Emerging Health & Safety Issues in Changing Workplaces – Add Your Voice to the National Discussion

It’s not too late to register for CCOHS’ Forum07, to be held September 17-18, 2007 in Vancouver, BC.

Research shows that people are very concerned with how the health and safety of workers are impacted by the changes they are facing today. Forum07 brings together subject experts, workers, employers, and governments to discuss challenges and solutions around the theme of “Emerging Health & Safety Issues from Changing Workplaces.” It seeks to provide an opportunity for participants to explore and better understand how evolving workplaces impact the health and safety needs of workers, through an impressive program designed to stimulate creative outcomes. The prestigious line up includes:

Dr. Michael Quinlan, a Fellow of Safety Institute of Australia and professor in the School of Organisation and Management at the University of New South Wales, will travel half way around the world to share his views and discuss the effects of increasingly precarious employment in his presentation on the evolving workplace. Dr. Quinlan has focused on the effects of institutional organization, regulation and employment status on OHS. In recent years he has published widely on the effects of precarious employment on occupational health and safety.

Professor Katherine Lippel, a professor of law at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law’s civic law section, will address gaps in protection, accountability and responsibility for health and safety in the changing workplace. Prof. Lippel will explore whether workers with precarious employment fall under the same workplace safety standards as permanent employees and whether the legislation fully protects them. Prof. Lippel specialises in legal issues relating to occupational health and safety and workers’ compensation and is the author of several articles and books in the field.

Dr. Catherine M. Burns, an Associate Professor in Systems Design Engineering at the University of Waterloo, will tackle the issue of emerging technologies and processes that bring new risks to workers. How can we keep up with technology and control new workplace hazards? Dr. Burns directs the Advanced Interface Design Lab at Waterloo where her research examines user interface design, visualization and cognitive work analysis. Her work has been applied to military systems, healthcare, power plant control, and oil and gas refining. She has authored over 100 publications.

The question of why organizations need to focus on employee well-being will be covered in a presentation by Dr. Linda Duxbury, one of Canada’s leading workplace health researchers. Dr. Duxbury is a Professor at the Carleton University School of Business and the Director of Research at the Centre for Research and Education on Women and Work. She has focused much of her research in the last decade on work and family balance and has significantly advanced the practices and attitudes toward work-life balance in the public and private sectors.

Avoid Disappointment – Reserve Your Seat Now!
There are only a few spaces left for this event.

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New e-Courses Emphasize Emergencies

Preparing for emergencies should be an important part of every workplace health and safety program. It helps to protect lives, property, and the future of your organization. CCOHS has developed two new one hour e-courses focused on workplace emergency planning and response: Emergency Preparedness for Workers and Emergency Response Planning.

Emergency Preparedness for Workers

Emergencies can occur at any time and while prevention is the key to avoiding emergencies, it’s important that everyone at the workplace be prepared if, and when, they do occur. This course provides workers with a basic understanding of what is required to prepare for workplace emergencies, how they can be ready to respond as well as what they should know about their employer’s emergency response plan.

By taking this course you will:

• Know the key steps in pre-planning emergencies
• Be able to identify potential emergencies in your workplace
• Understand the roles in emergency planning and response.

The course is recommended for those working with an emergency response plan for their workplace, and for health and safety committee members who want to make informed recommendations regarding their organization’s emergency response plans.

Emergency Response Planning

This introductory course provides guidance for developing and implementing a response plan for workplace emergencies – including emergencies at or affecting your workplace, such as off-site emergencies involving your organization’s staff.

Through this course, you will learn to:

• Describe the key steps in emergency planning
• Identify and assess potential emergencies and their organization’s response capacity
• Create an emergency plan outline
• Develop a process for continuous plan improvement.

The course is intended for health and safety committee members, managers, administrators, supervisors, and anyone with responsibility for developing, implementing and maintaining emergency response plans.

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course_listing.html

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Are you a subscriber of CCOHS’ Canadian enviroOSH Legislation? In addition to customized legislation access (regional/national), you can take advantage of the following services to better help you meet your compliance needs.

Monthly Update Service: Each month CCOHS experts compile a summary report to help you track the latest legislative amendments and progress occurring in Canadian jurisdictions.

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Standards – A CCOHS Exclusive! Want convenient links to standards from the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB), in either your national or regional legislation subscriptions? With CCOHS, it’s possible.

Focus On Safety Pays Off

**Awards Recognize Student Efforts in Occupational Health & Safety**

This past spring was especially rewarding for a select few deserving students in engineering and occupational health and safety programs who took home awards and scholarships for their efforts. Both Minerva Canada and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety announced the winners of their respective student competitions.

**Dick Martin Scholarship Awards from CCOHS**

CCOHS announced the three recipients of their Dick Martin Scholarship Award during North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. CCOHS offers this annual, national award to post-secondary students enrolled in occupational health and safety programs in Canada, to foster interest in the field of workplace health and safety. This year the winners spanned the country. CCOHS awarded the $3,000 scholarship to Robin Van Driel of Vancouver, British Columbia, Brent MacDonald of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Craig Journeay of Milton, Nova Scotia. Each of the recipients expressed an interest in understanding more about occupational health and safety that could improve workplace conditions and help prevent workplace injuries and illnesses.

CCOHS’ Council of Governors established an occupational health and safety scholarship fund in 2002 in the memory of Dick Martin, a tireless advocate of workplace health and safety in Canada.

Find out how the occupational health and safety student in your life can apply for the 2008 Dick Martin Scholarship Award, at [www.ccohs.ca/scholarship/entries/](http://www.ccohs.ca/scholarship/entries/).

James Ham Safe Design Awards from Minerva Canada

Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc. announced the winners of its first annual James Ham Safe Design Awards Contest at the annual IAPA Health and Safety Conference and Trade Show in Toronto in April. Ontario’s university engineering students were challenged to make an original contribution toward integrating safety into engineering design.

Three students from McMaster University’s Faculty of Engineering took the top award for their unique stair-climbing device, designed to aid in preventing back injuries. Stephen Niedojadlo, Jonathan Kwok Kin Ho and Chin Hung Jonathan Lo will share the $3,500 award.

An entry from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology netted the second place prize of $1,500. Students Mark Bernacki, Matt Van Wieringen, Mike MacLeod and Ben Fagan developed a regenerative automatic door opener that would allow doors to remain functional during power failures.

Minerva Canada is a not for profit organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of Safety, Health and Environmental Management (SHE) in post secondary schools across Canada. CCOHS is a proud supporter of Minerva Canada and its SHE education efforts.

Learn more about Minerva Canada at [www.safetymangementeducation.com](http://www.safetymangementeducation.com).

Plus, we want to take this opportunity to let you know that the French version of Canadian enviroOSH Legislation PLUS Standards is now available on the Web at [www.cchst.ca/products/legislation/legislation.html](http://www.cchst.ca/products/legislation/legislation.html).

And as a reminder to our CD-ROM subscribers, we will be transitioning to DVD format later this year. Why not consider a switch to the Web version of Legislation? You’ll enjoy greater flexibility, the added convenience and currency of Web access, and the best value for your subscription dollar.

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**Academic Support Program**

Did you know that CCOHS has established a special program to help universities and colleges educate students about environmental and occupational health and safety? It also serves as a guide to assist universities and colleges in their own efforts to achieve a safe and healthy working environment. Currently over 100 colleges and universities, including McMaster (Hamilton, Ontario), Ryerson (Toronto, Ontario), Harvard (US), Yale (US), Sheffield (UK), Capetown (South Africa), and Auckland (New Zealand), are taking advantage of the discounted rate to provide access to close to three million students and nearly 500,000 faculty and staff.

The Academic Support Program includes the following databases:

- MSDS
- FTSS
- CHEMINFO
- RTECS®
- Canadiana
- CISILO
- HSLELINE
- OSHLINE® with NIOSHTIC®/NIOSHIC-T-2

...as well as several free resources.

Together these databases provide information on a broad range of environmental and occupational health and safety topics including occupational hygiene, hazardous substances, WHMIS, toxicology and hazard communication.

Do you know of an educational institution that would benefit from the Academic Support Program? Find out more at [www.ccohs.ca/education/asp](http://www.ccohs.ca/education/asp).
OSH Works
Put it to Work for YOUR Organization

OSH Works is a new web-based management service developed by CCOHS to help Canadian organizations manage and improve their occupational health and safety programs.

The system lets you Plan, Do, Check and Act on key workplace health and safety activities and requirements. Organizations can upload their health and safety policies and procedures, as well as assign and track employee training.

This system meets the requirements of national and international OH&S Management System standards such as CSA Z1000-06 and OHSAS 18001. It includes everything from hazard awareness tools, reports for incidents and audits, sample emergency response plans and other programs. And with CCOHS as your guide, you have easy access to professionals who can help you resolve any gaps in your programs.

OSH Works benefits the whole organization by keeping health and safety in the mind of all employees - reminding them specifically about their upcoming tasks and responsibilities, allowing access to e-learning courses, and ensuring that critical policies, programs and procedures are always right at hand. There is also quick access to legislation, and tools to resolve health and safety questions.

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What better way can there be to help prevent workplace injury and illness?

Workplace administrators can readily set up and assign health and safety tasks to individual staff members, departments or committees. They can generate reports to see how everyone is progressing with their OHS objectives and targets, and learn more about the requirements of OHS management system standards. Built-in security features ensure complete privacy and control access to confidential documents and records.

This system integrates health and safety responsibilities into your everyday business management. It can easily be adapted to use in your e-mail software and local intranet resources. With the customizable OSH Works home page, your organization’s commitment to occupational health and safety can be demonstrated – and help to reinforce safety on a daily basis.

Beta testing of OSH Works is currently underway with pilot organizations from government, retail and residential construction. “So far we’ve received lots of positive feedback and helpful suggestions from our pilot participants,” said OSH Works project leader Heather Reichheld. “We are continuing to refine the system based on their valuable input, and are very excited about releasing OSH Works this fall.”

Learn more about how OSH Works can help manage your organization’s health and safety program – take a guided tour of the system by visiting www.ccohs.ca/products/oshworks/.