – 9:30am: **Welcome and Introductory Comments:** Austin Auditorium
- Chris Kabel, MPH
President – Oregon Public Health Association
- Jim Solvedt, REHS
President – Oregon Environmental Health Association
- 9:30am – 10:30am: **Keynote Speaker:** Austin Auditorium
- Patricia Butterfield, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean & Professor of the College of Nursing Washington
State University
**‘Household Environmental Health Risks to Rural
Children - Risks and Perceptions of Risk’**
- 10:30am – 10:45am: **Break**
- 10:45am – Noon: **Concurrent Session #4:** Alumni Center, Rm 115
- Kristen Stiegler, MPA, Oregon State Hazardous Substance
Incident Surveillance (HSIS) Program
**‘Tracking and planning for acute chemical accidents in
Oregon’**
- The objective of this presentation is to spread awareness about the
Hazardous Substance Incident Surveillance (HSIS) program and build a
relationship between state and county health departments. At minimum,
we will inform counties of our reporting requirements to notify counties
of hazardous substance spills in their county. We will also present the
historical basis for the program and explain opportunities for
partnerships.*
- This presentation can facilitate a better relationship between the HSIS
program and county environmental health specialists. We can work
towards safer communities with state-county cooperation in hazardous
substance emergency event prevention and preparation.*
- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has the
congressional mandate to develop and provide the public health and
toxicological information for community awareness and emergency
planning as a part of CERCLA and SARA Title III. Oregon is one of
seven other states funded to perform state-based hazardous substance
spill and release surveillance. We use this data to develop education and
chemical accident prevention materials.*

12:00pm – 1:30pm: **OEHA Fundraising Luncheon:** *Food served in the Alumni Center*
Scholarship Fund & Public Health International Fundraising
Auction Alumni Center, Rm 115

Remember to bring donations!

1:30pm – 1:45pm: **Break**

1:45pm – 3:00pm: **Concurrent Session #5:** Alumni Center, Rm 115
'Debris removal following an emergency' topic
(To be announced)

3:00pm – 3:15pm: **Break**

3:15pm – 4:30pm: **Concurrent Session #6:** Alumni Center, Rm 115
John Mason, REHS, Deshutes County, Environmental
Health
'Swimming Pool Regulation Seminar'

– Conference Conclusion –

Each year OEHA sponsors annual and regional conferences covering topics which may include food production & safety, waste water disposal, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, disaster response, and other educational seminars as the need arises. The speakers for these educational conferences are recruited not only from Oregon, but also from other parts of the U.S. Speakers come from local, state, federal agencies, universities, and private industries.

As well, OEHA plays an active role in environmental health policy development in the State of Oregon. We have active members serving and/or advising several legislative advisory committees such as: Oregon Drinking Water Advisory Committee, the Committee of Local Environmental Health Supervisors, the Oregon Health Licensing Agency, etc.

Whenever policy issues arise, we act to protect both our profession and the quality of public health in Oregon.

Ian G. Stromquist, REHS, OEHA – President, 2009-2011

***"Education is a continuing process, the distillation of life experiences and, and not only something dispensed in schools and based on books alone...
Knowing that [disease outbreaks] exist, it is essential that unnecessary human suffering and illness be prevented by the application of existing knowledge."***

Joseph A. Salvato (1917 – 2001)

Formerly: Commissioner, Division of Sanitation Engineering, New York State Department of Health.
Principal author of: Environmental Engineering. John Wiley & Sons, Inc Publishing



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OEHA Elections Nomination Form:
Officers, Directors & Regional Representatives

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS	
Section 1	The officers and directors of the Association shall be “President, President-Elect, and Vice President” who are elected to a term of office not to exceed two (2) years; a secretary who shall be elected in even numbered years and a treasurer, who shall be elected in odd numbered years, both for a term of two (2) years; the retiring President, who shall automatically become a Director for the ensuing year; and additional Directors of sufficient number to provide one Regional Director for each established region to serve a term of three (3) years. Retirement dates shall be staggered. The minimum number of Directors, other than Officers, shall be three (3) and the Board of Directors shall determine the maximum number of Directors. A reduction in the number of Directors shall not affect the term of an existing Director unless such person voluntarily resigns their position.
Section 2	The President-Elect shall serve as such from the close of the Annual Meeting at which elected, to the close of the Annual Meeting in which they shall automatically assume the office of President, OEHA.
Section 3	The officers and Directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by mail or at the annual meeting, shall be installed into office at the close of the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office until their successors have been qualified.

- Excerpt from the OEHA Constitution -

Your Information:

Name: _____ **OEHA Membership Status:** Active, Associate, Life, Retired, Other

Phone #: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Make your nominations for the following open OEHA positions:

President Elect	Vice-President
Treasurer	Secretary
Eastern Regional Representative	NW Regional Representative
Mid-Willamette Regional Representative	

Return your nominations to Ian Stromquist, REHS, OEHA President, at: 1109 June St., Hood River OR, 97031; ian.stromquist@co.hood-river-or.us; 541-386-9181 (fax)