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ASSE MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY— JANUARY 10, 2006

"Microbes in the News"

Please join us for as we kick off 2006 with our January presenter—Marian Kelly. Marian has always been a favorite presenter for the Greater Chicago Chapter and we can be assured that she will delight us this year.

What is all this talk about the Bird flu pandemic? Do I have to worry about Lyme disease? What does global warming have to do with Malaria in the US? Antibiotics for Ulcers? These will just some of the current topics that Marion Kelly will be discussing in her presentation on Tuesday, January 10, 2006—*"Microbes in the News"*.

Marian Kelly has 15 successful years of science teaching experience at the college level. She has extensive training in the medical laboratory including hematology, chemistry, blood bank, immunology and microbiology. On campus she enjoys working with the International/Intercultural committee, and has been an exchange teacher in the Netherlands. She has made numerous presentations to diverse groups on classroom assessment, biotechnology and various aspects

of microbiology. She is an advocate of undergraduate student research and enjoys prairie restoration.

Meeting Information:

- 11:30 am Registration
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Presentation
- 2:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (all are welcome to attend)

Cucina Biagio Restaurant, 7313 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-4641).

Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South. Go approximately 1 mile to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.

RSVP to 773-894-7065, by December 9th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.

Hello everyone and welcome to 2006. I hope everyone had a safe holiday season. We had a great turnout for our 2nd annual holiday luncheon held on December 13th. At the luncheon Rich Moscato was honored for "Forty Years" in the safety profession. Our "Toys for Tots" drive was a success. Thank you to all that gave and to Sanobeia for taking the time to drop off. A raffle was held. Roman Inc, a giftware distributor in Addison, IL, donated raffle prizes. Again, thanks to all who attended and vol-

NATIONAL ASSE - ANSI/ASSE Z15.1 Standard for Motor Vehicle Operations Update

As you are aware - member interest is strong in the proposed ANSI/ASSE Z15.1-200x Standard for Motor Vehicle Operations, During the recent public review of the standard, hundreds of members obtained a copy of the public review document and significant comments and suggestions were made. Approximately 100 pages of committee and public review comments were put together as a result of this outreach. In addition, ASSE added an extra session at its June 2005 Professional Development Conference (PDC) in New Orleans addressing the standard. Bill Hinderks, a nationally respected safety professional with significant experience in the transportation industry and vice-chair of the ANSI Accredited Z15 Committee, spoke at the PDC about the standard to a crowded house. The upcoming issue of "TransActions" the newsletter of the Transportation Practice Specialty will also include an article addressing the public review comments. From the comments and member outreach there is no question that interest in this standard is very high.

The Z15 Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) is chaired by Carmen Daecher, a well known and respected SH&E professional with expertise in the transportation industry. The standard has completed that development process and the paperwork is being submitted to ANSI for formal approval. That step can take anywhere from 14 to 60 days. Then we need to type-set the standard and get it ready for publishing.

Hopefully if all goes well this standard will be available sometime in January. There have been questions for information about this standard.

Below as an FYI you will find the title and scope and some additional information about the standard:

Title: Z15.1-200X "Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations"

Scope: This standard sets forth practices for the safe operation of motor vehicles owned or operated by organizations, including:

- * Definitions
- * Management, Leadership and Administration
- * Operational Environment
- * Driver Considerations
- * Vehicle Considerations
- * Incident Reporting and Analysis

These practices are designed for use by those having the responsibility for the administration and operation of motor vehicles as a part of organizational operations.

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Z15 ASC Website, Transportation Practice Specialty Website, and the Practice Specialties Website:

<http://www.asse.org/Z15.htm>

<http://www.asse.org/dtran.htm>

http://www.asse.org/practice_spec_frameset.html

REGISTER EARLY....

Looking for more bang for your educational buck? Look no further than ASSE's [Safety 2006](#), slated to run June 11-14 in Seattle.

Online registration for the annual professional development conference and exposition opens December 15. In addition to 200 concurrent education sessions, the Executive Summit, technical tours, roundtable discussions, and a selection of pre- and post-conference seminars, this year's conference will also feature the 2006 International Fall Protection Symposium, sponsored by the International Society for Fall Protection. Look for your advance brochure in the mail this month.

Bloodborne Pathogens

Writing my past articles, I have tried to make the title as interesting as the article itself. Unfortunately, in today's world dealing with Bloodborne pathogens is not cute or funny. The safety professional may encounter Bloodborne pathogens on an everyday basis. When someone cuts a finger or even scrapes an elbow, body fluids can make contact.

Many years ago, as a military medic I had to close off an artery in a man's leg with my fingers. I had no gloves and the man was bleeding to death. Today any safety or medical professional would take the extra time to put on medical gloves before assisting a wounded person.

OSHA has become very specific about dealing with Bloodborne pathogen and the training that is required. Below is part of the OSHA standard:

[1910.1030](#), Bloodborne pathogens. See for complete standard requirements.

- ✦ Revisions to 1910.1030 as a result of the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act:
- ✦ [Paragraph \(d\)\(2\)\(i\)](#) requires the use of engineering and work practice controls to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- ✦ Employers must keep a **Sharps Injury Log** for the recording of percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps. [\(h\)\(5\)\(i\)](#)
- ✦ The Exposure Control Plan [\(c\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) shall:
- ✦ Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens. [\(c\)\(1\)\(iv\)\(A\)](#)
- ✦ Document annually consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available and effective safer medical devices designed to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure. [\(c\)\(1\)\(iv\)\(B\)](#)

Solicit input from non-managerial employees responsible for direct patient care, who are potentially exposed to injuries from contaminated sharps, in the identification, evaluation, and selection of effective engineering and work practice controls and shall document the solicitation in the Exposure Control Plan. [\(c\)\(1\)\(v\)](#)

The CDC/NIOSH defines Bloodborne Pathogens as." Exposures to blood and other body fluids occur across a wide variety of occupations. Health care workers, emergency response and public safety personnel, and other workers can be exposed to blood through needlestick and other sharps injuries, mucous membrane, and skin exposures. The pathogens of primary concern are the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Workers and employers are urged to take advantage of available engineering controls and work practices to prevent exposure to blood and other body fluids.

We know there is a broad spectrum of workers needing training - what training should they receive? The answer to that question might depend on the exposure or anticipated risk factors of their work. How do you know what your level of risk is? If you are in a field where the anticipated level of risk to pathogen exposure is high such as a dental hygienist, your worksite should have an Exposure Control Plan. Each plan should specify what that worker(s) needs to know, to be able to work safely. In fact, most workers with occupational exposure must have an Exposure Control Plan.

Exposure Control Plans should analyze hazards and present the anticipated risks, with engineering, administrative and personal protective control measures, in addition to defining what training is appropriate. A sample Exposure Control Plan from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) can be viewed on the CDC website or the OSHA website. Bloodborne pathogens can present a serious problem to the safety professional or occupational health worker in today's environment. With the increased advance of HIV and Hepatitis, we need to make sure the workplace is safe, and the people who give aid and comfort to injured employees are trained to make sure they are safe themselves. If I had to clamp off that artery today I would be wearing gloves, a face shield and an impervious gown for protection, and a special container for my medical waste. How times have changed.

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

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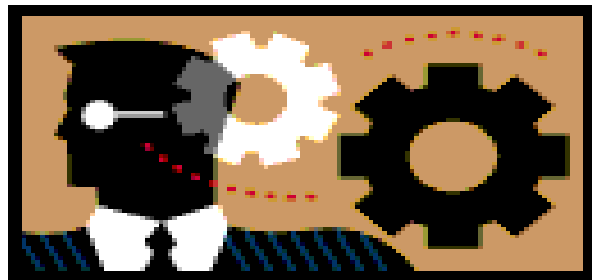
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

TIMOTHY MURPHY—CHUBB INSURANCE



AGE GROUP ADDED AS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS KICK OFF FOURTH ANNUAL KIDS' 'SAFETY- ON- THE- JOB' POSTER CONTEST

In an ongoing effort to educate children on how workplace safety and health affects them and their families, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) today kicked off its fourth annual ASSE kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The contest runs today through Feb. 14, 2006, Valentine's Day, and is broken down into five age categories.

The winning poster in each age group will best illustrate workplace safety and be featured on the annual North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week poster distributed worldwide. NAOSH week, a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and preventing injuries, runs April 30 – May 1, 2006.

"Children of ASSE members are not totally aware of how critical their parents' work is when it comes to saving lives and reducing injuries worldwide," ASSE President Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP, said. "This contest helps teach ASSE members' children just how their parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, work day in and day out to help the millions of people who go to work, return home safely every day. It is also a fun contest."

In addition to the having the winning posters put on the NAOSH 2006 poster, poster contest entrants and their families will be recognized at the NAOSH 2006 national kick-off in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 1 at the U.S. Department of Labor. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a partner with ASSE on NAOSH week.

The poster contest is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews between the ages of 5 and 14. There are four age categories with a winner selected from each age group which include: 1) ages 5-6; 2) ages 7-8; 3) ages 9-10; 4) ages 11-12, and 5) ages 13-14. An independent panel of judges will select the five winning entries that best illustrate the theme "Safety on the Job." Each age group winner receives a \$1,000 savings bond. All entrants receive a prize.

For the ASSE kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest rules and entry form please go to the www.asse.org/naosh web site or contact customerservice@asse.org. The winning entries will be announced in March 2006. Posters will also be displayed at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to be held in Seattle June 11-14, 2006.

