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FROM: AM/Chief Health and Medical Officer

SUBJECT: 2003 NASA Occupational Health Conference

The NASA Headquarters Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer is holding its annual Occupational Health Conference at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego, CA, August 4-8, 2003. In the spirit of shaping "One NASA – One team," this year's Conference theme is *Enhancing Performance through Interdisciplinary Team Work*.

The Conference provides an opportunity for personnel of the multiple disciplines involved in the practice of occupational health at all NASA Centers to exchange scientific and technical data and management experiences. You will hear from experts in various disciplines throughout the week and, most importantly, will have the forum to share both issues and solutions relevant to the physical and mental health of the Agency's workforce.

A pre-conference professional development course will be offered on Monday, August 4, 2003, entitled "Effective Ergonomic Program Management." David C. Alexander, PE, CPE, President of Auburn Engineers, Inc., and Lynda A. Enos, RN, BS, MS, Ergonomics Consultant also with Auburn Engineers, Inc., will conduct this one-day course designed to enable an Occupational Health professional to better understand the ergonomics process and to plan, design, and more effectively manage an ergonomics program.. A Welcome Reception for all to attend will follow that evening.

After the official opening of the conference on Tuesday morning, August 5, Dan Clark of Clark Success Systems will be featured. He is an internationally recognized speaker, entertainer, songwriter/recording artist, and New York Times Best-Selling Author. Dan's story "Puppies for Sale" was recently made into a motion picture starring Jack Lemmon and he is the primary contributing author to the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. He will provide us with many challenges regarding "How to Create an Effective Working Team."

The Conference Luncheon will feature Brigadier General Clara Adams-Ender (Ret) as the Keynote Speaker who rose from a staff nurse in the army nurse corps to become the chief executive officer for 22,000 nurses, a brigadier general and director of personnel for the army surgeon general. General Adams-Ender will focus her presentation on "Caring about People with Enthusiasm."

Breakout sessions will be scheduled throughout the week to allow for focused discipline-related discussions. Tours of the San Diego Bay area will be available as this area is blessed with natural beauty and a rich cultural heritage that offers a wide variety of things to see and do.

I hope you will plan to attend this educational event and that your families will have the opportunity to join you. Please check our web site at: <http://www.ohp.nasa.gov> for additional conference information and online registration.

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