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1. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Teleweb Courses***

Introduction to Control Banding – March 11, 2005

This TeleWeb course is a balanced mix of theoretical aspects, practical examples, and hands-on activities. The speakers will discuss the origins, technical basis, limitations, and current uses of control banding. Current activities in developing and developed countries will be presented, along with a report from the National Control Banding Workshop. A case study will demonstrate the application of control banding concepts in controlling worker exposures to glutaraldehyde at the "expert advice" level of control. The selection of an appropriate level of controls will be demonstrated using the COSHH Essentials approach, and participants will have an opportunity to apply control-banding principles to real-world examples.

Creating Breakthroughs for Safety, Health, and Environmental Excellence -April 13, 2005

The purpose of this presentation is to identify and describe the key components required to create breakthroughs in safety, health and environmental performance. We will explore and understand how

unsafe attitudes and behaviors impact performance in these areas. We will also discuss the importance of building a common SH&E culture in which all employees can develop strategies to align behind and work together toward a common vision of excellence. For complete information go to: <http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/TeleWebSeries.html>

- b. 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>

- c. 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>

- d. 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>

- e. From Cholera to Smallpox and Beyond: Mathematical Modeling for 21st Century Public Health Practice, Palm Springs, March 9-10, 2005***

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>

f. *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>

g. *National Public Health Week 2005: Toolkit Now Available*

2005 National Public Health Week (NPHW) is dedicated to empowering Americans to live stronger and longer. During the week of April 4 - 10, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and its partners will promote the three "Ps" for adding more healthy years to life:

- o Preventing health problems by practicing healthy living
- o Protecting your health through early detection and screening
- o Developing a Plan to manage your health that will promote a high quality of life in later years

As a grassroots campaign, partner participation is essential to its success. More than 130 partners and six sponsors are supporting APHA's efforts to raise public health awareness. The materials for NPHW 2005 are now available at <http://www.apha.org>

h. *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/>

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

The 2005 Food and Drug Administration (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>

j. *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 is available at <http://www.cphan.org/event.html> or <http://www.scpha.org/>

k. *Society for Public Health Education 2005 Midyear Scientific Conference- April 13-16*

"Health Education and Behavioral Medicine Working Together: A Marathon Not a Sprint" is the theme of next year's Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) 2005 Midyear Scientific Conference, to take place from April 13-16, 2005 Marriott Copley Square Hotel, Boston, MA. Just days before the prestigious Boston marathon, SOPHE invites participants to come, learn, and network with other behavioral science researchers, health education practitioners, and health promotion specialists. Five cogent and timely themes will be addressed: (1) the ecological model for behavior change; (2) leadership, (3) advocacy and health policy; (4) participatory research and (5) evaluation. Held in conjunction with the Society of Behavioral Medicine's (SBM) annual meeting, participants will also have the opportunity to attend joint sessions of SOPHE and SBM, as well as engage in skill building workshops and concurrent sessions on a broad range of health education and behavioral

science issues. Conference information is available at <http://www.sophe.org>

l. *Conference on Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Among American Indians and Alaska Natives 2005 – May 16-19, 2005*

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Conference, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Native American Cardiology Program, the IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, and the Joslin Diabetes Center, in conjunction with federal, professional, and private voluntary organization partners are holding “Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Among American Indians and Alaska Natives 2005” in Denver, CO from May 16-19, 2005. This national conference is aimed at health care providers, tribal leaders, urban and community health leaders, community health professionals and paraprofessionals, and tribal community members focused on the prevention, clinical recognition, and optimal treatment of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other cardiovascular risk factors among American Indians and Alaska Natives. For more information, see <http://www.professionaled.joslin.org/>

m. *2005 National Conference on Tobacco or Health -- May 4-6*

“Turning Point: Challenges and Opportunities in Tobacco Control in the Next Decade” is the theme of this year’s National Conference on Tobacco or Health, to take place May 4-6 in Chicago, IL.

The conference purpose is to help practitioners improve their tobacco control activities and to help improve and sustain the effectiveness and reach of tobacco control programs and activities in the United States. For more information <http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2005/conference/splash.cfm>

n. *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/>

o. *Spirituality and Health : Science Discovery and Application May 17-18, 2005*

The Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Public Health in collaboration with the LLU Center for Christian Bioethics, the LLU Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, and Adventist Health are co-sponsoring “Spirituality and Health: Science, Discovery, and Application” at the Wong Kerlee Conference Center, Loma Linda, CA from May 17-18, 2005. The keynote speaker is Dr. Harold G. Koenig, founder of the Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality at the Duke University Medical Center.

www.llu.edu/llu/sph/cpe/healthy/2005sh.html

p. *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>

q. *Summer Research Career Development Institute in Minority Health - June 4-7*

The 2005 Summer Research Career Development Institute in Minority Health and Health Disparities will take place June 4-7 at the University of Pittsburgh Biomedical Science Tower in Pittsburgh, PA. The institute topics include:

- o Current topics in health disparities research
- o Mentors and relationship building
- o Scientific autobiography
- o Issues in professional advancement

The institute is aimed at emerging investigators from the fields of public health, medicine, and related fields in the social and behavioral sciences that address research in minority health and health disparities.

The EXPORT Centers at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and at Jackson State University’s School of Public Health, in cooperation with NIH’s National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, are hosting the event. Applications are due April 1. For

additional information, contact Ms. Rachael Berget
rberget@cmh.pitt.edu

**r. *LLUSPH offers Health Geoinformatics
Summer Institute: June – September 2005***

Loma Linda University School of Public Health (LLUSPH) invites you to apply for Health Geoinformatics Summer Institute from June 20 - September 2, 2005. The 10-week program is divided into two sessions of five weeks per session. Students receive instruction in the entire graduate certificate program curriculum in health geoinformatics; see <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/courses.htm> Participants may choose to take all courses or as many courses as desired (up to 12 units).

Among other activities, the institute features field trips to the 2005 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, CA and the ESRI campus in Redlands, CA. Students who successfully complete the Certificate in health geoinformatics (CHG) during the summer institute will also receive a free copy of ArcView software with some extensions (Courtesy of ESRI). Additional information and application information is available at www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/chg.htm

**s. *Pacific Global Health Conference- Honolulu,
June 15-17, 2005***

The third Pacific Global Health Conference will take place in Honolulu, HI from June 15-17, 2005. The Hawai'i Public Health Association and the Hawai'i State Department of Health, in association with local, national, and international health organizations, are sponsoring the event. For more information, see <http://www.hawaiipublichealth.org>

2. PUBLIC HEALTH 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/>

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/mchcert.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 <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.pphtc.org/training/courselist.htm>

**h. *Online MPH now accepting applications for
August 2005***

Are you a busy health professional looking for a way to augment your current career with additional information and skills but find it difficult to return to school full time? Loma Linda University's Online Master of Public Health degree will give you the flexibility to combine work and study and may be just what you are looking for! For more information, please visit us at www.llu.edu/sponline or call 1-888-558-8703

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 <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

<http://hawaiihealthportal.org/>

l. *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 PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

a. *Health Trends in Hawai'i - a profile of the Health Care system*

Hawaii Health Information Corporation (HHIC) is pleased to present the sixth edition of the *Health Trends in Hawai'i: A Profile of the Health Care System*, sponsored by the HMSA Foundation. The foundation supports this biannual publication as a means of providing objective, reliable health care data in an easy-to-use format. In this edition, Health Trends in Hawaii is divided into demographics, health status, health market, health resources and health resource utilization. Visit

<http://www.healthtrends.org/>

b. *Hawaii Health System Forms Telemedicine Network*

Hawaii Health Systems partners with 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 provides 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 allows physicians to receive test results in just a few minutes instead of several days.

<http://www.hhsc.org/>

c. *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>

d. 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>

e. Public Health Reports

Public Health Reports (PHR) is an informative and accessible resource for practitioners, teachers, and students of public health. The Journal provides important research and key discussions on the major issues confronting the public health community. Subscription information and past volumes <http://www.publichealthreports.org>

f. US Surgeon General Releases Advisory on Alcohol Use in Pregnancy

US Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona has warned pregnant women and women who may become pregnant to abstain from alcohol consumption in order to eliminate the chance of giving birth to a baby with any of the harmful effects of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). FASD is the full spectrum of birth defects caused by prenatal alcohol exposure.

Dr. Carmona made this announcement prior to participating in BirthDay Live!, a 10-hour live television program on the Discovery Health Channel that shows childbirths from three locations across the country. This announcement and participation in the program are both part of Surgeon General Carmona's "The Year of the Healthy Child" agenda: a commitment to help improve the holistic health of children from pre-conception through the teen years. For more information about "The Year of the Healthy Child," see <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>.

5. ABOUT PPHTC LISTSERV

PPHTC LISTSERV is a service of the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) <http://www.pphtc.org/>, which comprise of California Schools of Public Health (Loma Linda University, School of Public Health; UC Berkeley, School of Public Health; UCLA, School of Public Health; San Diego State University, Graduate School of Public Health) and University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

PPHTC LISTSERV is sent to Public Health workforce in California and Hawaii usually once a month and whenever we receive several educational and training related items that are of potential interest to California and Hawaii Public Health workers.

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