Dear Section Members,

As someone who has been on the Carolinas AIHA board over five years now, I can say with certainty that a topic which is always discussed is “how do we get greater participation from our student and young professional communities?” There have been a lot of great incentives that have been offered by the section through the years for students willing to come and participate in our conferences, but we are always striving for more, because they are the future of our section and this profession.

Over the past couple years, we have seen a great influx in participation from the students at East Carolina University. We greatly attribute this success to the strong partnerships with the faculty and staff as well as the outreach done by our section members with the university’s safety and health programs. We are excited to announce that this year, under the leadership of Dr. JoAnne Balanay, East Carolina University has decided to start a student AIHA chapter that the Carolinas AIHA will sponsor!

Involvement at the university level is just one of the countless ways that we can all get involved to increase visibility to our profession and educate about the importance of health and safety in the workplace. At our upcoming conference, we are going to have a session to discuss the NIOSH Safety Matters program which is focused on educating our youth not only about the importance of health and safety in the workplace as they embark out into the work force for the first time, but also teach them that it is a career option as well. As we learn more about this program at the conference, I challenge you all to seek out ways in which you can take the materials from this program that have already been developed and spread the message throughout your local community.

Speaking of our upcoming conference, we hope to see you there! We are in a great location on King Street in Charleston, SC and have a great line-up of presenters prepared. We are also excited to have Dr. Paul Hewett presenting our PDC on Bayesian Statistics, which will be a great follow up to our Exposure Assessment PDC this past spring if you were able to attend.

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston!

Mandy Stone
President, 2016-17
Fall Conference Profile

**Wednesday, August 31**

**Professional Development Course**

12:00 pm PDC Registration

1:00-5:00 pm PDC Bayesian Statistics
Paul Hewett, CIH, PhD
Exposure Assessment Solutions Inc.

**Thursday, September 1**

**Professional Development Course (cont’d)**

7:30 – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
*Vendor Display Area*

8:30 am-12:00 pm PDC Bayesian Statistics
Paul Hewett, CIH, PhD
Exposure Assessment Solutions Inc.

12:00-1:00 pm
Lunch
*Vendor Display Area*

**Conference Opening Session**

1:00-1:15 pm
President’s Welcome & Business Meeting
Mandy Stone, Biogen

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**Thursday, September 2**

**Conference Sessions (cont.)**

1:15-2:45 pm Bag of Tricks, Presentation Design 2
Don Weatherbee, Henkel Corporation

2:45-3:15 pm Break in *Vendor Display area*

3:15-4:00 pm SC OSHA Update
Harvey Jessup, SC OSHA

4:00-4:45 pm AIHA Offerings – Registry Programs, Speakers Lists, Special Interest Groups
John Moore
AIHA Regional Representative

4:45-5:00 pm Closing Remarks

5:15 pm Past President’s Reception

**Friday, September 2**

**Conference Closing Session**

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
*Vendor Display Area*

8:30 - 9:15 am Infection Control in the Workplace
Kathy Bryant
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

9:15-10:00 am Student Presentation
Heat Stress and UV Exposures among University Groundskeepers
Nicole Beck, East Carolina University

10:00-10:30 am Break and Vendor Presentations
*Vendor Display Area*

10:30-11:15 am EHS at Clemson
Anne Marie Kojut, Clemson University

11:15-11:45 am Safety Matters – Teen Workers
Amy Snow, OSH Division, NC DOL

11:45-12:00 pm Closing Remarks
Mandy Stone, Biogen
Introduction to Bayesian Decision Analysis

This PDC introduces the participants to Bayesian Decision Analysis (BDA). BDA was specifically designed for use with the AIHA exposure rating strategy, where the objective of a data analysis is to assign an exposure rating to a task or SEG. BDA is particularly useful when the sample size is small or when the dataset contains non-detects. There will be several workshops where the BDA method is demonstrated using vapor, particulate, and noise exposure data. The PDC ends with a workshop in which the class analyzes and interprets randomly generated datasets using BDA and a variety of commonly encountered data analysis strategies.

Instructor

Paul Hewett, PhD, CIH is the founder and President of Exposure Assessment Solutions, Inc. Dr. Hewett worked for 25 years as an industrial hygienist for NIOSH, in the Division of Respiratory Disease Studies, where he specialized in the measurement of pneumoconiosis producing dusts. Dr. Hewett received a MS in industrial hygiene from the University of Central Missouri in 1978, a PhD in industrial hygiene from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health in 1991, and is the author of several articles and chapters on exposure assessment and statistics for industrial hygiene.

Call to Action

Carolinas AIHA Officer Position

As you may be aware, our section recently lost our Carolinas AIHA Vice President, Keri Davidson to a career opportunity in Seattle, Washington. As a result, we are looking to fill her position for the second half of the term at the upcoming conference in Charleston. Please contact Mandy Stone (mandy.stone@biogen.com) if you are interested in serving your Carolinas AIHA local section!

Thank you for your service, Keri! You will be missed!
**Conference Registration (September 1 - 2)**

Circle one

- Member $215
- Nonmember $235

**PDC-Registration (Aug 31st - Sept 1st)**

Circle One

- Member $215
- Nonmember $250

**Exhibit Space (each table) $300**

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Treasury Report

As of June 30, 2016, the Treasurer reports a treasury value of $39,699.67.

The Carolinas-AIHA is pleased to announce that we have purchased the 2016 eLearning Subscription series for our members!

Check out the eLearning Subscriber’s webpage for more information. This webpage will list all upcoming webinars and house links to the recordings, handout materials, and evaluations.

https://www.aiha.org/education/CourseCalendar/eLearning/Pages/elearningsubscription2016members.aspx

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