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Promote, protect, and enhance occupational health, safety, and environmental professionals in their efforts to improve the health and well-being of workers, the community, and the environment.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Barb O'Kane

Education Committee Chair

2008 brings a bit of a departure from the Education Committee's normal routine. This year, rather than offering the CIH exam preparation course, the Education Committee will be focusing on providing Membership more in-depth courses. The Committee plans on offering several half-day Professional Development Courses throughout the year. Details are still being worked out, but the first PDC will be offered in either March or April. These courses will be offered at a very reasonable rate and continuing education points will be awarded. Please keep an eye out for electronic mailings and updates in this newsletter.

To further support the membership's continuing education, the Education Committee will be hosting teleweb virtual seminars throughout the year. AIHA-RMS offers these telewebs at huge cost savings to the membership. Attendees pay a mere fraction of what they would have to pay if they registered for the course on their own. [Note: attendees are still responsible for the cost most organizations charge for the continuing education points (around \$25.00).] These events are offered in a comfortable location and typically in the Golden area. The Education Committee is aware of events offered by the AIHA, ACGIH and the ASSE, but if you learn of an interesting teleweb event from some other organization, please forward the event details to education@aiha-rms.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the next education event.

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2008 FALL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

*John Colvin
President Elect*

The date for the 2008 Fall Technical Conference has been confirmed; **October 21st and 22nd** at the Arvada Center.

As the President-Elect, I would like to gather volunteers for various aspects of planning this year's Fall Tech Conference. All members of the Fall Tech Planning Committee would be involved in brainstorming the theme of this year's conference and determining topics of interest and speakers that could address such topics. A couple of ideas for topics have already emerged: (1) industrial hygiene problem solving, possibly a panel discussion; and (2) methods to present per-data in reports that are persuasive, concise, and geared for a particular audience. Other tasks in the committee would include:

1. Establishing contacts with other professional groups such as Occupational Health Physicians, Nurses, Medical Technicians, Health Physicists, Risk Managers, Ergonomists and Physical Therapists;
2. Contacting the vendors to provide booths during the conference;
3. Calling potential sponsors;
4. Serving during the conference at check in and set up; and
5. Marketing the conference.



If you are interested in any assisting with any of the above tasks, please contact me (John Colvin) at john@cirsa.org or (303) 807-4729. I have served on this committee three times over the last dozen years, and it is always a good time working with great people.

Also, remember we are members of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. With the Democratic National Convention coming to Denver, this would be a great year to promote our profession. How many of us would like to hear the joke "No, we don't clean teeth" one more time? You are welcome to come to any of the monthly Denver Metro "after hours" gatherings to mingle. It is really tough duty! You grab free drinks and appetizers and talk to Denver's business leaders in an informal setting. I made about ten important contacts during the last "after hours" gathering. Since we are members through our Association (AIHA-RMS), we need to be careful to promote the profession and not our own business. However people are always interested in knowing what you do. The average age at such events is 35 to 40, and the folks I have met have been a lot of fun. Just imagine what our local section could do if we had 5 to 8 members at each "after hours" event, and we had the opportunity to tell business leaders what we do as health, safety and environmental professionals. The February "after hours" networking event was at the new Children's Hospital in Aurora, and the next one on March 20th will be at Dick's Sporting Goods Park (Rapids Stadium) in Commerce City. All these "after hours" sessions are on the **3rd Thursday** of the month. See www.denverchamber.org for details and click on Events.

If you would like to be on the Fall Technical Conference Planning Committee or are interested in any of the activities above, please contact me. I am looking forward to attending AIHA National's Leadership Workshop in Fairfax, VA on February 29th - March 2nd, and will come back with a lot of enthusiasm and ideas. I also look forward to working with many of you this year. I appreciate last month's newsletter article on volunteerism that Jenny Meyer wrote.

And, save the date: October 21st - 22nd for the 2008 Fall Technical Conference.

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CALENDAR

Date/Time	What	Location	Additional Info.
March 20th	AIHA Teleweb: How to Improve Respirator Fit Testing (Anthropometrics)		
April 8th	ASSE/AIHA Joint Meeting: Emergency Response to the Holly Tornado	Garcia's Restaurant (lunch)	
April 17th	AIHA Teleweb: Intro to Bayesian-Based Decision Making		
May 31—June 5	AIHce	Minneapolis, MN	
Oct.21—22	AIHA-RMS Fall Technical Con- ference	Arvada Center	
Nov 8—11	PCIH	Tampa, FL	

