

BOHS Report for POOSH meeting 11 June 2012

Publications

- **BOHS Annual report 2011**

The latest annual report charts BOHS' progress, activities and achievements against each of the five strategic objectives laid out in its 5-year strategy. It demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving the overall vision of 'a healthy working environment for everyone'.

You can download a pdf version here <http://www.bohs.org/annualreport2011>.

- **Annals of Occupational Hygiene volume 56 number 4 is now available online**

This latest edition of the Annals of Occupational Hygiene has been released by the Oxford University Press.

This issue covers a wide range of topics including a paper about socks and blisters!

<http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>.

A number of 'free to access' papers appear in this issue as follows:

The introductory editorial and paper on: **The Diesel Exhaust in Miners Study: V. Evaluation of the Exposure Assessment Methods:**

Editorial: <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/content/56/4/373.full>

Full paper: <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/content/56/4/389.full>

Paper: **A Comparative Field Study on Dust Measurements by Different Sampling Methods with Emphasis on Estimating Factors for Recalculation from Chinese 'Total Dust' Measurements to Respirable Dust Concentrations** at <http://annhyg.oxfordjournals.org/content/56/4/401.full>

Consultations

- CD238 – HSE Consultation on proposals to revoke six regulations and one order that have been identified as being redundant or that have been overtaken by more up-to-date Regulations. It was proposed that the following legislation be removed:

1. Anthrax Prevention Order 1971 etc (Revocation) Regulations 2005.
2. Employment Medical Advisory Service (Factories Act Orders etc Amendment) Order 1973
3. Health and Safety (Foundries etc) (Metrication) Regulations 1981
4. Non-ferrous Metals (Melting and Founding) Regulations 1962
5. Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950
6. Pottery (Health etc) (Metrication) Regulations 1982
7. Regulations for use of locomotives and waggons on lines and sidings in or used in connection with premises under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (1906) (1906 No.679)

In summary, BOHS's response was to agree with the proposals. A copy of the official response can be found at: <http://www.bohs.org/cd238response>

Major Conferences

- **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/

- **Working Safely with Nanomaterials - 6 July 2012, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh**

This one day session on **Working Safely with Nanomaterials** will feature the newly launched generic guidance and discussion on issues relating to how to work safely with nanomaterials. Bookings can be made at <http://www.bohs.org/Events/WorkingwithNanomaterials/>

Regional Events – all open to non-BOHS members and some 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.

- **North West and North Wales Regional Meeting – 27 June 2012, Chester University**

Containment – Principles and new developments

- **Open Technical Seminar - Skin Workshop, 27th September 2012, St Johnstone Football Club, Perth**

We are currently putting the programme together for this one day workshop focusing on skin. Save the date and keep an eye on <http://www.bohs.org/Scotland/SkinWorkshop/> for more information and to book your place.

Education

- The current round our **Bursaries for Modules [BfM] Scheme** is open for applications until 31 July 2012 and now also includes W201 Basic Principles in Occupational Hygiene. The BfM Scheme offers bursaries to cover the cost of the first of any 'core' occupational hygiene module, taken in the UK or W201 and will include the training course as well as the examination. The BfM Scheme aims to encourage 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:

<http://www.bohs.org/education/bursaries/>

News

- **Health Risks at Work – Do you know yours?**

BOHS are one of the supporters of this initiative which was launched at the Safety & Health Expo in May, by John Cairns, Chair of SCoS and vice-chair of SGUK, Robert Atkinson, OHS development manager for SCHWL and BOHS CEO Steve Perkins. It's aim is to help small firms to recognise and manage workplace health issues by providing them with simple, easy-to-follow guidance in the form of a DVD. The initiative has already achieved success in Scotland and it is now being rolled out across the rest of the UK, led by Safety Groups UK (SGUK). More detail about this is available at www.healthrisksatwork.com