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Connecticut River Valley

**Annual All-Day Conference presented by the**

**Connecticut River Valley Section of the AIHA**

**Date:** October 7, 2020

**Location:** *VIRTUAL MEETING* – Conference Link & phone call in information will be provided following registration.

**Registration:**

Member: $50

Retirees/ Full-time Students: $25

Online registration and payments:

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special arrangements have been made.

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| 8:00 | **Overview and COVID-How it Spreads and its Impact on us**  Jim Kenny, President CRV-AIHA |
| 8:45 | **Covid Testing and Contact tracing** – Contact tracing is key to stopping the spread of deadly, infectious diseases around the world. A tried-and-true public health practice is now a critical part of the fight against COVID-19.  This presentation will share how the state of Connecticut is conducting this important function in a partnership between state and local health departments. - Kristen Soto MPH -State Health Department |
| 9:30 | **Break – Vendor Power Points** |
| 9:40 | **The Testing and Performance of Respiratory Masks versus Respirators –** This talk describes the protection that workers who wear masks and respirators should expect based on testing according to the regulations – Dr. Howard Cohen CIH, self-employed consultant |
| 10:40 | **CONN-OSHA and COVID-** State OSHA’s response**-**Anne Bracker CIH Industrial Hygienist, Connecticut OSHA |
| 11:25  11:40 | **CRV AIHA Business Meeting** -Scholarships, Elections, Treasurer and Secretary Reports  **Lunch – Vendor Power Points** |
| 12:20 | **Building Ventilation and COVID- 19 Pandemic** – A discussion of building ventilation based on the current science related to the COVID-19 pandemic. - Covid Action Committee - Bernie Fontaine, CIH, CSP, Managing Partner Windsor Consulting Group |
| 1:20 | **AIHA National – Pivoting in Times of a Pandemic** -  How to manage in a crisis and National AIHA’s part-Larry Sloan, Chief Executive Officer for National **AIHA** |
| 2:05 | **Break - Vendor Power Points** |
| 2:10 | **Back to Work Safely for Industrial Hygienists-** The preparation & logistics an OHS professional needs to consider to prevent disease transmission when conducting personal air and noise monitoring in a workplace during a pandemic- Blueprint of performing IH surveys in the COVID environment. – Donna Geuser, CIH, The Hartford |
| 2:55  3:40  4:25 | **Qualitative fit testing -**Qualitative fit testing and COVID 19 – Important things to know **-**Joe Lohkamp CIH, CSP, Chubb Global Risk Advisors, AVP/Industrial Hygiene  **Advances in Real-Time Detection Systems during the pandemic-** What is new on the market to help us with industrial hygiene surveillance protocol – Jennifer Maclachlan, Managing Director PID Analyzers LLC  **Program Closing**  Jim Kenny, President CRV-AIHA |
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**Speaker Biographies**

**Anne Bracker CIH**

Anne Bracker is the program manager for Connecticut OSHA’s private sector consultation program.  This program provides occupational health and safety consultation and training for small employers.  Additionally, for the past 10 years, she has been an industrial hygienist with Connecticut OSHA. Prior to joining CONN-OSHA Ms. Bracker worked as an industrial hygienist for UCONN Health’s Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (20 years) and Federal OSHA in Hartford CT. Ms. Bracker received her Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and a Masters of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley.  She has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 1991. Some of Ms. Bracker’s awards include the Irving J. Selikoff Professional Excellence Award and the Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools Excellence Award.

**Dr. Howard Cohen**

Dr. Howard Cohen is self-employed and performs part-time consulting in the area of exposure assessment and respiratory protection. He was an Associate Professor (adjunct) at Yale University’s department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He is Professor Emeritus at the University of New Haven where he was previously chairperson of the Occupational Safety and Health program. Howard served for eleven years as the Editor in Chief of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and was elected a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. He has served on a number of National Academy of Medicine committees involving personal protective equipment. Howard has received the John M. White award for outstanding research in respiratory protection three times, the 2007 Donald Cummings and 2011 Henry Smyth Jr. awards for outstanding contributions to the field of industrial hygiene. Dr. Cohen received his Masters of Public Health and doctoral degrees in Industrial Health from the University of Michigan.

**Bernie Fontaine, Jr., CIH, CSP, FAIHA**

Mr. Fontaine has over 43 years professional and business experience in regulatory compliance, insurance, national defense, environmental services, and consulting. He specializes in cross-functional and cross-regional teams and he has developed and supported complex, multi-year consulting engagements.  He is an expert witness and provides litigation support in workers' compensation; toxic torts, personal injury, environmental pollution, and FELA railroad workers' cases.

His leadership skills has driven cost-effective solutions for public and private sector clients in areas of industrial hygiene, risk management, loss control and worker compensation claims, safety system management, occupational and public health, process and product safety, ergonomics and human factors, indoor air quality, emergency response and training for workers and their supervisors. He helps support the Potomac section of AIHA by providing various Professional Development Seminars and presentations at the annual American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHce).

Mr. Fontaine is currently Managing Partner of The Windsor Consulting Group, Inc., a Certified Industrial Hygienist, Certified Safety Professional, Distinguished Lecturer and AIHA Fellow. Previous employment he has held includes a Senior OSH and Risk Consultant for ABC Consulting, a Corporate Industrial Hygiene Manager for Atlantic Mutual Companies, a Health and Safety Supervisor for International Technology Corporation, and an OSHA Industrial Hygiene Compliance Officer at the U.S. Department of Labor.   
  
He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Science from Northeastern University and completed his clinical internship at Brigham Hospital for Women in Boston. He later received his Master of Science degree in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Oklahoma. Additional post-graduate work was completed towards a MBA at Portsmouth College in New Hampshire.   
  
**Donna Geuser, CIH**

Donna Geuser is currently the Director of Industrial Hygiene and Laboratory Services at the Hartford. She has been in this position for the past three years. Ms. Geuser has years of experience in the field of industrial hygiene. Her previous work history includes working at Travelers Insurance in Hartford CT as a Senior Industrial Hygienist for over 25 years. She was educated at the University of Kentucky where she acquired a Bachelor of Science in Biology and the Biological Sciences and the University of Central Missouri where she earned a Master of Science in Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene. She is on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut River Valley AIHA.

**James Kenny, CIH, CSP**

Mr. Kenny is self-employed. Previously he was a Principal Consultant Chubb Global Risk Advisors. He has been a member of the CRV-AIHA since 1977 and is an AIHA Fellow and holds a BA in Environmental Science from CCSU and a master’s in Public Health from Quinnipiac.  Mr. Kenny has served numerous terms on the AIHA National Lab Accreditation Committee having been the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of the Asbestos Analytical Registry.  He was the founding President of the Connecticut Industrial Hygiene Council that the CRV-NYCONN section organized in order to promote and get approved legislation that created the recognition of the CIH and CSP titles in Connecticut.  Mr. Kenny’s work history includes working in the Hartford Insurance Companies IH lab for two years and then working just shy of 40 years for the GC/CIGNA/ACE/CHUBB/ ESIS Environmental Health Lab.

**Joseph Lohkamp, CIH, CSP**

Joseph A. Lohkamp, CIH is an Assistant Vice President for Chubb Global Risk Advisors. Mr. Lohkamp is responsible for the delivery of professional industrial hygiene services to meet client’s needs and to all business sectors including the chemical, manufacturing, commercial real estate, pharmaceutical, aerospace, food and beverage, and construction industries. With over 22 years in HSE applications, Mr. Lohkamp has broad-based experience in identifying occupational health and safety concerns and performing gap analyses, then developing effective and efficient solutions for clients. In addition to this, Mr. Lohkamp’s work history also includes the following: Regional Safety Coordinator – ATC Associates, Marietta, Georgia; Staff Industrial Hygienist – Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Kansas City, Missouri; Industrial Hygiene Intern - Mallinckrodt Nuclear Medicine, Maryland Heights, Missouri; and Industrial Hygiene Intern Sigma Chemical Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Lohkamp earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Central Missouri. He holds multiple certifications, including Certified Industrial Hygienist and Certified Safety Professional. He served as a medium helicopter repairer/crew chief (i.e. Chinook helicopter) in the United States Army Reserves from 1992-2000, Mr. Lohkamp has expertise in compliance with OSHA and MSHA regulations and industry best practices.

**Jennifer Maclachlan**

Jennifer Maclachlan is the Managing Director of PID Analyzers, LLC, Sandwich MA. She has been in this employment for the past 25 years. As a family business owner and sales manager of PID Analyzers, LLC, Jennifer is responsible for managing relationships with distributors and OEM clients as well as the web-based marketing, social and digital media initiatives. In addition to overseeing the development of social media programs for her company, Jennifer is active in promoting this communication tool within the American Chemical Society. Ms. Maclachlan’s educational credentials include a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Boston College.

**Larry Sloan, CAE**

Mr Sloan is the Chief Executive Officer for National **AIHA®**. In this capacity he manages the operations of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, a $16 million organization that oversees 3 LLCs, 2 educational foundations, and the Product Stewardship Society. His educational degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and a Masters of Business Administration (Marketing) from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. Previous work history includes having served as CEOs at SOCMA and the Adhesive and Sealant Council. He started his career at Air Products & Chemicals as a Chemical Engineer in various capacities including applications engineering, cost engineering, chemicals procurement and finally process engineering designing wastewater treatment facilities. After earning his MBA he worked for Nalco Chemical in marketing, transportation services, and sales. His specialties include general chemical industry knowledge, particularly in area of specialty chemicals (adhesives, sealants, water treatment chemicals, industrial gases). He also has considerable experience in technical sales/strategic account management, B2B marketing/communications, new business development, and market research. His general management experience in all facets of running a small 501c6 non-profit, including HR/salary administration, finance/accounting and P/L responsibility, IT/systems integration, and non-profit law.

**Kristen Soto, MPH**

Kristen Soto, MPH is a senior epidemiologist in the Infectious Disease Section at the Connecticut Department of Health.  During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Soto was responsible for implementing ContaCT, Connecticut’s statewide contact tracing system.  Previous roles at DPH involved implementing informatics solutions to improve the effectiveness of public health surveillance and follow-up, including: coordinating syndromic surveillance to use healthcare-seeking behavior for situational awareness and real-time event detection for syndromes of public health importance and the implementation of a near real-time EMS Data Management System.  She also has over 10 years of outbreak investigation and infectious disease surveillance experience, particularly involving vaccine preventable, foodborne, and emerging infectious diseases.  Ms. Soto earned her MPH from Yale School of Public Health with a concentration in the Epidemiology of Microbial Disease.