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Spring 2020



President's Message - Don Archibald

For the last year I have been the president “in-training” which has been a very enriching experience. I would like to thank all the 2019 Board of Directors and volunteers for all their help, support and hard work supporting AIHA-RMS. The two major focus areas that I asked the 2020 BOD to embrace and support are; 1) Encouraging and engaging potential RMS members (students, young members, new to area) to join and participate. 2) Increase value and participation for our members. We have formed a working group headed by Kayla Lesperance to explore the first goal and to identify possible actions and champions. The rest of the BOD is working hard on the second goal. I hope to have more information for you in the coming months.

Many of us have been involved in the COVID-19 planning. The RMS section is actively monitoring the situation. We have postponed a couple of upcoming events in order to keep our members safe and support our partners. We are not sure how long the COVID-19 will affect our educational efforts. We are hoping the situation will become clearer the next 30 – 60 days and that we can reschedule events in the near future.

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Member's Corner

Welcome New Members

Walter Aksent
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Member's Corner

This quarter we are profiling Andrey Korchevskiy, PhD, DABT, CIH; Andrey is the Director of Research & Development for the consulting firm Chemistry & Industrial Hygiene, Inc.

Q: How were you introduced to the field of industrial hygiene?

A: Approximately in 1989, still living in Kazakhstan and being a young math teacher in a middle school, I found an advertisement of an employer seeking an expert in mathematical modeling. Suddenly I found myself immersed in the activities of learning how to model and then “manage” public health through real-time modeling and influencing the vital and sensitive variables. As I discovered, occupational health was one of the most complex and important areas of evaluation, modeling, and impacting. We did not use the term “industrial hygiene” there and then, but it was clear that the area of expertise is of a significant

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practice of the industrial hygiene profession, that I am proud to be a part of to this day.

Q: What are your main areas of expertise and what do you spend most of your time doing?

A: I am a certified industrial hygienist (CIH) and a certified toxicologist (DABT). My PhD was in mathematical modeling. I consider my area of expertise to be a risk assessment, especially for the complex, emerging, problematic agents. Most of the time I am involved in regular IH activities (field services and risk assessment for our clients), but I also have a chance to publish and present on the topic of my scientific interests: toxicology of fibrous minerals, glyphosate, nanoparticles.

Q: Tell us about a time you made a significant impact to improve workplace health and safety conditions?

A: I remember introducing one of the first occupational health and safety management systems in Central Asia; at that point, we were driven by OHSAS 18001 standard (now ISO 45001). Our client was a large ferroalloy metallurgy plant. During the implementation process, I worked with managers on all levels to involve them into the process of workers health improvement. Some of them agreed reluctantly: it was not their area of direct responsibility! But they had to be working in the frames of the management system standard that their company strived to be certified by. And I gradually noticed changes. The company reported a reduction of workplace fatalities and lower air concentrations of chemicals... Cultural changes started; it was important to continue that way, and I had been a small part of this overall change.

Q: Give us one piece of advice you would give to new IH professionals?

A: Study toxicology. Toxicological assessment is an essential part of CIH certification exam. However, this is the area that helps occupational safety professionals understand how exposures result in health outcomes. The future of industrial hygiene is in both engineering and toxicology, two pillars that make our work scientifically based and directed to the future.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Special Update: A Podcast!

Perhaps you recognize the two folks in the picture above - it's Mwangi Ndonga (past president) and Kyle Krueger. Kyle and Mwangi have created a podcast that we think IH and safety folks will enjoy, it's called Probability Matters. Check out their podcast [site](#) and subscribe and take a listen today!

Fall Technical Conference - Kassej Braun

Save the dates for the FTC: September 15th and 16th. The planning committee held the first planning meeting on March 3. There are plenty of opportunities to meet new people and support AIHA-RMS. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kassej (kbraun@ehscompliance.com). The next meeting is March 24 at Hellman and Associates. The conference call-in number is 334-708-0058, pass code is 868 450 874.

Legislative - Kristen Hill

AIHA is asking each of its Local Sections to establish one government relations goal for 2020. AIHA-RMS's first step toward this goal is deciding on a topic from one of AIHA's Public Policy Agenda, which can be found here: <https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consumer-resources/public-policy>. The board has narrowed it down to a few big topics, but feel free to fill in your own as well.

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The Spring Legislative Update can be found through the following link [Legislative Update – March 2020](#). All new information added within the regulatory and legislative sections since the last quarterly letter (December 2019) is highlighted in red. Also, please be sure to email your legislative committee member, Kristen Hill (hill@pinyon-env.com), if you have suggestions for the legislative section in the newsletter or hear of any important legislative updates.

Programs - Charles Koch

The RMS had several events planned for March and April. Given the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, any events sponsored by the RMS and/or partners are subject to change. Please be on the lookout for program updates and as always, be well and be safe!

AIHA-RMS will be hosting a lunch and learn on the same topic, "How Companies are Managing the Challenges of Employee Impairment" on Friday April 17 at Hellman and Associates in Wheat Ridge. Online registration can be found [here](#).

Education - Walter Aksent

The education committee has been busy re-engaging members to hear more about what topics you are interested in for professional development. If you have suggestions for PDCs please reach out to Walter.

The PDC that was scheduled in Glenwood Springs last week on Thursday March 12 has been POSTPONED. We will send a reschedule date as soon as we are able.

The Front Range Biological Safety Association will be hosting its biosafety symposium on June 12, 2020 at the University of Colorado Boulder. Contact Sue Farr, FRaBSA Outreach Committee Co-Chair (720-305-5686 sfarr@techsafety.com) for more information and check the FRaBSA website for additional details.

Outreach - Alex Spratt

The Center for Health Work and Environment Annual Research Day Symposium is on Thursday March 26. AIHA-RMS is a sponsor of research day. In light of COVID-19, CHWE has announced that the event will be virtual this year. There's still time to register [online](#).

Membership - Alejandra Ramirez-Cardenas

Did you know one of the perks to your AIHA-RMS membership is free access to the AIHA eLearning Subscription? [Login](#) to the online classroom using your AIHA national username and password and accrue points toward your CIH maintenance, or simply take time to learn new information on IH topics.



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