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I believe that the extraordinary should be pursued.  
But extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.  
– Carl Sagan

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Enjoy the summer! The E-News will be on hiatus in July. The next 2004 ICEHS E-News distribution date is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send your submissions no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> in Word (attachment) to: ([Maggi.Gunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:Maggi.Gunnels@nhtsa.dot.gov)).

## **SECTION NEWS**

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

The seasons turn and new opportunities keep coming for ICEHS:

The World Injury Conference in Vienna has just concluded; ICEHS representatives there presented our International award (more on this in the next issue of the newsletter) and conveyed our thanks and appreciation to outgoing section councilor Maria Segui-Gomez.

Thanks to GEICO, we have had three new student members supported to join APHA and our section. Congratulations to Sarah Rieber of Boston, Starr Kelly Sage of Minneapolis, and Michele Canham Chervak of Bel Air, MD. There were *many* nominations for this opportunity so I hope that it will be repeated in future years.

David Kingdon, chair of our EHS/Disaster committee, is representing the section and APHA on a new pediatric terrorism, disaster and public health emergency expert working group out of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

This fall, a new opportunity will present itself. Maggi Gunnels, our stalwart newsletter editor, will take on a new role as section secretary. This opens the position of editor and it is none too soon to start thinking about filling this important role. As Maggi can tell you, it is very rewarding and not as hard as you might think! We are one of the few sections that produces nine issues per year; the newsletter is one of the most vital methods of communication that we have. Please get in touch with Maggi if you would like to be the new editor, or have someone to suggest. (Her contact info is below.)

Finally, as I write this, I am signing off on section expenditures for the past six months. Our budget is dependent on the size of our section. ICEHS has hovered between 500 and 600 members for several years now. Are your colleagues members? Why not? Please urge your injury prevention peers to join (or re-join) the section. Let's see if we can reach 650 before the annual meeting begins.

Anara Guard

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### **NEWS FROM APHA ON LEARNING AND LCDs**

#### **NEW! E-ssentialLearning**



#### **Expanded Access to Annual Meeting Sessions**

APHA is expanding the educational experience of both presenters and attendees at the APHA Annual Meeting by investing in LCD projectors, computers and new web based technology for all scientific sessions. This new technology will enable voice and PowerPoint presentations to be recorded and uploaded to the APHA web-site following the meeting, thus extending the life of the meeting and providing access to hundreds of actual scientific session presentations that Annual Meeting registrants may have missed while attending other sessions.

Annual Meeting attendees can receive full access to these expanded sessions by registering for

E-essentialLearning on the Annual Meeting registration form. Special introductory discounted fees of \$25 for Annual Meeting session presenters, \$50 for APHA members (who are not session presenters), and \$100 for non-members and are in effect for anyone registering for the full APHA Annual Meeting by the October 1st pre-registration deadline. These fees will increase substantially for anyone registering on-site at the Annual Meeting in Washington.

Log-in information and password access to these E-essentialLearning sessions will be provided to registrants immediately following the Annual Meeting.

### **NEW! Presenters Able to Upload PowerPoint Presentations in Advance**

LCD projectors and computers are now included as part of the standard audiovisual package in each session room. This new technology will enable presenters to upload their PowerPoint presentations in advance of the meeting and have them pre-loaded on the APHA session computers. Individual presentations then begin with a click of the mouse. The cost and inconvenience of bringing a computer to the annual meeting has been eliminated for presenters allowing them to take advantage of new technologies and be a part of the E-essentialLearning experience.

- Donna Wright

### **2004 CALENDAR: DON'T MISS THESE DATES!**

Watch future issues of the newsletter and your email for details.

#### **AUGUST ELECTION RESULTS!**

**3 -- LATEBREAKER ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS DEADLINE. CONTACT** Dr. Nelson Adekoya at [NBA7@CDC.GOV](mailto:NBA7@CDC.GOV) or 404-498-6258

**27 -- EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION DISCOUNT (SEE [HTTP://WWW.APHA.ORG/MEETINGS/REG HOUSING.HTM](http://www.apha.org/meetings/reg_housing.htm))**

**NOVEMBER 6-10, 2004 - ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON DC**

- Anara Guard

### **MEMBERS MAKING NEWS**

**Congratulations** to doctoral students, Kathleen Ferguson and Deborah Merchant Langner (Co-Primary Authors and advisees of Susan G. Gerberich) and Co-authors Bruce H. Alexander, James Gurney, Susan Goodwin Gerberich, Andrew D. Ryan, Colleen M. Renier, Steven J. Mongin for receipt of the Best Poster award at the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Vienna, June 6-9 2004. Selected from over 2,000 posters submitted by all participants, this was first identified among the top 30 and, following intensive review at the conference, was awarded Best Poster for:

THE HISTORY OF PARENT AGRICULTURAL INJURY AND RISK OF CHILD AGRICULTURAL INJURY; REGIONAL RURAL INJURY STUDY - II (RRIS-II)  
(*Regional Injury Prevention Research Center, Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota*)

In addition to this honor, a master-crafted crystal paper-weight, "Dewdrops" by Swarovski and a waiver for registration at the next international conference in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2006, were presented.

- Sue Gerberich

## **NEWS AND MEETINGS**

### **JOHNS HOPKINS SUMMER INSTITUTE COMING IN JULY 2004**

#### **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Summer Institute**

The Center for Injury Research & Policy 13th Annual Summer Institute:

Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention **July 11-16, 2004**

Baltimore, Maryland

This one week intensive training program is offered each summer to a class of 60 students interested in studying injury prevention and control. This year, the Institute is being held in July at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Institute uses a problem-solving paradigm to organize lectures, discussions and small group activities. At the beginning of the week, students are given an injury problem of particular relevance or interest to them. Lectures subsequently address behavioral, biomechanical, environmental, epidemiological, legislative, policy and community partnership approaches to injury prevention and control. Throughout the week students utilize the skills, tools and knowledge gained from the presentations and interaction with the faculty to develop strategies for addressing real world injury problems. Students who choose to attend the Institute for academic credit will be evaluated on their participation in group exercises and a final paper. For those who do not choose to apply for academic credit, a certificate of attendance is distributed at the end of the week. CHES credits are also available.

Please see the Center's Website for additional information about the Summer Institute:

[http://www.jhsph.edu/InjuryCenter/summer\\_institute/index.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/InjuryCenter/summer_institute/index.html)

For a schedule and application please contact:

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*- Amy Woodward*

## HARBORVIEW INJURY RESEARCH COURSE, SEPTEMBER 2004

### **Injury Research Methods Course Offered**

The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center is offering an intensive one-week course designed to provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to conduct injury prevention research including study design, developing research questions, using injury literature, evaluating injury research studies, and working with human subjects. The course will be offered **September 20-24, 2004**, on the University of Washington campus. Course instructors include Peter Cummings, Frederick Rivara, David Grossman, Thomas Koepsell, Christine Beahler, and Helen McGough.

This course is appropriate for emergency physicians, trauma surgeons, healthcare providers, traffic safety and public health personnel, and epidemiologists with an interest in injury prevention. The course syllabus can be found at <http://depts.washington.edu/hiprc/epi590/index.htm> .

For more information, please contact Jim Stretch at 206. 685.6403 or via email at [jstretch@ese.washington.edu](mailto:jstretch@ese.washington.edu) or Marni Levy at 206.521.1249 [barni@u.washingto.edu](mailto:barni@u.washingto.edu) .

- LuAnn D'Ambrosio

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE CDC

### **Release of CDC's *School Health Index***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Adolescent and School Health, is pleased to announce the release of the third edition of the *School Health Index: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide*. This version of the *School Health Index* will enable schools to address their policies and programs related to safety (unintentional injury and violence prevention) in addition to the physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco-free lifestyle issues addressed in the previous editions.

In addition to the new printed edition, an online version of the *School Health Index* can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/SHI>. This web-based version will allow you to select only those topics (physical activity, nutrition, tobacco use, or safety) your school is interested in and print a customized score card and discussion questions.

The *School Health Index* is designed for use at both the elementary and middle/high school levels. It was developed to provide schools with a tool to assess their policies and programs in relation to the recommendations of CDC school health guidelines. The *School Health Index* can help schools: (1) identify strengths and weaknesses; (2) prioritize actions for improvement; and (3) develop a team approach to implementing school guidelines recommendations.

You may obtain a printed copy in the following ways:

Request by email: [healthyyouth@cdc.gov](mailto:healthyyouth@cdc.gov)

Request by telephone: (888) 231-6405

Request by fax: (888) 282-7681

Download from CDC web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/SHI>

When ordering, please specify either the elementary school version or the middle/high school and the number of copies desired.

- Lisa Barrios-Cohen

## **PRE-CANVASS INTEREST SURVEY - ANSI STANDARD BY JULY 31, 2004**

### **Seeking Review and Comment on a proposed new (ANSI) standard, NSPI -7 200X, “Entrapment Avoidance Standard for Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Circulation Systems.”**

The National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI) is writing a new proposed (ANSI) standard, *NSPI -7 200X, “Entrapment Avoidance Standard for Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Circulation Systems.”*, under the accredited procedures of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Using these procedures, the sponsor (NSPI) conducts a canvass or mail poll of directly and materially affected persons (organizations, standards developers, companies, government agencies, individuals, and the like) in order to obtain evidence of consensus. This evidence will be considered by ANSI in the approval of the standard as an American National Standard. See the attached statement regarding ANSI’s role in the standards development and approval process.

**TITLE:** NSPI -7 200X, “Entrapment Avoidance Standard for Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Circulation Systems.”

**SCOPE:** *This Standard covers design and performance criteria for circulation systems including components, devices and related technology installed to protect against entrapment hazards in residential and public swimming pools, wading pools, spas and hot tubs, hereinafter called “aquatic facility”. This standard applies to new and existing installations.*

*The provisions of this standard are not intended to prevent the use of any alternative material or method of construction, provided any such alternative meets the intent and requirements of this Standard.*

**Please indicate whether you are interested in participating in the review by requesting the survey from Bernice Crenshaw by July 31, 2004 ([bcrenshaw@nspi.org](mailto:bcrenshaw@nspi.org)).**

If you are interested, you will be added to the canvass list and provided with a review copy of the draft standard, a ballot for return, and other pertinent documentation at the time of ballot. Please note that by indicating your interest in participating, it is expected that you will return the canvass letter ballot and thus provide your position on the proposed recognition of the draft standard as an American National Standard.

**SHOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR THE CANVASS BALLOT AND FAIL TO RETURN A BALLOT DESPITE A FOLLOW-UP LETTER, YOU WILL NOT BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON OTHER ANSI/NSPI CANVASS BALLOTS.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bernice Capshaw at 703-838-0083 ext.150; Fax 703-549-0493; E-mail: [bcrenshaw@nspi.org](mailto:bcrenshaw@nspi.org).

Sincerely,  
Bernice Crenshaw  
Standards Program Director

- Carvin DiGiovanni

## POSITIONS

### PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN POSITION, GEORGIA

# Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Public Health

The Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health is seeking a **Public Health Administrative Physician** for the Epidemiology Branch.

Serves as a member of the Chronic Disease, Injury, and Environmental Epidemiology Section senior staff, with high-level responsibility for injury surveillance, investigation, and control activities. Serves as medical director and lead epidemiologist for the state of Georgia's injury epidemiology program. Manages interdisciplinary teams of medical and public health professionals in designing and conducting injury management, control, and prevention projects. Develops and implements surveillance systems and directs project evaluation. Manages injury epidemiology unit. Develops research proposals. Writes and submits applications for grant funds to support proposed work. Provides medical and epidemiologic consultation to district and local public health officials and to the medical community. Develops and maintains a response plan for mass injury casualties resulting from terrorism in Georgia.

This position is located downtown Atlanta Georgia.

**Minimum Training & Experience:** Graduation from a medical school recognized by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Licensure to practice medicine at a state institution or in the state of Georgia as provided by state law.

**Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants who in addition to meeting the minimum qualifications, possess the following:**

- Formal training in epidemiology such as MPH or equivalent degree with concentration in epidemiology or completion of a recognized epidemiologic training program such as Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) U.S. or Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) - Australia or Canada
- Work experience or graduate-level academic training in injury epidemiology
- Significant years of work experience in a federal, state, or local public health program
- Experience supervising other medical professionals and epidemiologists
- Board Certified in the state of Georgia

**To Apply:** Interested candidates should email their credentials (cover letter & curriculum vitae) in Microsoft Word format to: [alexander@dhjobs.com](mailto:alexander@dhjobs.com). **Please include the job title** (Public Health Administrative Physician, 173119).

**Additional Information:** Thank you for your interest in this job opportunity with DHR. Only those candidates advanced for interview consideration will be contacted.

**A FINGERPRINT CRIMINAL RECORDS INVESTIGATION AND ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TEST ARE REQUIRED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION.**

An applicant who has a disability requiring special accommodations should contact this office.

In addition to a competitive salary (**\$101,175 - \$152,697**), the Georgia Department of Human Resources offers a generous benefits package, which includes employee retirement plan, deferred compensation, 12 paid holidays annually, vacation & sick leave, health, dental, vision, legal, disability, accidental death & dismemberment, health & child care spending accounts.

For more information on all of our jobs, please visit our job site at <http://www.dhrjobs.com/>

**This position is open until filled.**

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