



Oregon Environmental Health Association

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**Oregon Environmental Health Association
Annual Education Conference**

2010 Agenda

September 13-15th, 2010, Bend, OR

Monday, September 13th, 2010:

9:30am – 10am: Pool Inspector Seminars (Concurrent Sessions) Registration

10am: General Conference Registration

Concurrent Session:

10 – 11am: John Mason, REHS, Deschutes
County
Pool Inspection 101

11am – Noon: Dr. Mel Kohn, MD, Oregon DHS
State of Environmental Health & Emergency Preparedness in Oregon

Lunch (noon – 1pm)

1 – 2pm: Bill Emminger, REHS, Benton County Environmental Health
Review of a foodborne disease outbreak investigation from three perspectives. The rapid coordination of resources and investigation were critical to prevent a much larger outbreak at the Newport Seafood and Wine Festival.

2 – 3:30pm: Dr. William Keene, State Epidemiologist, Oregon DHS
Approaches to Restaurant Outbreak Investigations: The epidemiology of foodborne illness outbreaks

3:45 – 4:45pm: Katy King, Government Relations Manager, Public Health Division
Katy will discuss the functions of the Government Relations Office at the Public Health Division. Some topics covered may include: The Oregon DHS Lobby; Legislative language formulation; legal public employee lobbying; and The process of creating a new statute.

4:45 – 5:45pm: Annette Pampush, REHS, Tillamook County
Annette will discuss her experiences working in Equator with Public Health International.

Break (5:45 – 6:00pm)

6:00pm: OEHA General Membership Meeting

6:30pm: Networking Dinner

Tuesday, September 14th, 2010:

8am: Registration

8:30 – 9:50am: James Roddey, Oregon Department of Geology

It has been just over 310 years since a magnitude 9.0 earthquake shook our region. That's a bigger earthquake than the recent Haitian and Chilean earthquakes combined. New scientific evidence indicates there is a strong probability that the next 'Big One' will strike within our lifetime or our children's lifetime. If this makes you nervous, good, because it is time to get real about getting prepared for an earthquake and tsunami that will profoundly affect our lives here in the Pacific Northwest. James Roddey, the Prophet of Doom from the Oregon Department of Geology, will lead a lively, informative and empowering discussion about the great earthquakes in our past and how we can all work together to get prepared for 'The Big One' in our future. This is a message everyone needs to hear.

Break (9:50 – 10am)

10 – 11am: Henry E. Oliva, Regional Manager, Oregon Childcare Division
Contemporary issues and concerns in childcare facilities

Concurrent Session:
10 – 11am: John Mason, REHS, Deschutes County
Pool Inspection, Chemistry Cause & Affect

11 – noon: Michael Heumann, MPA, Oregon Public Health Division

This presentation will link the work of Environmental Public Health in Oregon with emergency preparedness and climate change. It will draw linkages between the priority threats and the capabilities and skills among those of us working in Environmental Public Health in Oregon. In addition, this presentation will provide information preparedness efforts regarding the long-term threats of climate change and natural hazards. The knowledge, skills and abilities of environmental public health professionals are critical to advancing our abilities not only to respond to disasters, but also to helping communities become more resilient.

Lunch (noon – 1pm)

1 – 2pm: Dr. Michael L. Holcomb, PhD, Oregon State Toxicologist

My team will describe the chemical and radiation hazards located in Oregon and the health concerns associated with exposures. We may bring the Public Health Emergency Response Chemical and Radiation Mobile Laboratory for those that would like a tour of our capacities.

2 – 3pm: Wendell Wrzesinski, Umatilla Chemical Weapons Depot

The U.S. Army's Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility began operations in September 2004 to destroy the stockpile of nerve and blister agents stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot near Hermiston, OR. To date, the facility has safely incinerated all nerve weapons and has started on its final campaign – the elimination of mustard (blister) agent stored in steel containers. Mr. Wrzesinski will provide a project update and discuss the facility's management practices to protect workers, the environment and surrounding communities while destroying the last of Umatilla's chemical munitions.

Break (3:00 – 3:15pm)

3:15 – 4:15pm: Kim A. Anderson, PhD, Environmental and Molecular Toxicology, OSU

Dr. Anderson is the Director of the Food Safety and Environmental Stewardship Program at Oregon State University. She has recently conducted research regarding the toxicity of the air and water in the Gulf of Mexico. Her discussion will focus on a variety of topics including the safety of seafood, worker safety (gulf-cleanup), etc.

4:15 – 5:15pm: Ron Baker, REHS, Public Health International

Public Health International (PHI) is a nonsectarian, voluntary organization working to prevent death and disease through the implementation of basic, low cost public health programs throughout the world in disaster settings, refugee situations and developing countries.

Break (5:15 – 6:30pm)

Banquette Dinner & Fundraiser (6:30pm)

Wednesday, September 15th, 2010:

8am: Registration

8:30 – 9:30am: Teri Talofer, North Central Public Health District

'Young Life' is a large organized youth camp in remote Eastern Oregon. Its facilities can accommodate up to 500 campers. It is a full service facility with lodging, food service, swimming pools, etc. They have plans to expand their capacity to up to 1000 campers. Teri will discuss an H1N1 Flu outbreak that occurred there in the spring of 2009 and the Health District's response.

9:30 – 10:30am: John Reel, Oregon DEQ

This presentation focus on the blending of facilitative mediation and non-verbal communications approaches to minimize or remove customer conflict during periods of controversy and under high stress. Practical tools for real world situations: (1) Recognizing issue triggers (2) Learning how to breathe well under stress (3) Communication two and three point (4) Approaching controversial topics (5) How to ask question and reframe responses.

Break (10:30 – 10:45am)

10:45 – noon: Collette Whelan, RN, Oregon Public Health Division

Presentation includes: (1) Collette's personal experiences while responding in Haiti after the devastating Earthquake (2010); (2) Federal disaster and emergency response framework.

Lunch (noon – 1pm)

1 – 2pm: John Mason, REHS, Deschutes County

Contemporary Issues in Public Swimming Pool Regulation.

2 – 3pm: Randy Everitt, Director of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency

Contemporary issues in Environmental Health Registration & Licensing

- 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 or 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