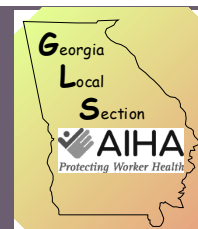


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GLS President's Column – October 2010

When I think of fall, I always think of freshly sharpened #2 pencils, brand new shoes, and notebooks full of clean paper. Whether you have children starting a new school year or you have decided to embark on a new adventure yourself, fall seems to be the perfect time to take that freshly sharpened #2 pencil and make your mark on the world. I am humbled as I step into the "new" shoes to take on the role as President of the Georgia Local Section of AIHA. I am grateful for the direction and leadership that Barb Epstien has provided me. She did such a marvelous job as President; these are certainly large shoes to fill indeed.

I am also excited to have a wonderful Executive Committee and Board of Directors to collaborate with this year. We have worked hard to put together a diverse group of presentations for our Fall meeting. Dr. Yulia Iossifova, who joined GLS in 2009, will be presenting her research on the risk of mycosis among individuals with silicosis. I

highly encourage you to read her publication "Concurrent Silicosis and Pulmonary Mycosis at Death," which was published in this February's Emerging Infectious Diseases. Mr. William Carvajal, who has worked across the globe, is bringing his expertise in corporate security to discuss what workplace violence prevention and security means for an industrial hygienist in a global economy. Mr. Thomas Dean, CSP will help our membership diversify their training by providing a safety presentation on an Overview of Arc Flash/Blast Injury Prevention, based on a full day class offered through a Susan Harwood Targeted Training grant.

We will also be presenting a live TeleWeb hosted by AIHA titled, "Cell Phone Pants and Other Hot

Topics in Non-Ionizing Radiation." This TeleWeb will be ABIH approved for 0.42 IH certification maintenance (CM) points, has been awarded 0.25 continuance of certification (COCs) points for CSPs and provides 0.25 continuing education units (CEUs). However, AIHA requires that a final exam be completed for all Distance Learning Courses. What does that mean for you? Check out page 6 of this newsletter to find out how to claim your CM points.

As president, I want to take time out to listen to our membership. I encourage you all to take part in shaping the direction for future meetings by providing feedback on what topics

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Message from AIHA to Local Section and Volunteer Group Leaders

In the fall of 2009, the AIHA Board of Directors began the process of developing a new strategic plan for the association to carry us through the next five years. That effort culminated at the 2010 Board strategic planning meeting held this past July. Representatives from the Academy of Industrial Hygiene, the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation, Local Sections and ABIH were included throughout the process, making for a cohesive and inclusive plan that will guide our efforts in the coming years.

The AIHA 2011-2015 strategic plan can be found on our [Web site](#) at. Please use the strategic goals and associated priorities defined in the strategic plan to help guide your volunteer group priorities and efforts.

In addition to the new strategic plan there were several other important outcomes from the meeting:

1. We developed a new mission statement that is concise and easily understood: "Creating Knowledge to Protect Worker Health." We also developed a new vision statement that I think truly inspires us to action: "Elimination of Workplace Illnesses."
2. We revised the AIHA Core Values as follows:
 - Prevention of illnesses and injuries
 - Advocacy and development of science-based policy and practice
 - Respect for workers and communities

- Support for employers and employees
- Respect for our members

The full description of each of the revised values is included in the strategic plan.

As I noted in my President's Message in the September issue of *The Synergist*, one of the most important outcomes of the meeting was coming to consensus that industrial hygiene is an exposure risk assessment and management discipline under the umbrella of public health.

We have also taken a major step in moving forward our strategic priorities with the formation of four project teams:

- Core Competencies – Led by Gayla McCluskey and Perry Logan from the Academy

- Membership and Local Sections – Led by Dan Anna, AIHA Secretary-Elect
 - International – Led by Alan Leibowitz and Charles Redinger, AIHA Board of Directors
 - Programs, Products, Services, and Activities Review – Led by Harry Beaulieu, AIHA Treasurer
- You will be hearing more about the work of these project teams in the future.

I look forward to building on the energy and momentum we have created and to working with our Local Sections and Volunteer Groups to translate this new plan into action.

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OSHA/NIOSH Updates

OSHA Distracted Driving Initiative

As you may have noticed on OSHA's Web site, OSHA is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation on a campaign to prevent worker fatalities from motor vehicle accidents caused by distracted driving. President Obama has issued an Executive Order prohibiting federal employees from texting while driving. In addition, attached is an Open Letter from Assistant Secretary David Michaels launching this initiative and announcing a new OSHA resource Web page.

For more information, please see:

- OSHA News Release: OSHA Reaches out to Prevent

Distracted Driving: Launches Web site for Drive Safely Work Week (10/4/2010)


- OSHA News Release: Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis **announces partnership** with US Department of Transportation to combat distracted driving by workers (9/21/2010)
- OSHA Distracted Driving Web Page
- www.distraction.gov: Official U.S. government Web site for information on distracted driving.

And From NIOSH on the Same Topic

NIOSH Update: *NIOSH Backgrounder on Distracted Driving: Work-Related Hazards and Resources for Safety*

NIOSH resources for reducing risks of distracted driving and other factors associated with work-related motor vehicle injury and death include:

- "Work-Related Roadway Crashes: Prevention Strategies for Employers"
- "Work-related Roadway Crashes: Older Drivers in the Workplace"
- NIOSH Topic Page: Motor Vehicle Safety



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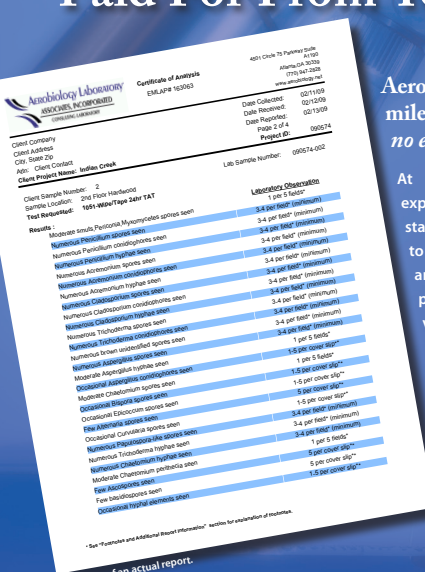


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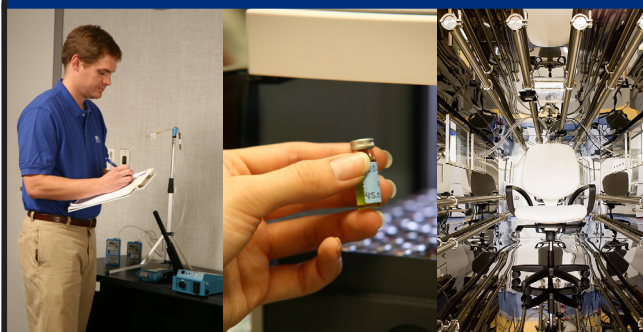


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You spoke and we listened. Next calendar year, the day of the week the meetings are held will alternate to avoid the "always on Monday" schedule of the past few years. So put these dates on your calendar:

- Tuesday January 25, 2011 (Winter Meeting)
- Wednesday April 27, 2011 (Spring Meeting and Vendor's Day)
- Thursday, July 21, 2011 (Summer Half-Day Meeting)
- Tuesday October 25, 2011 (Fall Meeting)

ABIH CM Points

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has awarded certification maintenance (CM) points for the Spring (26 April 2010) and Summer (26 July 2010) Georgia Local Section Meetings.

The approval numbers and CM points are:

April 2010: 10-2085 for 0.42 CM

July 2010: 10-3021 for 0.92 CM

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*NOTE: All of this information is available on the GLS Web site under the "Members Section."

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

you would like to see covered. We will be providing a survey during our October meeting, and it will help us to plan meetings that best meet your needs as an industrial hygienist. One consistent concern that we have heard is that while it is useful to have meeting dates published in advance, Mondays are bad days for meetings. This year, therefore, the board has decided to rotate our meeting days. Check out the dates for all of the upcoming GLS AIHA meetings through October 2011 on page 4 of this newsletter. All of the meetings will be held at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, which is graciously providing the space free of charge.

Here's to a happy fall and a wonderful holiday season.

Best regards,

—Jenny Houlroyd
President, GLS

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GLS Represented at Geology Expo

GLS board members Pat Brogan and Barb Epstien participated in the Georgia Geological Society's Environmental Geology & Hydrogeology expo on October 9, held outdoors at Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville. They prepared and distributed a fact sheet on exposure hazards and other health & safety concerns encountered during environmental testing

and remediation work to 130 professional geologists and geology students attending the event. The event included demonstrations of various drilling techniques for testing and analysis of soil and groundwater contamination, field sampling equipment, and site remediation technologies.

New Georgia Tech Spanish Language Training Materials for Construction Workers

The Safety and Health Consultation Program at Georgia Tech has recently completed a number of training materials intended primarily for small construction contractors whose native language is Spanish. In this project, the Georgia Tech staff was assisted by Juan Carlos Rodriguez, a bi-lingual OSHA Outreach Trainer with over 20 years of experience in construction safety, and by

William Carvajal, an interpreter licensed by the State of Georgia. The training features short movie clips that have been uploaded to the Georgia Consultation Program's new YouTube channel "OSHAIInfoGATech."

In addition to the movie clips, bi-lingual documents such as Power Point safety training presentations, model safety programs, and guidance materials

will be posted in the near future for viewing or downloading from the consultation program Web site at www.oshainfo.gatech.edu.

For more information contact Art Wickman (art.wickman@gtri.gatech.edu). You can also check us out on [Facebook](#).



Topic Agenda for Fall Meeting of the GLS, 25 October 2010

Topic	Presenter
Are Workers with Pneumoconioses at Higher Risk to Develop Fungal Infections?	Yulia Iossifova, MD, PhD Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
A Global Perspective to Reducing Workplace Violence	Mr. William Carvajal Ramirez, Industrial Security Consultant/ Translator
Georgia State Legislative Report and Other Current Updates of Interest for GLS-AIHA Members	Jenny Houlroyd, GLS President
Safety Spotlight: An Overview of Arc Flash/Blast Injury Prevention	Thomas Dean, CSP, Georgia Tech Research Institute
Cell Phone Pants and Other Hot Topics in Non-Ionizing Radiation	AIHA TeleWeb **Please see important information below for information on CM points.

The Fall meeting will be **Monday, 25 October 2010** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (check-in and registration at 8:30 a.m.) at the **Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, 250 14th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318**. Parking on-site is *free*. Additional information and directions may be found on the [GLS Web site](#) (click on "Events").

****Important TeleWeb Certification Information**

This TeleWeb will be ABIH approved for 0.42 IH certification maintenance (CM) points, has been awarded 0.25 continuance of certification (COCs) points and provides 0.25 continuing education units (CEUs).

The Distance Learning Program works with our accrediting bodies to insure compliance with all policies and (ANSI) standards. Please note the following information pertaining to participation verification and the continuing education. AIHA requires a final exam be completed for all Distance Learning Courses.

A \$35 processing fee is required for exam processing, participation verification, record retention and [educational transcripts](#).

All [educational transcripts](#) (certificates of completion) will be available for download from AIHA's Web site 3-4 weeks after the TeleWeb. All transcripts will issue CM, CEU and COC points. Materials sent after these dates will not be accepted.

- Live TeleWeb—Exams must be postmarked within TWO MONTHS of the TeleWeb.
- Archive TeleWeb Downloads—Exams must be postmarked within TWO MONTH of the date of purchase.
- Local Sections—Please contact AIHA's Distance Learning Program Manager Cinthia Minan (Cminan@aiha.org) for a submission deadline.

Final exams will be scored as follows:

- 70% > will receive course credits awarding CM points, COCs, and CEUs.
- 69% < will be notified of their score and made aware of their options directly.

Allow 3-4 weeks for processing and notification of course status. Exams will not be returned.

If you've further questions regarding this please feel free to contact AIHA's Distance Learning Program Manager, Cinthia Minan (Cminan@aiha.org).




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