



PPHTC LISTSERV - PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS AND INFORMATION
FEBRUARY 2005

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

a. *Building Science: Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings, San Francisco, CA; February, 2005*

Register by January 14 and save \$50 for this popular AIHA moisture control road course:
Building Science: Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings taught by Hal Levin, Fellow, ASHRAE on February 14-16, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA. For full course details, visit www.aiha.org/ce.htm

b. *Annual HIMSS Conference and Exhibition, Dallas, TX Feb. 13 – 17, 2005*

The Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition is the one must-attend event in the healthcare IT industry and this year's conference is set to offer even more value. With keynotes by Scott McNealy, 200+ education sessions, 700+ exhibitors featuring new products, cutting-edge interoperability demonstrations, a schedule packed with networking opportunities, and more, HIMSS 2005 is the only place where you can join 18,000 of your peers to find out everything that is going on in the industry, all in one place.
<http://conference.himss.org/ASP/index.asp>

c. *Infectious Diseases: A Course for Clinicians, Honolulu, HI; February, 2005*

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the University of Hawaii, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation announce a clinical course entitled

"Infectious Diseases: A Course for Clinicians" at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort in Honolulu, HI, February 18 - 20, 2005. Additional information is available at www.nfid.org.

d. *Chronic Disease Prevention and control, Atlanta GA; March , 2005*

The 19th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, "Health Disparities: Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities (Accelerating the rate of progress in improving lives), March 1-3, 2005, Atlanta GA. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference>

e. *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2005*

The 22nd Annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is scheduled in Atlanta, GA March 5-9, 2005. The theme for the Conference, is "Data into Action: 22 Years of BRFSS," Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/conference/index.htm>

f. *Healthy People 2005 Conference, Loma Linda, CA; March, 2005*

Healthy People 2005 Conference entitled "Lifestyle Science: Integrating Prevention and Intervention" is scheduled for March 8-10, 2005 will take place at Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, Loma Linda University. For more information and to register visit <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/cpe/healthy/2005hp.html>

g. *From Cholera to Smallpox and Beyond: Mathematical Modeling for 21st Century Public Health Practice, Palm Springs, March 9-10*

This conference is designed to bridge the knowledge gap between academicians/researchers and public health practitioners on the usefulness, techniques and applicability of modeling with the long-term goal of improving bioterrorism response plans, exercises and public health interventions. The conference offers attendees the opportunity to learn about modeling methodology and real-life examples used by researchers to detect, understand and mitigate infectious disease outbreaks. Sessions include "The Modeling Toolbox for Public Health Practitioners," "Applied Modeling Methodology," "The Link between Syndromic Surveillance and Modeling," "Past and Future Outbreaks (How Modeling Can Help)," "Determining Data Needs Before, During and After an Event," and "Next Steps." The keynote speaker for the first day will be Dr. Richard Jackson, California State Health Officer. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.creativeeventsolutions.net/modeling>

h. *International Conference on Work Environment and Cardiovascular Diseases, Newport Beach, CA; March, 2005*

4th International Conference on Work Environment and Cardiovascular Diseases is scheduled in March 9-11, 2005, Newport Beach, California. For more information: <http://www.coeh.uci.edu/icoh>

i. *National Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference, Atlanta GA; April, 2005*

National Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference: entitled "Vision to Reality," organized by CDC and other public health partners, will be held April 20-22, 2005, Atlanta GA. For more information <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/tracking/>

j. *FDA Science Forum Washington, DC April 2005*

The 2005 FDA Science Forum, entitled "FDA Science: Advancing Public Health through Innovative Science," is scheduled for April 27-28,

2005, in Washington DC. For more information visit : <http://www.fda.gov/scienceforum>

k. *Joint Annual Meeting of the California Public Health Association - North and Southern California Public Health, Oakland CA; April 2005*

The Joint Annual Meeting of the California Public Health Association - North and Southern California Public Health Association will take place at the Hilton Oakland Airport on April 4-5, 2005. Presentations will focus on the conference theme, "The Power Of Collaboration," and will include both plenary and concurrent sessions. Additional information and online registration will be available soon at <http://www.cphan.org/event.html> or <http://www.scpha.org>

l. *Conference on Public Health and Disasters, Woodlands Hills, CA; May, 2005*

4th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters, Warner Center Marriott, Woodland Hills, CA, May 1-4, 2005 <http://www.cphd.ucla.edu>

m. *National DHPE/CDC Conference, Minneapolis, MN; May, 2005*

The 23rd National DHPE/CDC Conference on Health Education and Health Promotion, with the title "Health Promotion and Education at the Crossroads: New Public Health Directions," will be held at Hilton Hotel Minneapolis, MN May 25-27, 2005: For more information, <http://www.dhpe.org/nationalconference>

2. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

a. *University of California Riverside Environmental Management Program Schedule*

The Environmental Management Program of University of California Riverside (UCR) Extension 2005 courses are open for enrolment in several disciplines including Hazardous Materials Management, Land Use and Environmental Planning, Water/Wastewater, and Workplace Health and Safety. For more information, visit <http://www.unex.ucr.edu/certificates/workplace-health.html> or email sciences@ucx.ucr.edu

b. *UC Berkeley Center for Infectious Disease Preparedness is pleased to announce our courses for Spring 2005*

The University of California Berkeley Center for Infectious Disease Preparedness is pleased to announce our courses for Spring 2005. Our mission is to train frontline public health staff to improve their ability to detect, investigate, and respond to infectious disease threats through education, training, evaluation, and research. All of our courses are free, and courses meet on Tuesdays to accommodate commuters. UC Berkeley students are welcome to take or audit these courses (courses will be available for PH 298 or 299 credit.)

This Spring, three of our courses will be webcast: <http://www.idready.org/webcast> . For an overview of courses visit: <http://www.idready.org/courses/2005/spring/2005springcolorbrochure.pdf>

Schedule and syllabi are available at : <http://www.idready.org> . To register, visit: <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB223ZXHFRRHS>

c. *Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web cast series*

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners can be accessed <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp>

d. *Certificate in Health Geoinformatics (CHG), Loma Linda University School of Public Health*

Loma Linda University School of Public Health announces the addition of Certificate in Health Geoinformatics (CHG) to the existing Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) in Health Geographics. For more information, visit <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/index.html>

e. *Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii*

A certificate entitled "The Public Health Certificate in MCH Leadership" is developed by university of Hawaii to strengthen Maternal and Child Health (MCH). For more information about the program, <http://www.hawaii.edu/ogsas/mhcert.htm>

f. *Cal-OSHA Safety Courses*

A 2-day comprehensive California OSHA Safety Courses entitled, Essentials of Safety is scheduled at different locations through the American Safety Training, Inc., which provides the flexibility to attend the 30 hr program in 4 consecutive days or in 2-Day intervals at different course locations. CEU Credits apply for 14 hours for 2-Day, and 30 hours for 4-Day. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.trainosha.com/newtrainmonthrequest.asp>

g. *PPHTC - Online Training in Food borne Illness and Principles of Public Health*

Food borne Illness and the Principles of Public Health are online courses sponsored by the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC). Food Borne Illness course describes different contaminants, specific illnesses, and prevention techniques related to food borne illnesses. The principles of Public Health course provides an overview of the most important issues and topics related to public health departments and public health practice. To take the course (s) visit <http://www.pphhc.org/training/courselist.htm>

h. *Online Executive Master of Public Health degree in Public Health Practice, Loma Linda University School of Public Health*

Loma Linda University School of Public Health has a new Online Executive Master of Public Health degree in Public Health Practice. The program is designed to meet the needs of practicing health professionals who desire to augment their current careers with additional information and skills. For more information, www.llu.edu/sphonline

3. PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

a. *Public Health Education & Training*

A number of institutions that offer Education and Training programs in California and Hawaii including Universities, Colleges and others can be found at

<http://www.pphtc.org/training/training.htm>

b. *California STD/HIV prevention Training center: Online Chlamydia Training course*

California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center is designed to increase the knowledge of asymptomatic Chlamydia infection and the importance of screening young sexually active women. Contents of the course include screening guidelines, epidemiology, clinical aspects, sexual history taking and counseling, and diagnostic testing and clinical management of Chlamydia.

CE credits apply. Visit for more information http://www.stdhivtraining.org/educ/training_module/index.html

c. *CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program*

Environmental public health tracking is the ongoing data collection, integration, analysis, and interpretation of data about environmental hazards, exposure to environmental hazards, and human health effects potentially related to exposure to environmental hazards. For more information, visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/tracking>

d. *Online Geographic Data for Public Health: Interactive Atlas of Reproductive Health*

The Interactive Atlas of Reproductive Health is an online geographic information system (GIS) dedicated to reproductive health issues such as infant mortality, fertility and low birth weight. For more information, visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/GISAtlas>

e. *Environmental Data Standards Council*

The Environmental Data Standards Council (EDSC or Council) develops environmental data standards to promote the exchange of information among

States, Native American Tribes, and US EPA.

<http://www.envdatastandards.net>

f. *Supercourse on Physical Activity and Health*

Two new courses on physical activity and health are now available (beta) for readers to review and use in their own instructional settings. These are: "Physical Activity & Health" and "Exercise and Health, an Olympic Ideal." The Supercourse has 10,300 faculty from 151 countries that created a Library of Lectures with more than 1400 lectures on the Internet with quality control, and cutting edge cognitive design.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/index.htm>

i. *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)*

Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, is pleased to announce the availability of "BRFSS Maps" on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) website. BRFSS Web site will be able to create, save, and print state and MMSA level maps detailing a variety of health-related risk factors. For more information,

<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/gisbrfss>

j. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Treatment Facility Locator*

This is a searchable directory of drug and alcohol treatment programs that show the location of facilities that treat alcoholism, alcohol abuse and drug abuse problems. The Locator includes more than 11,000 addiction treatment programs, including residential treatment centers, outpatient treatment programs, and hospital inpatient programs for drug addiction and alcoholism. Visit

<http://www.samhsa.gov> for more information.

k. *Hawaii Health Portal*

Hawaii Health Portal provides links to health information for Hawaii. For more information

<http://hawaiihealthportal.org>

1. *Nationwide Health Data*

The rural health policy research institute has launched a website that contains health data for public consumption. See <http://circ.rupri.org/index.asp>

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. *Hawaii Health System Forms Telemedicine Network*

Hawaii Health Systems has partnered with the University of Hawaii School of Medical Pathology, Clinical Labs of Hawaii and other organizations to form a telemedicine network that will use telemedicine and telepathology technology for treatment purposes and distance learning. The network will provide education and training to medical pathology residents, distance learning services for rural health professionals and patients and access to certain medical care through telemedicine consultations. The technologies also

will allow physicians to receive test results in just a few minutes instead of several days. <http://www.healthdatamanagement.com/html/news/NewsStory.cfm?DID=12237>

b. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is the only comprehensive source of health characteristics of the entire spectrum of Medicare beneficiaries. The MCBS Profiles series uses MCBS data to offer interesting insights into health care delivery. Visit <http://cms.hhs.gov>

c. *CDC's Emerging Infectious Disease (EID)*

The January 2005 edition of EID publication includes articles on SARS, Lyme disease, dengue, and a review of Daniele Dionisio's "Textbook-Atlas of Intestinal Infection in AIDS." The EID is online at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/index.htm>

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