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Business Skills for Success!
Online Registration Now Open!
September 26-28 • Atlanta
This year's conference will focus
Statewide Alliance

A new alliance between the Pennsylvania Association of Occupational Health Nurses (PAAOHN) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) aims to provide safety and health training for Pennsylvania occupational health professionals. The training will focus on OSHA standards, emergency preparedness, musculoskeletal disorders and workplace violence.

PAAOHN is the second AAOHN chapter to become an OSHA Alliance partner. The Susquehanna Valley Association of Pennsylvania Occupational Health Nurses (SVAPOHN) signed an Alliance agreement with OSHA in October 2006.

"Through this alliance, occupational health nurses throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania will have access to the resources they need to stay safe and healthy on the job," said Marie Cassady, OSHA’s acting regional administrator in Philadelphia.

PAAOHN is a state chapter of the national organization, American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (AAOHN). The alliance was recently launched at a ceremony in Philadelphia.

July-Cycle Chapter Annual Reports Due July 31

Chapter annual reports forms have been e-mailed to chapter presidents. Please complete and return the forms to AAOHN by July 31, 2007. The new officers will be entered in our database when we receive the completed annual report form.

If you are preparing the report, remember the report covers July 2006 – June 2007. Officers listed in the report should
be those recently elected to serve beginning July 1, 2007. Please be sure to sign the report before faxing or mailing as we need a signature on file. Fax to the attention of Sue Fowler or Alyce Trice at (770) 455.7271.

Chapter Presidents: Valuable Resource for Prospective Members, Employers

AAOHN often receives calls from people interested in pursuing a career in occupational and environmental health nursing. These calls result in an AAOHN information packet being mailed to these individuals.

While the facts, figures and references in the information packet can be useful to those considering a career as an occupational and environmental health nurse (OHN), callers very often are interested in meeting other occupational health professionals and learning networking strategies.

In these instances, they are provided with the name and contact information of a nearby local and/or state chapter president. Chapter presidents are in a unique position to offer a wealth of information, guidance and encouragement to those interested in a career as an OHN or in becoming a member of the Association.

Their experience as a member, chapter officer and occupational and environmental health professional allows them to offer career guidance, suggestions and insight from a broad perspective.

From local employment opportunities that may exist to networking channels, chapter presidents can offer an insider’s view to ease the way for those wanting to know the ins and outs of the world of occupational and environmental health.

Chapter presidents can also invite these individuals to a chapter meeting as a way of introducing them to nurses who are then able to offer their own expertise. This also presents a wonderful first-hand opportunity for chapters to introduce prospective members to the Association.

On occasion, we also receive calls from a company administrator or human resources representative who is creating a new position and wishes to recruit locally. These callers are referred to a nearby local and/or state president for assistance in conducting the recruitment effort. Providing these connections has the potential to create increased job opportunities for AAOHN members.

Serving as a resource for these inquiries is an important role for chapter presidents. AAOHN appreciates your valuable assistance in promoting the profession of occupational and environmental health nursing.

Tips for Recruiting Volunteers

How can your chapter recruit members to serve in volunteer positions? The most important step is asking members to serve. Here are elements to include in your volunteer recruitment message to members.

1) Remind members of what the chapter does specifically to meet their needs (examples might be education, networking, newsletter, scholarships, etc.).

2) Describe the duties of the open positions. Give members a clear understanding of what they would be volunteering to do. Break each position down into discreet tasks if you can. Discuss the amount of time that is required to do the jobs. This will help members envision how they could fit the volunteer job into their life.

3) Describe the types of skills that are ideal for each open position. This will help members see if a job is a good fit for them.

4) Finally, talk about the chapter’s needs for volunteers. Tell members what will happen (or what will not happen) if no one fills these positions.
Is Your Name in the July 16 MGAM Drawing for a $100 Gift Card?

It is if you have sponsored a member that joined AAOHN in the last three months! Each time you sponsor someone, your name will be entered into the quarterly drawing. In addition, you will receive a prize each month for sponsoring a member and there are big prizes at the end of the campaign year.

Recruit a new member today, and you can be a winner! Learn more about MGAM at www.aaohn.org/member_services/mgam.cfm.

Chapter Dues Verification Forms Due August 1, 2007

Don’t forget, these forms are due August 1, 2007. If we do not receive the dues verification forms, we will continue using your chapter’s 2007 dues amounts for 2008. Also, please return the honorary membership form and the chapter lobbying form.

AAOHN Webcast "The Mold Crisis" Airs August 15

Registration is now open for the AAOHN webcast, "The Mold Crisis: An Update on Current Thoughts and Practices," which will be broadcast on August 15, 2007, at 2:00 PM Eastern Time.

About the Program
Molds are fungi that are found virtually everywhere, and in recent years the public's awareness and concern has been raised regarding exposure to mold. From friendly and ecologically beneficial to toxic and feared, it has been estimated that as many as 300,000 species of fungi may exist. What’s to be done when encountering these prolific, well-traveled, spore-bearing organisms?

This webcast will offer an industrial hygiene approach to recognizing and evaluating mold problems of non-industrial indoor environments. Participants will learn the basic characteristics of mold elements, their ecological benefits, and how they have become to be perceived as hazardous agents. The presentation will detail scientifically-sound methods of assessing mold problems, discuss common methods of characterizing potential exposures to individuals, and describe generally recommended remedial response strategies.

What You Will Learn
Upon completion of this presentation, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the factors leading to the mold crisis.
- Identify conditions contributing to development of mold effects within non-industrial indoor environments.
- Develop a generally accepted mold evaluation and remediation strategy.

About the Faculty
René R. Salazar, Ph.D., CIH
Dr. Salazar holds an undergraduate degree in microbiology, and Masters and Doctorate degrees in Public Health from the University of South Florida College of Public Health where he serves as adjunct faculty. As a Certified Industrial Hygienist and President of Salazar Consulting Group, Inc., Dr. Salazar provides consulting services in the comprehensive practice of industrial hygiene. Dr. Salazar specializes in recognition, evaluation and control of biological agents common to non-industrial indoor environments and his research interests focus on evaluating mycotoxin production by molds found growing on common indoor environmental substrates.

To register and for more information, please go to www.aaohn.org/education/online-learning/Webcasts/mold.cfm.

"Certificate in Safety Management" First of New AAOHN Certificate Programs
AAOHN's "Certificate in Safety Management," which is being held September 4-6, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada, is the first of AAOHN's new Continuing Education Certificate Programs.

**About AAOHN Certificate Programs**

AAOHN offers Continuing Education Certificate Programs for occupational and environmental health nurses (OHNs) and other health care professionals, who want to improve or maintain their professional competency and/or prepare for new professional opportunities. AAOHN's certificate programs are specifically designed to address the variety of emerging workforce, workplace and community needs, incorporating adult learning principles to build and advance knowledge and skills, increase professional competence and build expertise. To be awarded a certificate and continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours, participants must successfully complete the course of study.

**About the AAOHN Certificate in Safety Management Program**

The Safety Management Certificate Program is an in-depth three-day seminar designed to educate participants on the role of the safety manager and review the material for the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (ABOHN) Safety Management Certification Examination. The seminar offers 18.0 CNE contact hours.

The ABOHN Safety Management (SM) examination is a sub-specialty exam for OHNs who currently hold the designation as Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN) or Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist (COHN-S). The ABOHN SM credential recognizes certified occupational health nurses who have expanded their practice to include safety management. Additionally, the SM credential may provide a career path for OHNs who plan to obtain the Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®) credential.

Course content and materials are based on ABOHN's blueprint of the examinations. Mathematics, physics, industrial hygiene, engineering and environmental concepts and problems will be a primary focus, including practice with the scientific calculator. A comprehensive study manual with more than 300 sample questions and applicable study materials is included.

The seminar offers 18.0 CNE contact hours.

Enrollment is limited to 40 participants.

For more information and to register, please go to [http://www.aaohn.org/education/workshops/safety_management.cfm](http://www.aaohn.org/education/workshops/safety_management.cfm).

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**Business Skills for Success at CLA. Register Now!**

Online registration for AAOHN's 2007 Conference for Leadership Advancement (CLA) being held in Atlanta, September 26-28, 2007, is now open.

This year's Conference for Leadership Advancement—featuring leading experts from the prestigious Emory University Goizueta Business School—focuses on communication and leadership skills you need to succeed.

Business leaders have ranked effective communication (verbal and non-verbal) as the second-most important leadership quality.

Program highlights include:

- Leading a Volunteer Organization
- Nonverbal Image and Impression: Being the Best You
- The Conflict Cure: Giving and Getting Criticism Effectively
- Effectively Communicating to Senior Leaders and Organizations
- Developing Résumés and Interviewing Strategies for Success
- Stand and Deliver: How to Create a Positive Audience and Deal with Challenging Audience Members
- Humor for Stress Management and Presentations in the Workplace

For complete program, faculty and registration information, please visit [www.aaohn.org/education/CLA/index.cfm](http://www.aaohn.org/education/CLA/index.cfm).
**AAOHN Communities** Group for Chapter Leaders Open and Waiting for Your Participation

Chapter Leaders now have an online resource available at **AAOHN Communities**. The Chapter Leaders group is a convenient and efficient way for chapter leaders to share resources and information pertinent to leading, maintaining and growing chapters.

You can post and read messages, share resources including WORD, Excel, PDF and PowerPoint documents, receive e-mail notification of new activity, conduct searches and access discussion archives on the issues, topics and challenges of chapter leadership as they become available.

Getting started with **AAOHN Communities** is easy:

1. You can access **AAOHN Communities** from any computer with an Internet connection anytime, anywhere.
2. Log in to the AAOHN Web site.
3. Once you’ve logged in, go to the left-hand navigation bar and click or roll over the "Member Services" bar.
4. Select "Communities" and follow the onscreen instructions.
5. On the Communities home page, click the "Join/Unjoin Communities" button and select "AAOHN Chapter Officers."

That’s all there is to it!

If at any time you should experience difficulty accessing **AAOHN Communities**, please contact AAOHN Member Services at memberservices@aaohn.org or call (800) 241-8014.

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**2008 AAOHN Awards and Recognitions Criteria and Applications Available Online**

Each year, AAOHN celebrates its members' achievements through a variety of awards and recognitions. These include individual, business and chapter achievements. Take advantage of this opportunity to garner well-deserved praise and reward for yourself, your chapter or employer.

For a complete listing, criteria and application forms, please go to [http://www.aaohn.org/about/awards/](http://www.aaohn.org/about/awards/) and click on the award(s) you are interested in.

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**August 1 Deadline for AAOHN Foundation Leadership Development Scholarships**

Don't wait any longer! There is only one month to apply for the AAOHN Foundation Leadership Development Scholarships.

Three Leadership Development Scholarships are awarded each year:

- One $1,500 scholarship, funded by the Alcoa Foundation
- One $1,000 scholarship, funded by the AAOHN Foundation
- One $1,000 scholarship, funded by the Texas State AOHN

For criteria and to download an application form, please visit [http://www.aaohn.org/foundation/scholarships/leadership_development.cfm](http://www.aaohn.org/foundation/scholarships/leadership_development.cfm).
Apply for Foundation Grants, Scholarships; Applications Online Now

Applications for AAOHN Foundation Grants and Professional Development Scholarships are now available online.

There are three Leadership Development Scholarships offered: (Deadline for submission Aug. 1, 2007)

- One $1,500 scholarship, funded by the Alcoa Foundation
- One $1,000 scholarship, funded by the AAOHN Foundation
- One $1,000 scholarship, funded by the Texas State AOHN

There are five Academic Study Scholarships offered: (Deadline for submission Dec. 1, 2007)

- One $3,000 scholarship, funded by the AAOHN Foundation
- One $3,000 scholarship, funded by the Liberty Leadership Fund
- One $3,000 scholarship, funded by Physio-Control, Inc.
- Two $2,500 scholarships, funded by the UPS Foundation

There are eight Continuing Education Scholarships offered: (Deadline for submission Dec. 1, 2007)

- Two $1,500 scholarships, funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Two $1,500 scholarships, funded by Edwards Medical Supply
- One $1,500 scholarship, funded by the Liberty Leadership Fund
- One $1,500 scholarship, funded by OMI
- Two $1,000 scholarships, funded by the Texas State AOHN

For more information on AAOHN Foundation Scholarships, please go to http://www.aaohn.org/foundation/scholarships/index.cfm.

There are a total of four Research Grants being awarded: (Deadline for submission Dec. 1, 2007)

- One $10,000 grant, awarded by the AAOHN Foundation
- One $10,000 grant, awarded by GlaxoSmithKline
- Two New Investigator grants (totaling $5,000), awarded by the AAOHN Foundation

For more information on AAOHN Foundation Grants, please go to http://www.aaohn.org/foundation/grants/index.cfm.

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