Volunteer Group Mission Statement

The mission of the AIHA Protective Clothing and Equipment (PCE) Committee is to assemble, evaluate and disseminate information relevant to preventing harmful body contact with chemical, physical, or biological agents to occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. To provide OEHS professionals guidance and support in the proper selection, use and maintenance of personal protective equipment.

Goals and Objectives

- The PCE Committee identifies and pursues numerous projects with specific goals to achieve our vision. These goals drive our projects to ensure successful completion.
- Specific annual objectives and performance measures are developed by committee members at each year’s AIHce annual meeting.
- The committee is actively engaged in advocacy within the association and within the broad boundaries of the OEHS community and works to influence the direction of research and education related to protective clothing. The committee is a recognized source of science-based information and is committed to outreach with future professionals, the existing AIHA membership, and the general public.

Current Projects

2023 Commitments:

- Synergist Articles
- Chemical Protective Clothing, 2nd Edition - update of the book chapters
- Introduction of a tool to help assess the need for FR (Flame Resistant) clothing
- Glove selection for chemical mixtures
- Single vs double protection

Products Produced by the Group

- Synergist Articles
  - Integrating Sensors in PPE
  - Penetration vs. Permeation vs. Degradation
Decontamination and Reuse of PPE in Healthcare: An Overview of Pandemic Guidance

- Webinars
  - Bulwark Heat Stress
  - FR/AR Clothing
  - Cleaning FR Clothing During COVID-19
- Technical Reviewers
  - Synergist Articles
  - AIHA Covid-19 Team Document
  - AIHce PDC/Education Sessions

Additional Projects
- FR Assessment Tool

Achievements/Honors/Awards
Awarded second Pengfei Gao Memorial Scholarship
Nomination and election of PCE member Curtis W. Hintz, CIH, CSP to AIHA Fellow (2021)
Nomination and election of PCE member Daniel H. Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP to AIHA Fellow (2021)

Collaboration Efforts
- Provided 7 reviewers to evaluate 2021 AIHce PDC/Education Session submissions
- Reviewed Synergist article on protective eyewear during COVID – Not published
- Review document on COVID-19 guidance for cleaning face masks in support of the AIHA COVID-19 Project Team

Group Dynamics
The PCE Committee members range from early career professionals to career-long professionals. The group welcomes participation from all experience levels and is an excellent committee to learn from, network as well as contribute to the Industrial Hygiene field.

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](https://www.aiha.org/membership).

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