

BOHS Report for POOSH meeting 6 February 2012

Publications

- Report Writing Guidance

Occupational hygiene is concerned with the Anticipation, Recognition, Evaluation and Control of health hazards in the workplace; at each of these stages, effective communication is essential, and the production of formal written reports is one of the key methods of communicating occupational hygiene information. This new guidance, ***Clear and concise report writing: guidance for occupational hygienists***, will help occupational hygienists produce clear and effective reports to achieve the aims and objectives for which they have been produced.

- Direct Reading Devices Guide

Direct-reading devices (DRDs) are primarily used to monitor the atmosphere for airborne pollutants, and are also used to a lesser, but increasing extent, for the measurement of surface contamination. There are over a hundred suppliers in the UK of DRDs and several hundred different instruments available for purchase. Most users require a device which is specific, sensitive, accurate, small, lightweight and trouble-free. However, this is not always practicable and compromises have to be made. This Guide, ***TG15 Technical Guide on Direct Reading Devices for Airborne and Surface Chemical Contaminants***, has been developed to provide some general background information and to assist in the selection, application and use of DRDs for workplace monitoring.

- Both of these new publications can be downloaded free of charge from our website library of technical publications: www.bohs.org/library/technical-publications/

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.

Keynote speakers include Lawrence Waterman on the challenges of his role as Head of Health & Safety for the Olympic Delivery Authority and the Olympic Park Legacy Company, and Dr John Cherrie of IOM who will be delivering the McCallum Lecture on ***Prioritising action on occupational carcinogens in Europe***. Another highlight will be a panel debate, entitled ***Health and Safety: have we got the balance right?***, chaired by Steve Perkins, BOHS Chief Executive, and including Geoffrey Podger (Chief Executive, HSE), Lawrence Waterman (Head of Health and Safety, ODA & OPLC), Hugh Robertson (Senior Health and Safety Policy Officer, TUC), Guy Bailey (Head of Health and Safety Policy, CBI) and Prof. Raymond Agius (Director of the COEH, Manchester University).

The full Conference early bird fee is available until 27 February and is £544 for non-members; bookings are now being taken via www.occupationalhygiene2012.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.

Booking is open now and the early bird fee of £600 for non-members is available until 1 April.

For more information including the preliminary programme, visit www.x2012.org/

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

<http://www.bohs.org/events/events-list/>

Here are a selection of forthcoming events, follow the website link above for full details of them all:

- South West and South Wales - Surface Sampling and the Interpretation of the Results, 21 Feb 2012, HSE, Cardiff
- London and South East Regional Meeting - 10 years of progress in skin exposure awareness, 22 Feb 2012, Society of Chemical Industry, London
- North East Regional Meeting - Ten Years of Skin Exposure Control and Awareness, 01 Mar 2012, St Helen's Church Hall, Gateshead
- Scotland Regional Meeting - Undertaking a noise survey in the workplace, 08 Mar 2012, Laurie Liddell Clubhouse, Edinburgh
- North West and North Wales Regional Meeting – Nanoparticles, 21 Mar 2012, Vauxhall Motors SSC, Ellesmere Port
- Midlands Regional Meeting - Report Writing Guidance, 21 Mar 2012, Birmingham Medical Institute, Birmingham
- Midlands Regional Meeting – REACH and Nano Particles, 8 May 2012, Birmingham Medical Institute, Birmingham
- 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 open for applications until 31 March 2012. 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/