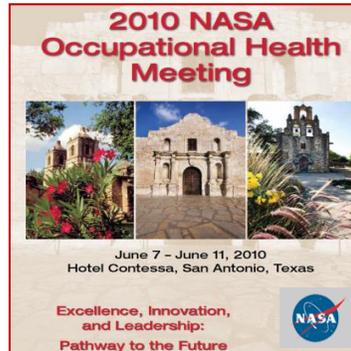




◆ 2010 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting Starts Next Week:

Final preparations continue to be made for the 2010 NASA OH Meeting. The meeting this year comes at a time of significant change across NASA as the Shuttle program ends and a new strategic direction emerges for human spaceflight. The theme this year is “*Excellence, Innovation, and Leadership: Pathway to the Future*”. Given the timing of the meeting we believe the theme this year is very appropriate as training sessions will provide attendees with practical ideas and tools to lead Center OH programs. In addition to a slate full of top speakers on a wide variety of OH issues, the meeting will offer ample opportunity for you to interact with Center OH staff from across all 14 Centers. The Meeting [agenda](#) is available on the [NASA OH Meeting website](#). At the time of this newsletter *approximately 100* attendees had registered. We hope all of you traveling to San Antonio will have safe travels and look forward to a productive meeting! If you have any last minute questions don’t hesitate to contact [Gail Bantugan](#).



◆ Health Promotion Working Group ViTS Update:

Please mark your calendars accordingly. The June 10th [Health Promotion and Wellness](#) ViTS has been replaced with live webinar presentations from the OH Meeting in San Antonio on June 9. Access instructions have been emailed to the Team once and will be sent again.

◆ **EHRs Project Update:** The May meeting of the Agency [Electronic Health Record System](#) (EHRs) Task Force focused on a review of configuration changes made since the April meeting. A demonstration of entering an employee in the Health Maintenance Exam protocols and documentation of the exam components was provided. The work with Centers on their specific exams has made significant progress. Eight Centers are either completed or near completion in their protocol review. Over the past several weeks progress has been made on the contracts needed to bring the hosting of Medgate application internal to NASA. The goal is to have two Centers using Medgate by the end of this calendar year.



◆ Medical and Allied Health CE and Certification Preparation Access Cards:

Are you preparing for a Certification Exam or need continuing education credits (CE) for licensure? Ask for the Course Catalogs and the Access Cards, [Pearls Review Card](#) or the [Unlimited CE Card](#), by emailing [Gail Bantugan](#). These cards are good for one year from the date of activation.

◆ June EH ViTS to Focus on NASA Center Respiratory Programs:

The topic for the June EH ViTS will be NASA Center Respiratory Programs. Multiple Centers will provide overviews of their program and address issues such as; types of respirators used, brands and models used on site, process for employees to become enrolled in a Center respiratory program, training, medical certification, fit testing, and more. If you are involved with your Center’s respiratory program you will not want to miss this ViTS.



◆ A Report from KSC’s Fun Run:

On April 27, over 300 Kennedy Space Center residents participated in the Annual Walk/Run which offered a 10K and 5K run, and a 2 mile run and walk. The event took place on the Shuttle Landing Facility, one of the longest runways in the world, at 4,572 m (15,000 ft), and 91.4 meters (300 ft) wide. NASA Center runs are great events to promote health and wellness at a Center.



◆ Report from AIHCE:

Over 35 NASA Center IHs attended this year’s [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition](#) held in Denver, CO from May 22-27. An informal gathering of NASA IHs was held on Monday night of the conference. NASA IHs also participated in the annual [American IH Foundation](#) Fun Run (pictured). A [conference highlight](#) was having both [NIOSH](#) Director John Howard and [OSHA](#) head David Michaels on the same stage. They expressed agreement on many issues related to worker health and safety, including the need to update OSHA’s Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs). However, Michaels said that requiring companies to institute injury and illness prevention programs is a more pressing issue than PELs. “We believe it should be required for employers to assess and abate hazards” in their workplaces, Michaels said. Michaels and Howard described a working relationship between their agencies that includes an unprecedented level of cooperation. Discussing his agency’s efforts to ensure the relevance and quality of its research, Howard indicated that NIOSH science should provide a sound basis for OSHA regulations. “It’s important for us to generate the science that can inform good policy,” Howard said, adding that NIOSH is “very anxious to support” OSHA’s regulatory agenda.



◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- August 9 - 13, Kennedy Space Center

◆ Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:

- EAP ViTS – June 3, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- HPW Webinars – June 9, multiple times
- EH ViTS – June 17, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- EHRs Task Force Webinar – July 8, 11:30-12:30 EDT
- EH ViTS – July 13, 11:00-12:00 EDT

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