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A weed is no more than a flower in disguise. *James Lowell*

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Enjoy the fall and the exciting annual meeting in our Nation's Capitol. The final ICEHS E-News for 2004 will be published in December. Please send your submissions no later than December 5th in Word (attachment) to: (Maggi.Gunnels@fmcsa.dot.gov).

SECTION NEWS

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Well, we have reached that *most* exciting time of year, when the World Series is won (Go Red Sox!), the lunar eclipse is over and the APHA Annual Meeting just ahead. Now that we can tear ourselves away from television and moon gazing, let's look ahead:

Now is the time to make your final plans for the annual meeting: Get your reservations in for the Awards Banquet while tickets are still available; sign up to volunteer at the ICEHS exhibit; put your schedule together so you don't miss any of our sponsored sessions and meetings. Please be sure to read Nation's Health and the APHA website to get needed background on the proposed policies and on the candidates running for APHA offices so that you can be an informed participant in the process. And check the ICEHS website www.icehs.org for the complete schedule of events. Here are a few highlights :

Sunday, November 7 **ICEHS Business Meeting 3-6**

Monday, November 8 6:30 – 8 am **ICEHS New Members Breakfast and meeting**. Come meet new and not-so-new members and enjoy breakfast courtesy of your section. We promise to serve coffee.

6:30-7:30 pm **Social Hour** Metro Center Marriott. Montreal Room 2. This year, the Social Hour is sponsored by PIRE so we will enjoy great refreshments and the sounds of our very own "house band"!
Tuesday, November 9 2:30 Data Roundtable

4:30-6 pm **Business Meeting**

6:30 **Awards dinner**. Algusto Vaisano Restaurante Italiano. See below for details.

Wednesday November 10 8:30-10 am. Injury latebreakers.

It has been a busy and productive year for our section; a full report will be in the post-meeting newsletter. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Section Councilors, Committee chairs and other volunteers who have helped lead the section this past year. Without them, the newsletter, the website, the minutes, and the entire meeting program would not exist. When you see them in DC, please be sure to extend your appreciation.

- Anara Guard

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AWARDS DINNER—GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!

The 2004 ICEHS Awards Dinner is almost upon us! This event is always a good time: catch up with your colleagues, applaud our most recent awardees, meet student members, eat good food, and make merry. If you are coming to DC for the APHA annual meeting, please make plans to join us at dinner.

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: AV Restaurante Italiano
607 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(4 blocks from the DC Convention Center)

Nearest Metro: Mount Vernon Square

Cost: \$40 per person (\$15 for students who are ICEHS section members or are presenting this year at an ICEHS-sponsored session)

To reserve your ticket, send check payable to Cathy Gotschall to the address below:

Cathy Gotschall
216 W. Jefferson St.
Falls Church, VA 22045

Tickets will be distributed at all ICEHS Section meetings and at the ICEHS booth.

Seating is limited!! Send in your check now to reserve your ticket!!

Questions: cgotschall@nhtsa.dot.gov

THE APHA ANNUAL MEETING COMES TO WASHINGTON, DC NOV. 6-10TH!

Check the ICEHS Section Web Site for details about section activities and the exciting scientific program activities at this year's meeting. It's not too late to attend but you will have to register on site!

<http://www.icehs.org>

There are links to what's new and exciting on the ICEHS Section Web Site.

DON'T MISS THE APHA WALK THE HILL EVENT ON TUESDAY, NO. 9TH!

On Tuesday, November 9, APHA is sponsoring an advocacy event on Capitol Hill. The day will start with a rally and briefing, and will concentrate on important public health issues. Participants will also be scheduled to visit their legislators' offices with other APHA members from their states. For those of you who have never been to the Hill, or visited with your legislators' staff, it is an opportunity to meet the people who represent your state in the federal policymaking process, and to have them meet you, so that when you call to ask a question, or advocate on an issue, they will remember who you are, and that you took the time in the past to educate them on public health issues. (While it is unlikely that many legislators will be around the week after the election, legislative staff, who do most of the research and often the framing of issues for members of Congress, and are extremely important in the policymaking process, will be available.)

Why is this important to the ICEHS Section?

One of the main issues is funding for public health. Even though our members focus primarily on injury and emergency health services, our work, and funding for our work, is affected by Congressional appropriations for public health activities. We need to keep in mind that we are part of a large community of public health professionals, and that our work and interests often overlap and intersect, in areas that are as diverse as mental health, substance abuse, maternal and child health, international health, and medical care, to name but a few. As part of the public health community, we have a responsibility to advocate for support of public health activities and infrastructure, in addition to our advocacy for support of injury and emergency health services related activities.

This activity does conflict with some scientific sessions, but it is important, and it will be educational for anyone who attends. Think of it as one of the “menu options” in the large smorgasbord of sessions at the meeting.

For more information on this activity, and to sign up for updates and other information, visit the APHA web site at: <http://www.apha.org/legislative/walkhill/index.htm>, or contact APHA’s Director of Grassroots Advocacy, Lakitia Mayo by e-mail at lakitia.mayo@apha.org or by telephone via (202) 777-2515.

Hope to see you walking the Hill!

- Linda C. Degutis, DrPH, Co-Chair, Policy Committee

NEWS FROM THE ICEHS POLICY COMMITTEE

APHA Policy Hearings Scheduled for Sunday during the Annual Meeting!

ICEHS members who will be at the Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon are encouraged to attend the hearings to discuss new and latebreaking APHA policy proposals. Approved proposals dictate the Association's public stance on important health issues and are open to comment from the membership at these hearings. Proposed policies of particular interest to the ICEHS this year deal with underage drinking, transportation systems, workplace violence, and treatment for alcohol-related injuries. If possible, please make time to attend these important hearings.

-- The Policy Committee is in search of a new chair or co-chairs. ICEHS members interested in the possibility of assuming this role, or members interested in nominating others, are encouraged to contact Charlie Branas (cbranas@cceb.med.upenn.edu) or Linda Degutis (linda.degutis@yale.edu) either at the November meeting or by email.

- Charlie Branas

ISC STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

We are pleased to announce that the Sections have elected Paul Meissner and Diana Conti to the ISC Steering Committee. Paul is the Chair of the Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section and Diana is the Chair of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section.

Diana has over 10 years of leadership experience in the ATOD section. She has served as a Section Chair and Chair Elect; Section Councilor; Resolutions Chair; and program presenter. In 2002, she co-authored a Governing Council motion that recommended measures to improve relations with the sections based on ISC concerns and suggestions. In her statement with her nomination for the Steering Committee she wrote, 'The sections are vital to APHA and should be an integral part of setting future direction. I believe it is important to strengthen section participation in development of APHA policies and priorities; TFAIR; APHA advocacy efforts; and other organizational issues that affect sections. ISC can also play an important role in working with APHA to assure adequate support for sections to serve their members and increase the overall effectiveness of APHA priorities.'

Paul has 6 years of leadership experience at APHA. He has served as Chair, Chair-elect, Governing Council Rep for his section. He has also been the recording secretary for his local affiliate and has been nominations committee co-chair for the past year. In his statement, Paul wrote, 'I bring significant

experience in two different forums-the leadership of the CHPPD section as well as extensive participation in an Affiliate.'

The members elected this year to the Steering Committee:

- * Will be liaisons to three sections (including their own)
- * Will act as ISC Secretary for 2005 (one of the two)
- * One of the two will be elected as the ISC Chair-Elect for 2006
- * Will be ISC Chair in 2007 and sit as an ex-officio member on the APHA Executive Board.

Let's hope our national elections garner such enthusiastic voter support!

- Sincerely, ISC Nomination Committee, *Sarah Patrick*, Chair

NSPI SEEKS INPUT IN STANDARDS PROCESS

Participate in the ANSI process to review and ballot on a new NSPI 7 Draft Standard, "Suction Entrapment Standard for Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Catch Basins". The National Spa and Pool Institute is looking for a representative from ICEHS to participate in this endeavor. NSPI is the nation's accredited standards writing body through ANSI to write the various ANSI standards on swimming pools and spas. They are looking for APHA members who may want to review and comment on the ANSI/NSPI pool and spa standards.

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- *Anara Guard*

NEWS and MORE

UPDATE ON NATIONAL TRAUMA REGISTRY FOR CHILDREN

Two years ago, the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program provided funds to develop a blueprint for the creation of a National Trauma Registry for Children (NTRC). The Mission of the National Trauma Registry for Children is to develop and maintain a state of the art information system which will efficiently and effectively support the health and safety of children through the promotion of research, education, and evaluation.

For more information about the NTRC Project please visit one of our two websites listed below.

<http://www.eapsa.org/outcomes/ntrc/Index.htm>

<http://ocmap.biostat.pitt.edu/NTRC.htm>

We are proposing, as part of the NTRC, the creation of a National Injury Surveillance System for Children (NISSC). The NISSC will be based upon a statistical sampling of hospitals across the nation. Using an expert panel, we have derived the data elements for inclusion in the NISSC. The NISSC data element survey will be open for comment until November 1, 2004. The data element survey tool can be found by pasting this link in your web browser: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=17155603187>

Each data element is listed along with a choice of whether or not it should be included in the NISSC and an open text box for comment. Please assume that participating hospitals will provide all information requested, including personally identifiable information under a business agreement with the NISSC.

- Karen Guice & Linda Degutis

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CHECK OUT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY PRESS

Stop by <http://www.nap.edu/> to see some of the interesting new offerings, including *Children's Health, the Nation's Wealth: Assessing and Improving Child Health* by the Committee on Evaluation of Children's Health, National Research Council. Many readings are available at no cost on-line and there are often discounts posted.

NEED FUN FACTS FOR HOLIDAY INJURY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES?

Don't miss the United States Census Bureau *Facts for Features*, offering interesting facts that may support a special event or injury prevention promotion activity.

http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/index.html

SAVE THE DATE!

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), the National Association of Injury Control Research Centers (NAICRC), and the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors' Association (STIPDA) are proud to announce:

Injury and Violence in America: Meeting Challenges, Sharing Solutions
An interdisciplinary conference
for the injury and violence prevention and control communities

May 9-11, 2005
The Adam's Mark Hotel and Conference Center
Denver, Colorado

POSITIONS

DIRECTOR, CDC NCIPC, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC).

The Director of CDC's Injury Center is accountable for demonstrable health impact achieved by the program. In cooperation with the senior leadership of the Coordinating Center for Environmental and Occupational Health and Injury Prevention, the Director of the Injury Center has broad operating authority and is responsible for overall planning, direction, and management of the Center; is accountable for executing program goals that are results-oriented; and ultimately is the responsible official charged with ensuring the scientific rigor of the Center's activities. The Director will coordinate with entities outside CDC, including DHHS, the Office of Management and Budget, state, and local health departments, community and faith-based organizations, business and industry; relevant professional organizations (e.g., medical, scientific), and international health organizations and ministries, as appropriate.

The mission of the CDC's Injury Center is the prevention of death and disability from non-occupational injuries, including those that are unintentional and those that result from violence. The Center conducts research about causes, risk factors, and preventive measures for injuries outside the workplace, including unintentional injuries related to falls, residential fires, drowning, poisoning, motor vehicle crashes (including those involving pedestrians), sports and recreational activities, intentional injuries related to homicide, suicide, youth violence, intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and sexual violence; and improving health and quality of life after injuries and preventing secondary conditions among people with disabilities.

The closing date to apply is January 14, 2005.

For additional details and instructions on how to apply, go to www2.cdc.gov/hrmo/viewdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=10-05-001&QuickHireAnnouncement=N