



BHSC NEWS

December 19, 2008

Third International Symposium a Success

Approximately 80 people participated in the Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection last month in Albuquerque. A total of 29 presentations were given during the two-day event. Most presenters have given permission for their presentations to be posted to the BHSC web site, and these are now available to BHSC members on the SharePoint BHSC home page. They will be migrated in the near future to the Events page of the public-access portion of the web site, and will then be available to anyone who is interested.

BHSC Election Results

At the November 20 meeting, the BHSC elected the following at-large Board members to three-year terms:

- Geoff Braybrooke, US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD – elected to a second term
- John Bishop, US Navy Environmental Health Center, Portsmouth, VA – elected to first term

News from the Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee

The SAS has a new chair – Amy Ekechukwu of Savannah River National Laboratory, taking the place of Melecita Archuleta, who has done a superb job for the past year and a half. Amy is also chair of the Meetings and Symposia Subcommittee, but will be phasing out of that role after the next BHSC meeting at Savannah River Site in April 2009.

The main SAS conference call, on the second Tuesday of each month, is primarily devoted to one discussion topic of general interest. The following are the tentative topics for 2009. Note, please, that they are subject to change.

- Jan 13 - Update on BeO PAT program
- Feb 10 - Discussion of lab successes and problems with analyses – group discussion
- Mar 10 - How Be causes disease – analytical slant
- April 14 - Follow up to 2004 Be Digestion and Analysis Survey
- May 12 - Research Needs
- June 9 - Funding Sources
- July 14 - Options for Surface Wiping
- Aug 11 - Analytical Options for inhale sampling and lower TLVs
- Sept 8 - Informatics - Lead of new working group
- Oct 13 - Validation of BeO digestion methods
- Nov 10 - Accreditation of field analyses
- Dec 8 - Summary and plan for 2010



New Materials on BHSC Sharepoint Page

In addition to the symposium presentations as noted above, the public-access web site now has three papers provided by J. C. Laul, Los Alamos National Laboratory, recently published in the *Journal of Chemical Health and Safety*. They are posted with permission from the journal.

(Note: It is our policy not to post journal articles to the BHSC web site unless we have permission from the journal, due to international copyright issues. Since Dr. Laul obtained that permission for us, we are pleased to post the above-mentioned articles.)

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Something to Look Forward to in 2009

Jim Jenkins of Y-12 has graciously volunteered to take over as Editor of this Newsletter. Up to this point, Mike Brisson has been performing this function. You can look forward to a greatly improved product in the future!

Conference Call Schedule, January 2009

All times listed are U.S. Eastern Standard time. The following schedule was current as of December 19, 2008, and is subject to change. Call leaders typically notify their regular participants if a call is rescheduled or cancelled. Check with the listed call leader to confirm that the call is being held.

Jan 8, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, steven.jahn@srs.gov

Jan 8, 3 PM, Research Needs Subcommittee, Mike McCawley, mccawley.mike@comcast.net

Jan 13, noon, Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu,
amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov

Jan 15, noon, Accreditation Working Group, Diana Decker, ddecker@lanl.gov

Jan 20, noon, BeO/Digestion Working Group, Tom Oatts, oattstj@y12.doe.gov

Jan 20, 3 PM, Meetings and Symposia Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu,
amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov

Jan 21, noon, BHSC Board (Board members only)

Jan 27, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, geoffrey.braybrooke@us.army.mil



Future BHSC Meetings

Locations for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 meetings are now being solicited. Fall meetings are typically in the western U.S., and spring meetings are typically in the eastern U.S. (or at AWE). Locations typically need to be at a DOE, DoD, or AWE site. If you would be interested in hosting a meeting, please contact Mike Brisson.

November 17-20, 2008, Albuquerque, NM

Nov 17 AM: JOWOG and Board Meetings

Nov 17 PM: Surface Sampling Tutorial

Nov 18-19: Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection

Nov 20: Main BHSC meeting

March 31-April 2, 2009, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Mar 31: Board and JOWOG

Apr 1-2: Main BHSC meeting

Fall 2009: DOE North Las Vegas office complex

Nov 3: Board and JOWOG

Nov 4-5: Main BHSC Meeting

Spring 2010, U. K. Atomic Weapons Establishment Aldermaston, Reading, U.K.

Tentative dates: Apr 13-15, 2010