

BOHS Report for POOSH meeting 6 December 2011

Publications

- New Sampling Strategy Guidance

A joint working party of the British and Dutch occupational hygiene societies has recently finalised new guidance on a strategy for determining compliance with exposure limits, which has now been published on the BOHS website and is freely available. We believe that this guidance is the best available in the world on measuring compliance with exposure limits.

www.bohs.org/library/technical-publications/

- Annals of Occupational Hygiene volume 55 number 9 – now available online
 - Volume 55 number 9 is now available online. This issue includes five papers on the Advanced REACH Tool (ART). This is an exposure modelling tool designed for use with the EU REACH regulation, but the research sheds a lot of light on exposure determinants and modelling generally. The introductory editorial and the overview paper on this are free to access:
 - Editorial: Progress on ART – An Exposure Modelling Tool for REACH
<http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/55/9/947?etoc>
 - Original article: Advanced REACH Tool (ART): Overview of Version 1.0 and Research Needs
<http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/55/9/949?etoc>

The other two papers in this issue report NIOSH work on exposures during carbon nanofibre production.

- Online archive. The Annals online archive is now complete back to 1958. This is free for BOHS members or other Annals subscribers, but if you are neither you can register for selected content and Pay per View <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/>

Consultations

- CD237 - HSE consultation on proposals to introduce revised Control of Asbestos Regulations
This consultation set out HSE's proposals to introduce revised Control of Asbestos Regulations to implement changes required to comply with the European Commission's reasoned opinion on the UK Government's transposition of Directive 83/477/EEC as amended by 2003/18/EC on the protection of workers from the risks of exposure to asbestos at work. BOHS's response can be downloaded from the website Library section, www.bohs.org/library/position-papers/

Major Conferences

- **Occupational Hygiene 2012 - 24-26 April 2012, Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff**
The BOHS Annual Conference is a major international conference promoting the science and practice of addressing health hazards in the workplace, bringing together researchers, practitioners, regulators and business leaders from around the world to discuss issues. Bookings are now being taken via www.occupationlhygiene2012.com

- **X2012 – 2-5 July 2012, 7th International Conference on the Science of Exposure Assessment, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh**

X2012 will bring together the leading international experts and provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and expertise in exposure assessment sciences. X2012 will contribute to the developments in state-of-the-art methodologies and practices in this field, and thereby improve our knowledge base to effectively control exposure to hazardous agents in the work environment, at home and elsewhere in the general environment.

Deadline for abstracts is 10 January 2012. For more information or to submit an abstract, visit www.x2012.org/call-for-abstracts/

Regional Events – all open to non-BOHS members and most are free

- North East Regional Meeting - Environmental Noise for Occupational Hygiene Practitioners, 1 December 2011, St Helen's Church Hall, Gateshead
www.bohs.org/NE-EnvironmentalNoiseforOHPractitioners/
- London Regional Meeting - Barriers to, enablers of, and opportunities for, improving exposure control measures, 7 December 2011, Society of Chemical Industry, London
www.bohs.org/London-Control/
- South West and South Wales Regional Meeting - Surface Contamination Sampling and Interpretation, 13 December 2011, HSE, Cardiff
www.bohs.org/SWSouthWalesRegionalMeetingDecember/
- North West and North Wales - Developments in Occupational Hygiene Education and Workplace Health Risks Management - Next steps, 14 December 2011, The University of Manchester
www.bohs.org/NWNorthWalesRegionalMeetingDecember2011/
- Working Safely with Nanomaterials - 6 July 2012, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh
www.bohs.org/Events/WorkingwithNanomaterials/

Education

- Bursaries for Modules Scheme open for applications
The latest round of our Bursaries for Modules [BfM] Scheme is now open for applications. The BfM Scheme offers bursaries to cover the cost of the first of any 'core' occupational hygiene module, taken in the UK, which will include the training course as well as the examination. The BfM Scheme aims to encouraging those already working in the field of occupational health and safety to take their first steps towards a possible career in occupational hygiene.

For full details of eligible courses and how to apply, visit the BfM Scheme page:

www.bohs.org/education/bursaries/