

Mission

To proactively address ongoing and emerging occupational safety and health issues affecting U.S. agriculture.

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New-look Web site!

The ASHCA Web site has been redesigned!

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ASHCA Workshop to feature best practices in risk management

January 6-7 event to co-locate with AG CONNECT Expo 2011

Proven, evidence-based strategies will be highlighted during "Practical Safety and Health Risk Management in Production Agriculture," a Workshop hosted by the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA), January 7, 2011, at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta.

The Workshop will be preceded Thursday, January 6 by ASHCA annual business meetings and an evening welcome reception.

"Feedback from our January 2010 groundbreaking conference in Dallas taught us that agricultural producers are willing to implement good ideas and programs that have been shown to be effective at reducing work related injuries and illnesses," said Dan Hair, ASHCA Vice-Chair. "One of the important roles that ASHCA plays is to discover and disseminate proven safety and health interventions. I feel confident that our Workshop will do just that."

Producers' experiences will be featured in plenary and concurrent sessions. Topics will include: creating a culture of safety among agricultural workers, training with a mobile safety trailer, utilizing safety competition to teach

about hazards, reducing insurance premiums, and a statewide agricultural safety certification program.

Friday's luncheon will offer an innovative approach to networking, with attendees able to choose from amongst tables with assigned topics and moderators.

The Workshop will be co-located with AG CONNECT Expo 2011, giving

attendees added value of convenient access to the huge trade show that brings together the latest in equipment, technology and ideas from all areas of agriculture production. ASHCA will have a booth at AG CONNECT (<http://www.agconnect.com>).

Workshop registration will include free admission to AG CONNECT Premiere Day, Friday, January 7, upon conclusion of the Workshop, and reduced

admission for the remaining days of AG CONNECT.

Don't miss this Workshop, being designed for and by the agricultural industry!

Online registration will be available by late October.

Speakers and Agenda:

Check www.ashca.com for the latest.

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Register Now!

"Practical Safety and Health Risk Management in Production Agriculture"

ASHCA Annual Meeting and Workshop
 January 6-7, 2011
 Georgia World Congress Center
 Atlanta, Georgia

This workshop will feature proven, cost-effective strategies for enhancing worker safety and health.

To register and for more information go to www.ashca.com or contact ASHCA at 715-221-7270, or ashca@mcrf.mflclin.edu.

Co-located with:

AgSafe training program defines 'California approach' to safety



In response to 1990 regulations in California, agricultural industry leaders formed a coalition with academic institutions, farm organizations and agricultural businesses to ensure the industry was compliant with new standards for farm worker safety. This coalition evolved into a non-profit organization, AgSafe <http://www.agsafe.org/>.

AgSafe began creating and providing educational programs to continue meeting the state agricultural industry's

occupational safety and health needs. One such endeavor was the creation of the California Agricultural Safety Certificate Program, a formal training program that provides managers and supervisors with a baseline education in the most essential aspects of agricultural safety. Now with more than 10 years' experience, this program has evolved into a highly successful initiative that garners industry support throughout the state. Courses can be taken at the annual AgSafe Conference or in segments as part of regional trainings.

The AgSafe program and other training workshops have helped agricultural employers more rapidly and effectively adopt best management practices in an increasingly complicated regulatory environment. In the process it has enhanced a culture of safety and introduced valuable strategies that increase productivity while improving safety and health outcomes for workers.

To date, nearly 550 individuals have secured certificates of completion that reflect at least 15 hours of formal coursework. English and Spanish-language training is offered in a manner that is responsive to the learning styles of a multicultural workforce. California's approach to safety training of agricultural workers can serve as a model for enhancing respect and cooperation among employers, workers and safety professionals.

AgSafe Executive Director Amy Wolfe is a co-author (with Barbara Lee and James Meyers) of "Agricultural Safety Training: California Style," published in the Journal of Agromedicine, Volume 15, Issue 3. The article, and the entire issue, are available free online until November 30, 2010.

Go to:

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t792303961~db=jour>

'Be Safe, Be Profitable' conference featured in special Journal of Agromedicine issue – now free online

"Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture," is featured in a dedicated issue of the Journal of Agromedicine.

The entire issue (Volume 15, Issue 3) has been made available free online through November 30, 2010, by publisher Taylor & Francis.

Go to: <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t792303961~db=jour>.

"Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture," was co-organized by ASHCA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and was held January 27-28, 2010, in Dallas/ Fort Worth, Texas.

"It is our hope that this collection of editorials, panel presentations, plenary talks and poster abstracts stimulates a new order of translational research, leading to effective research partnerships and improved health and safety outcomes," said Journal of Agromedicine Editor-in-Chief Steven Kirkhorn, M.D., M.P.H., FACOEM, medical director of the National Farm Medicine Center and chair, Marshfield Clinic Occupational Health.

Videos and slides of conference presentations can be viewed at www.ashca.com by clicking on "2010 Conference." A limited number of DVD sets containing presentation videos are available free of charge by contacting ASHCA at ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu, 715-221-7270.

Special offer!

The publisher is offering a subscription discount in conjunction with the dedicated conference issue.

Contact customerservice@taylorandfrancis.com or toll free 1-800-354-1420, press "4." Please notify the customer service agent of the conference name ("Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture"), special offer (\$50 for one year-four issues), and promotional code RH07209S.



Strategic Planning Retreat looks to future of ASHCA



“What will ASHCA look like in 2013?”

This was one of the questions that guided discussion at the ASHCA strategic planning retreat, May 4, 2010, at American Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Washington, DC.

In attendance were members of the Executive Committee – William Nelson, Dan Hair, Marsha Purcell – as well as Dennis Murphy, Barbara Lee and Paul Gunderson.

In 2013, “ASHCA will no longer be new, but will have established a reputation. The organization’s leadership should be identified with people who are not full time safety professionals. ASHCA will be a venue or conduit between safety professionals and producers. ASHCA will be the ‘table’ to which producers come for safety information. There will be steady, incremental growth. There will be new technologies to facilitate

ASHCA’s reach into target audiences/ members (e.g., Extension community). Members will find ‘market value’ in being associated with ASHCA and farm organizations will be competing to get a representative on the Board. We will be effective in creating a culture of worker safety within major agribusinesses.”

As for what ASHCA will not look like: “There will be no lobbying, no individual professional development and no involvement in immigration reform.”

Goals and Strategies originally outlined in 2008 have been updated. They can be viewed at www.ashca.com.

Business Briefs



Michael Pankonin

Michael Pankonin has joined the ASHCA Board of Directors. Pankonin serves the membership of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) as Senior

Director, Technical and Safety Services. With a strong interest in equipment, Pankonin began his career in test engineering and has served industry in the agricultural, construction, utility and forestry sectors. He earned his MBA while managing product support, customer service, quality assurance, and liability case-management in private industry. Pankonin currently has responsibility for the Technical and Safety Services at AEM and personally works with numerous AEM product groups including the Manufacturers of Earthmoving and Mining Equipment. He serves on several ISO standards committees, is a member of American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), and is the AEM staff contact for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and emissions-related activities. Pankonin replaces Darren Drollinger on the ASHCA Board. Drollinger, formerly of AEM, was named executive director of ASABE this past summer.

ASHCA's Dan Hair to co-chair NORA Council on AgFF

Dan Hair, Vice-Chair of ASHCA, has assumed the role of co-chair with the NIOSH-National Occupational Research

Agenda (NORA) Sector Council on Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. The council establishes strategic national goals and action plans that guide federal funding priorities. Hair will co-chair with George Conway, MD, MPH. Dr. Conway is Director of the NIOSH Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Program. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora/comment/agendas/AgForFish/>

Conduct quick audit of hazards with FARM-HAT

FARM-HAT, or The Farm/Agriculture/Rural/Management – Hazard Analysis Tool website includes 12 category groups relating to a host of topics ranging from agricultural machinery and equipment through animals and livestock, buildings and facilities, off-road vehicles and agri-retail and agritourism. It is easy to access and can be used to conduct a quick audit of hazards. It includes a simple audit process for evaluating hazards and provides guidance for correcting hazards. Go to: www.agsafety.psu.edu/farmhat and then go to the upper left hand prompt “FARM-HAT User Guide” for a site tour.

NIOSH releases 'Worker Safety on the Farm' brochure

NIOSH just released Worker Safety on the Farm, a trifold brochure of injury statistics and safety tips regarding tractors, machinery, animal handling, falls and hired workers. The brochure is available for printing at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-137/pdfs/2010-137.pdf>.

ASHCA Fact Sheet available

ASHCA facts-at-a-glance are now available on a one-page handout. Background, member benefits, and ways to participate

are addressed. Use it to introduce potential members to ASHCA. It is posted at www.ashca.com. Limited print copies on semi-gloss paper are available.

ASHCA outreach

Events with ASHCA visibility (speaker, key participant and/or exhibit):

- AG CONNECT Expo, January 13-15, 2010, Orlando, FL. (Paul Gunderson, Barbara Lee, exhibit)
- “Agriculture’s Promise: a forum for the next generation,” hosted by the National Young Farmer Educational Association, April 18-20, 2010, Washington, DC. (William Nelson)
- National Farm Business Management Conference – “Agile, Mobile, Versatile: Farm Analysis & Education for the Future,” June 13-17, 2010, Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN. (Paul Gunderson, William Nelson)
- Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Safety Committee Meeting, June 25, 2010, Santa Fe, NM. (Barbara Lee)
- National Institute for Farm Safety, June 27-July 1, 2010, Wilmington, NC. (Multiple ASHCA members, exhibit)
- Agricultural Media Summit, July 24-28, 2010, St. Paul, MN. (Scott Heiberger, exhibit)

Have you or your organization represented ASHCA at an event? Please contact newsletter editor Scott Heiberger at: heiberger.scott@mcwf.mfldclin.edu.

Upcoming Events

November 17-18, 2010

Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Forum
Iowa City, Iowa
<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash/programs/mrash/2010/>

November 17-20, 2010

Midwest Stream Farmworker Health Forum
Austin, Texas
www.ncfh.org

January 7, 2011

Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America 2011 Workshop
Atlanta, Georgia
www.ashca.com

January 7-10, 2011

AG CONNECT Expo
Atlanta, Georgia
www.agconnect.com

June 12-15, 2011

American Society of Safety Engineers
Chicago, Illinois
www.asse.org

June 26-30, 2011

National Institute for Farm Safety
Boise, Idaho
<http://nifsagsafety.org>

August 7-10, 2011

American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers
Louisville, Kentucky
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