

Important Dates and Deadlines

Volunteer Groups and SIGs Business Plans and Funding Requests— Deadline	July 1
Open Comment Period on Proposed AIHA Bylaws Changes— Deadline	July 1
2018 Deep South Section Summer Seminar	July 11
2018 Georgia Local Section Summer Meeting	July 19
Leadership Workshop (<i>by invitation only</i>)	July 20–22
Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), NIOSH — Deadline	August 1
AIHce EXP 2019 PDC and Education Session Submissions — Deadline	September 5
Future Leaders Institute	September 21–23
IOHA 2018	September 24–26
Product Stewardship 2018 Conference	September 27–29
2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference	October 10–12
Road Course: Exposure and Chemical Monitoring—Beyond IH Fundamentals	October 15–17
2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section	November 7

CALL TO ACTION

AIHA Opens Comment Period on Proposed Bylaws Changes

Between June 1 and July 1, AIHA is accepting comments on proposed changes to the association’s bylaws. Members are invited to submit comments to [Elsa Greer](#). Two new documents related to the proposed changes are available for download from the [AIHA website](#).

Call for Proposals Open for AIHce EXP 2019

Share your experience and knowledge by [presenting at AIHce EXP 2019](#). AIHce PDCs and education sessions are the quintessential opportunity for you to share ideas, explore new concepts and introduce participants to the latest OEHS trends, technology and best practices.

Important AIHce 2019 Dates:

- September 5, 2018—Deadline for submission of PDCs, Education Sessions, Ignite, and Professional Posters
- November 2018—Acceptance notifications for PDCs and education sessions will be sent
- March 2019—Deadline for submission of Student Posters
- April 2019—Acceptance notifications for Student Posters will be sent

NIOSH Seeks Public Comments

NIOSH is seeking public comments on its draft [National Occupational Research Agenda \(NORA\) for Healthcare and Social Assistance](#). Do you believe it would be appropriate and beneficial for AIHA to comment? If so, [please complete this survey](#).

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), NIOSH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the BSC, NIOSH. The BSC consists of 15 experts in fields associated with occupational safety and health. **Deadline: August 1.**

Share Your Knowledge and Influence Professional Practice

The [AIHA Distinguished Lecture Program](#), sponsored by the Fellows SIG, continues to serve as a source of vetted subject matter experts who have volunteered to share their knowledge and expertise with others in our profession. [Add your name](#) to the ranks today!

VOLUNTEER GROUPS & SIGS

AIHA NIOSH Project Sign-Up Sheet

NIOSH is interested in (1) finding partners who can provide access to workplaces for investigation in the following areas; (2) providing information about its research in these areas; and (3) identifying Apps that would help you in your work. To learn more about the type of study/workplace needs, please see the [online form](#).

Volunteer Groups and SIGs Annual Business Plans and Funding Requests—Deadline: July 1

All Volunteer Groups and SIGs are required to submit an annual [Business Plan and Funding Requests](#) for proposed projects that will require funding. Funding requests are reviewed by staff, Board Liaisons, and the AIHA Finance Committee, with final approval by the AIHA Board of Directors.

Volunteer Groups/Committees to Have Communities on Catalyst

As the demand for online communities continue to grow, [Catalyst](#) will be rolling out communities for each of the volunteer groups, working groups and committees. Instead of utilizing the traditional SharePoint site via the AIHA website, your Catalyst community will now serve that purpose. Full details will be emailed soon!

STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

Student Poster Abstract Submissions for AIHce EXP 2019

Displaying a poster at a major conference like AIHce EXP is a fantastic way to gain visibility for your research. The interactions you have during a poster session can help you make connections with professionals in the field and gain recognition for your education institution. AIHA will be seeking [student poster submissions](#) under a separate review timeline that reflects university schedules. **Deadline: March 2019.**

First-Generation College Students More Engaged Than Peers (Source: *Inside Higher Ed*)

By Ashley A. Smith

Popular perceptions of first-generation college students as being unsure about college and academically unprepared to succeed may not be true. [New research from Campus Labs](#), a higher education data collection and software company, examined the noncognitive skills of... *read the full article [here](#).*

STEM Education Coalition Joined Landmark White House Gathering of Nationwide STEM Leaders (Source: *STEM Education Coalition*)

James Brown, Executive Director of the STEM Education Coalition, was recently invited to attend the first-of-its-kind State-Federal Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education Summit hosted by The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy... *read the full article [here](#).*

Learn the Basics with Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene

One of AIHA's most popular courses, *Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene* is designed for OEHS professionals new to industrial hygiene and/or those who have newly acquired IH responsibilities. This [course](#) teaches the basics of industrial hygiene through sampling and workshop sessions, hands-on lab experiences, demo sessions, and problem-solving exercises.

Enhance Your Expertise: Exposure and Chemical Monitoring: Beyond IH Fundamentals

Building on IH fundamentals, this intermediate [course](#) is designed to provide additional training and knowledge in the aspects of industrial hygiene chemical monitoring through group exercises and discussion. Attendees work in groups of four and build on their knowledge gained in the *Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene* course.

CATALYST

Have You Adopted Catalyst as the Newest Resource Tool in Your Arsenal?

With a 93% email open rate, [Catalyst](#) is the first place to turn to when making connections, seeking solutions or providing insight on best practices and lessons learned. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Kincheloe: lkincheloe@aiha.org

Mentor Match

Are you interested in being a mentor or mentee? We are implementing an additional feature on Catalyst that will provide members the opportunity to apply, and will include a searchable database of volunteers based on specific self-reported criteria. Stay tuned to learn more about exciting feature that will be made available very soon!

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

A Recipe for Disaster or Something Amazing

US President Donald J. Trump wants to consolidate the US Department of Labor and Department of Education, and merge NIOSH into NIH according to a [proposal](#) released by the ... *read the full post [here](#).*

US House Passes 19 Opioid-Related Bills

No fewer than [19 bills](#) have been not just debated, but passed by the House. The House also passed [H.R.5892](#), which would create an Advisory Committee on Opioids and the Workplace, under the Department of Labor. Please click [here](#) to check out the letter that AIHA and more than 40 organizations sent to Congress in support of this bill.

State Compliance Guide

AIHA has hired MultiState Associates Inc., a full-service state and local government affairs firm based in Alexandria, VA (DC-metro area), to assist AIHA and its members in understanding lobbying laws in all 50 states and dozens of municipalities. This is a service that [AIHA members have access to 24/7](#).

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AIHce EXP 2019 Call for Proposal Portal Open!

Share your experience and knowledge at AIHce EXP 2019! AIHce PDCs and education sessions are where you can introduce participants to the latest OEHS trends, technology and best practices. Contribute to the conference and the profession by [submitting a presentation](#) in your area of expertise. **Deadline: September 5.**

IOHA Education Program

Learn from top influencers in the IH/OEHS industry, bringing their expertise from around the world. The [11th IOHA International Scientific Conference](#), offers education in several topic areas, including: hazard recognition, evaluation and controls; industries; physical hazards; IH program management; and emerging issues. Join us in *bringing better health to workers worldwide!*

The Results Are In! Recognition of Excellence in Education at AIHce EXP 2018

We hear time and time again that education is one of the top reasons for attendance at AIHce EXP. This year we held 67 PDCs and 170 sessions with well over 500 speakers and moderators. Did you know that overall average rating of AIHce EXP's PDCs was 4.17 out of 5? And our main conference education overall average was 4.19!

We would like to take a moment recognize the volunteers that help us to provide the top-notch education that AIHce EXP is known for.

The Top Performing Professional Development Courses (PDCs):

1. **Methods and Applications for Chemical Detection in Real Time**, *taught by Philip Smith, PhD, CIH, Jim Cornish, Robert Henderson, MBA, and William Mills.*
2. **Strengthening EHS Leadership & Teamwork**, *taught by Carter Ficklen III, CIH, CSP, Jason Kunz, and Perry Logan, PhD, CIH.*
3. **The Fundamentals of an Effective Respiratory Protection Program**, *taught by Megan Torgrude, Jessica Hauge, CIH, CSP, MPH, and Scott Larson, CIH CSP.*
4. **If I'm Teaching, Why Aren't They Learning?!**, *taught by Jonathan Klane, M.S.Ed., CIH, CSP.*
5. **Electrical Safety I—Basic Principles & Engineering Controls**, *taught by Paul Zoubek, CSP, CIH, CESCO.*

The Top Performing Education Sessions:

1. **Bring Out Your Dead: Changing Exposures in the Death Industry**, *presented by Eva Glosson and Kat Gregerson, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.*
2. **Days of Our Lives: Practical Applications for the IH Laboratory and their Customers. Part 4: A Stranger in Town: HSE Role in Protecting Worker Encounters with Illicit Drugs**, *presented by Roberta Smith, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and Donna S. Heidel, CIH, FAIHA, AIHA Board, Bureau Veritas North America.*
3. **Healthcare Worker Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Drugs**, *presented by Dr. Christine Roussel, PharmD, BCOP, Doylestown Hospital.*
4. **Ask the Expert: Opioids Keynote Panel**, *presented by Steven E. Lacey, PhD, CIH, CSP, Kemp Chester, Associate Director of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy, Donna S. Heidel, CIH, FAIHA, AIHA Board, John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, MBA, Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and Fire Commissioner Adam K. Thiel, Philadelphia.*
5. **Upton Sinclair Lecture: North America's Invisible Workers**, *presented by Sara Mojtehdzadeh, Toronto Star.*

LOCAL SECTIONS

Calling All Local Section Officers

Did you know that there is a community just for Local Section Officers on [Catalyst](#)? The community offers features to post announcements, share files, start discussions, and includes a roster of officers. Learn about your AIHA Board Liaisons, the Local Section Council, and the Local Section Regional Representatives.

AIHA Deep South Local Section

The [2018 Deep South Section Summer Seminar](#), hosted by the Monsanto Plant in Luling, LA, will be held on July 11.

AIHA Georgia Local Section

The [2018 Georgia Local Section Summer Meeting](#) will be held on July 19 at the F. Wayne Hill Water Treatment Plant in Buford, GA. **Registration deadline: July 4.**

AIHA Potomac Section

The Potomac Section of the AIHA is now accepting abstracts for the [Safety and Cultural Heritage Summit: Preserving Our Heritage and Protecting Our Health](#) Fall Professional Development Seminar. **Deadline: August 1.**

AIHA Pacific Northwest Local Section

The [2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held on October 10–12 at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA.

AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section

The [2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section](#) Fall PDC will be held on November 7. Contact the [Michaela A. Hall](#) for more details.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)

AIHF Mission Statement Updated

In order to meet the needs of all of our scholarship recipients, we are very pleased to announce that the [AIHF mission statement](#) has been officially updated. The modified version better describes the Foundation's responsibility to advance the profession by awarding scholarships for funding education and professional development opportunities in industrial hygiene and related disciplines.

Make an AIHF Donation and Get an AIHF LOVE Pin



At AIHce EXP 2018, AIHF sold LOVE-themed conference pins in support of their mission. If you missed the chance to show your support at AIHce EXP, keep the love flowing by donating to the Foundation—make an [online donation](#) of \$20 or more and we'll send you the 2018 LOVE pin as a token of our gratitude.

New Scholarship: Minority Special Interest Group

The Minority Special Interest Group Scholarship is a new scholarship this year. The funds for the scholarship come from members of the MSIG. The scholarship was created to honor the diverse demographics of AIHA's minority population and the contributions made by those members.

NIOSH

Nominations Open for the 2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards™ — **Deadline: July 15**

Nominations [are being accepted](#) for the **2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award™**. The award, given by NIOSH in partnership with the [National Hearing Conservation Association](#), recognizes those who demonstrate, by example, the benefits of developing or following good hearing loss prevention practices.

NIOSH and FDA Collaboration Streamlines Regulatory Oversight for N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators

In a collaborative effort to harmonize regulatory oversight of N95 filtering facepiece respirators, or N95s, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have joined forces to help reduce... *read the full article [here](#).*

IOSH Issues First Report on Ergonomics in Pharmacies (Source: APhA)

A new [report](#) from CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) might be what pharmacists need to get the conversation going about ergonomics—otherwise known as the science of making an environment safe, healthy, and... .. *read the full article [here](#).*

NIOSH Issues Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for Health Care Workers (Source: National Safety Council)

[New guidance](#) from NIOSH is intended to help protect health care workers from exposure to illicit, non-pharmaceutical [fentanyl](#), a synthetic opioid considered up to 50 times more potent than heroin... *read the full article [here](#).*

CDC

CDC Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the July 24 meeting for the [Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews \(SDRR\) of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health](#) (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period.

OSHA

Trench Safety Stand Down: Protecting American Workforce

Few people think about where their electricity or water comes from when they switch on a light or wash their dishes. However, Americans are on the job in trenches every day installing and repairing utility lines to ensure those conveniences are always available. It is critical for these workers... *read the full article [here](#).*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

U.S. Department of Labor Awards \$7 Million to States to Support Occupational Licensing Reform

As part of the U.S. Department of Labor's ongoing efforts to encourage occupational licensing reform, the Department announced the recipients of \$7 million in grants to help states review and streamline their occupational licensing rules... *read the full article [here](#).*

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MSHA Continues to Solicit Information on Underground Miner Exposure to Diesel Exhaust (Source: Lexology)

MSHA continues to request information from underground stakeholders concerning the exposure of underground miners to diesel exhaust... *read the full article [here](#).*

MSHA Seeks Data on Technologies to Improve Safety Conditions for America's Miners

MSHA is [seeking data on technologies](#) that can improve safety conditions for America's miners. MSHA's Request for Information (RFI) focuses on reducing accidents involving mobile equipment at surface mines, and belt conveyors at surface and underground mines.

MSHA Announces \$10.5 Million in State Grant Funding

MSHA has announced the availability of \$10,537,000 in state grant funding to provide federally mandated training and retraining of miners and mine operators working at surface and... *get the full details [here](#).*

CHEVRON

Chevron STEM Zone

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Chevron have joined forces to open the [Chevron STEM Zone](#), an experiential and hands-on learning exhibit on the PNC Park Riverwalk in Pittsburgh, PA. The Chevron STEM Zone teaches kids about science, technology, engineering and math through sports and empowers the next generation of data scientists, structural engineers, broadcast technicians and more!