



## A great Joint Dinner With LI ASSE

**Took place on Wednesday 4/21/10**

**at Hicksville-On The Border, 1401 Broadway Mall, Hicksville, NY 11801**

On April 21st LI ASSE a great annual joint dinner meeting with Metro AIHA took place at *On the Border* restaurant in Hicksville. The topic for the meeting was Recent Compliance Issues with PCBs - Lessons Learned presented by Kristen Panella, CSP. Thank you Kristen for sharing with us your experience!

Mr. Panella is the Dir. of the Dep. of Environmental Health and Safety at New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Kristen has over 11 years of professional experience in the environmental health and safety field. With a background in geology and environmental management he has worked on numerous EPA Superfund sites as well as emergency hazardous material spill cleanup sites. Care Committee, Biosafety Committee and Sustainable Global Community.



Kristen joined NYIT as the Dir. of EH&S over 4 years ago and is accountable for all environmental health and safety issues that face their three campuses. He is an active member of AIHA, ASSE, CSHEMA, SEHSA and NYIT's Radiation Safety Safety Committee, Animal Care Committee, Biosafety Committee and Sustainable Global Community.

### Picture on left:

**Left:** LI ASSE President, Robert Holthausen, RBP Institutional Biosafety Officer, Dept. of Environmental Health and Safety, Stony Brook University  
**Right:** Kristen Panella, CSP, New York Tech



## News on PCBs

On Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, Metro NY AIHA's Mark Drozdov, Past President, and Alexandra Belinky, a new member, volunteered to attend a public forum related to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) potential reassessment of PCB use authorizations.

On behalf of the American Industrial Hygiene Association of Metropolitan New York, our questions and comments focused on these areas:

- EPA's updated, stream-lined and standardized guidelines for PCB sampling and analysis.
- Standardization in PCB training programs and requirements for certification.
- A comprehensive protocol of acceptable work-safe practices for PCB removal or encapsulation

Overall, the comments and questions highlighted the unique opportunity that EPA now has to stan-

dardize all guidelines, sampling and research related to PCB containing materials, including conclusive studies related to PCB exposure on respiratory function.

All comments and opinions voiced at this forum become part of the public record and are available from the EPA.

### Further INFO:

<http://www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/hlthef/polychlo.html>

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oepi/RuleGate.nsf/byRIN/2070-AJ38>

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**Looking Forwarded to seeing you  
at our AIHA Metro NY Reception  
On Tuesday, May 25th from 4 to 6 PM  
at the HYATT Hotel**

**We will be presenting Local Chapter's History**

You are invited to contribute your pictures, comments and memories.

**RSVP today:** [PresidentMetroNY@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentMetroNY@gmail.com)

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## **2010 Pharma Forum, at AIHce 2010, Denver CO Hosted by GlaxoSithKline & Bureau Veritas**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 26th

**Place:** Grand Hyatt 38th Floor, 1750 Welton St.

**Time:** 1:00pm - 5:00 pm

**"Occupational Hygiene for Sustainable Business"**

### **Presenters:**

- \* Michael West , Pfizer
- \* Steve Bailey, GSK
- \* Hari Floura, Floura LLC
- \* Toral Mehta & Maharashi Mehta, International Safety Systems, Inc.

\* Networking reception immediately following.

**We look forward to seeing you in Denver!**

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## **AIHA NY Scholarships**

Mark Drozdov, Past President and Scholarship Committee Chair, is pleased to announce that this year Metro NY AIHA is considering a scholarship award of \$1,000 for a student in an EH&S/IH program in the NY universities. This is double last year's award and we are delighted to support the IH field by recognizing such outstanding student. Metro

NY AIHA will publish the essay in the next Newsletter.

Last year we were pleased to have the Award Ceremony at our summer Technical Meeting held at FDNY. (see our website for photos).

**To all inquiries, please contact Mark Drozdov.**

Our CIH Prep course is almost at it's end. With the excellent contribution of our dedicated members, we managed to provide this great opportunity for the class of 2010 to enjoy special presentations and taste the experience of our expert members.

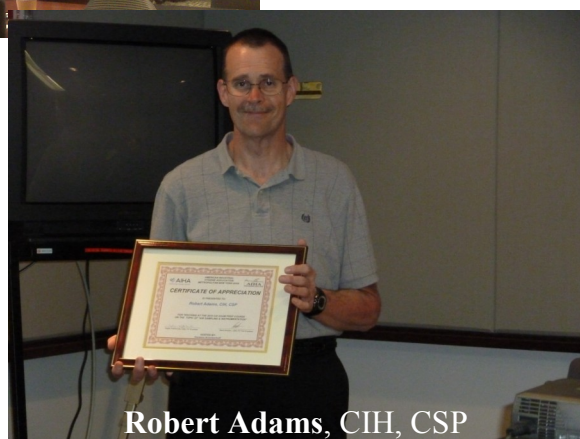
**John Svagr, CIH; Jim Scullin, CIH; Toney Devito; Philip Hauck, CIH; David Kotelchuck, PhD, CIH; Cliff Cooper, CIH; Krishna Menon, Ph.D., CPE; Dennis Quinn, CHP; Nancy Orr, CIH, CSP; Robert Adams, CIH, CSP; and Jack Caravanos, DrPH, CIH, CSP**

Chemicals-Biotechnology

Health care workers clinical laboratory technicians

- Exposure to gene therapy vector, containing laboratory specimen administered for cancer patient(s) in experimental procedure.
- Hazardous agent may also be exposed.

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Back in March, we were all privileged to be part of the mini PDC on ethics. The speaker was Anne Bracker, MPH, CIH from the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine of the University of Connecticut Health Center. She spoke about ethics that the Certified Industrial Hygienists have to follow and possible penalties for not following them. Anything from not citing a

take. This course on PDC on ethics gave one a good taste of the kind of ethics courses or meetings one has to take as a CIH. Go to [http://oehc.uchc.edu/facstaff\\_Bracker\\_asp](http://oehc.uchc.edu/facstaff_Bracker_asp) for more information on Anne Bracker.

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***“Int. No. 58: A Local Law to amend the administrative code for the City of New York, in relation to biological, chemical and radiological detectors”.***

**Response of Members of AIHA Metro NY**

As chapter members, we read with concern the draft letter Metro AIHA proposes to send with regard to NYC Intro 58.

We believe this bill is of significant concern to chapter members, who deserve an opportunity to become fully informed of its provisions and to fully discuss its ramifications before the chapter finalizes a position. Further, we believe this discussion must take place in a timely manner, as the bill is likely to begin to move through the City Council fairly quickly.

To that end, we propose that the chapter hold a forum on the issue before the summer.

Our concerns about the legislation include the following issues, not addressed to our satisfaction in the draft letter:

The bill as written is overly broad and should specifically focus on detectors of weaponized CBR agents rather than on chemical, biological, radiological detectors in general.

The bill as written improperly conflates a law enforcement response with a public health response and grants extraordinary leeway in rulemaking to NYPD.

The bill as written improperly conflates NYPD’s interest in obtaining timely information about a CBR attack with a desire to control and restrict independent sampling efforts.

Despite exemptions for the work of many industrial hygienists, the bill as written would grant NYPD wide latitude to engage in preemptive stops, confiscations of sampling devices, and summary arrests of persons engaged in environmental sampling, regardless of whether their work requires a permit or is exempt from permitting.

The bill as written would significantly curtail the rights of members of the public to possess and utilize environmental sampling devices and/or to obtain environmental sampling information from independent sources (think 9/11).

Thank you for your continued interest in educating our members about this legislation. We look forward to working with you to organize a forum on this issue.

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| Jack Caravanos   | Hunter College Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences          |
| Alice Freund     | Mt. Sinai/Selikoff Center for Environmental and Occupational Medicine  |
| Jean Grassman    | Brooklyn College Health and Nutrition Sciences                         |
| David Kotelchuck | Hunter College Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, retired |
| Honghong Luo     | NYU/Bellevue Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic            |
| Frank Mirer      | Hunter College Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences          |
| Dave Newman      | New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health                  |
| Monona Rossol    | Arts, Crafts, and Theater Safety                                       |

(organizational affiliations listed for ID purposes only)

Thank you. Dave Newman



# Renovation Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)

## Updates on the Lead Renovation Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)

The EPA RRP regulation became effective April 22, 2010. The rule was issued under the authority of section 402 (c)(3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address lead-based paint hazards created by renovation, repair, and painting activities that disturb lead-based paint in target housing and child occupied facilities. Contractors performing renovation work that disturb lead-based paint in Pre-1978 homes and child occupied facilities must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Firms must be certified by the EPA.

The EPA has announced that there is currently a backlog on

processing certifications for firms. EPA Assistant Administrators Steve Owens and Cynthia Giles have issued a Memo acknowledging the backlog and stating that EPA will not take enforcement action against firms who submitted their applications prior to April 22, 2010.

There was also a backlog on available supplies of the EPA approved Lead check test kits. I believe that the kits are now available.

As of April 22, 2010, EPA has issued a rule revoking the opt-out provision of the 2008 Lead RRP rule. EPA expects this rule to publish in the Federal Register within 2 weeks and anticipates that it will take effect 60 days after publication.

EPA has currently authorized the following states to administer their own RRP programs including: Wisconsin, Iowa, North Carolina, Mississippi, Kansas, Rhode Island and Utah.



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## New Members and Membership

It is encouraging to see increased attendance at our meetings. We have had more than 20 new members join in 2010. In addition, it is encouraging to see members who had their membership elapse in past years re-join. Please send all membership applications and fees to the attention of Paul Debiase, Secretary: 11 Addison Place, Dix Hills, New York 11746.

You are also encouraged to email: [PresidentMetroNY@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentMetroNY@gmail.com) your updated business card.

## Posting Job Openings

Jim Bifulco, Managing Member of Total Safety Consulting requests that the following "help wanted" ad be placed on the AIHA website and/or newsletter:

Immed. opening for licensed NYCSSM for possible long-term opportunity in NYC metro area.

Email resume to [HRSubmittals@yahoo.com](mailto:HRSubmittals@yahoo.com)

# Feel free to use our bulletin board.