Volunteer Group Mission Statement

The committee provides a forum for disseminating and exchanging ideas and information about hazardous microbiological agents and their byproducts to health professionals and to the community.

Goals and Objectives

Assemble, evaluate, and disseminate to occupational and environmental health professionals information on bio-hazardous agents in industry and the built environment to facilitate the recognition, evaluation, and control of their risks. A bio-hazardous agent is one of biological origin that has the capacity to produce deleterious effects upon humans, and includes organisms, toxins, and allergens.

- Discuss and act upon biosafety and environmentally linked microbiological issues.
- Solicit papers, organize session, provide session arrangers, chairs, and monitors for AIHce.
- Communicate plans and activities to other AIHA committees that may be affected or concerned. Provide liaison support and technical assistance to other professional committees.
- Provide education and training on Biosafety and Environmental Microbiology issues.
- Actively participate in identifying and responding to biosafety and environmental microbiology issues.
- Identify and report on hazardous microbiological agents and the occupations and environments in which they occur.
- Identify and provide guidance in evaluation and control techniques used for biological agents.
- Prepare publications concerning approaches for risk assessment, evaluation and control of biological agents.
- Identify, evaluate, and comment on proposed legislation, regulations, and standards affecting biological agents.

Current Projects

Updating of AIHA Biosafety Manual Publication
Updating Self Study Course on Biological Monitoring in accordance with revised manual.

Revision of AIHA Guideline 3-2004 Assessment, Remediation and Post-Remediation Verification of Mold in Buildings.
Recognition

Awards
H. Kenneth Dillon Memorial Award
This award is presented by the committee to honor the memory of Dr. Ken Dillon, a former AIHA Fellow and the principal instructor for several years of the popular PDC, Prevention, Determination, and Remediation of Biological Contamination in Indoor Environments. The award is given to the recipient of the best student poster on biosafety or microbiology at AIHce EXP.

Qualifications to Join
Members must be an AIHA member in good standing. If you are interested in learning more about membership, please visit https://www.aiha.org/membership.

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