



**PPHTC LISTSERV - PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS AND INFORMATION
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1. UPCOMING EVENTS

a. *Psycho-Social Aspects of Catastrophic Disasters -- June 1-2, 2005*

The Homeland Defense Journal presents "Psycho-Social Aspects of Catastrophic Disasters," a Homeland Defense training conference aimed at preparing healthcare professionals for new challenges in the medical arena. The Departments of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Defense, and leading experts from the civilian sector have taken leadership roles in the development of planning strategies to deal with a variety of threats now facing our nation, including those capable of producing major mental health challenges to a large portion of a population affected by a catastrophic casualty event. This training conference will be held from Wednesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 2 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Click <http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/>

b. *5th Annual Environmental Health Conference, June 11-14, 2005*

Theme: "Environmental Health Perspectives on Water Quality and Quantity: A Multi-Disciplinary Concern" Water is a vital resource for virtually all human endeavors, and a critical resource to be protected and managed effectively to meet societal needs. The issue of water quality and distribution cuts across many dimensions of public health service, policy and research. Focused discussions and presentations by key water experts will serve to help environmental health educators and researchers gain enhanced focus on those aspects of water resource management and protection that are of greatest importance to their region, but assist in allowing each participant to see how they might be better able to engage in the critical process of preserving and protecting water resources for future generations. For more information www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=865

c. *The Public's Health and the Law in the 21st Century: 4th Annual Partnership Conference - June 13-15, 2005*

Convened by the CDC's Public Health Law Program and the American Society for Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME), the "The Public's Health and the Law in the 21st Century: 4th Annual Partnership Conference" is an annual conference for educators, researchers, and students in public health law as well as elected officials, public health practitioners, physicians, nurses, attorneys, judges, and all others who shape and apply law as a public health tool. It will take place at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel at Colony Square in Atlanta, GA from June 13-15. CME, CLE, CNE and CHES and other CEU credits will be offered. To register and for more information, visit www.phppo.cdc.gov/od/php/conference/con2005_overview.asp

d. *Summer Service-Learning Institute in the Health Professions -- June 17-20, 2005*

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 8th Summer Service-Learning Institute will be held June 17-20 in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. Combining the best of CCPH's past introductory and advanced institutes, this summer's institute features two tracks designed to meet the needs of both novice and experienced service-learning practitioners in the health professions. For details, visit <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/servicelearning.html>

e. *LLUSPH offers Health Geoinformatics Summer Institute: June 20 - September 2005*

Loma Linda University School of Public Health (LLUSPH) invites you to apply for Health Geoinformatics Summer Institute from June 20 - September 2, 2005. The 10-week program is divided into two sessions of five weeks per session. Students receive instruction in the entire graduate certificate program curriculum in health geoinformatics; see <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/courses.htm>

Participants may choose to take all courses or as many courses as desired (up to 12 units). Among other activities, the institute features field trips to the 2005 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, CA and the ESRI campus in Redlands, CA. Students who successfully complete the Certificate in health geoinformatics (CHG) during the summer institute will also receive a free copy of ArcView software with some extensions (Courtesy of ESRI) **and free student licenses of the TerraSeer Space-Time Analysis Suite (courtesy of TerraSeer®)**. Additional information and application information is available at www.llu.edu/llu/sph/geoinformatics/chg.htm

f. Pacific Global Health Conference- Honolulu, June 15-17, 2005

The third Pacific Global Health Conference will take place in Honolulu, HI from June 15-17, 2005. The Hawai'i Public Health Association and the Hawai'i State Department of Health, in association with local, national, and international health organizations, are sponsoring the event. For more information, see <http://www.hawaiipublichealth.org>

g. 4th Annual Public Health Systems Research Meeting -- June 25, 2005

The 4th annual Public Health Systems Research (PHSR) Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA. Held in conjunction with the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting (June 26-28), the PHSR meeting will examine organization, financing, and delivery of public health services and the impact of these activities on population health. View the complete agenda and registration information at <http://www.academyhealth.org/interestgroups/phsr/meeting.htm>

h. NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference -- July 12-15, 2005

The NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference is scheduled to take place on July 12-15 in Boston, MA. The theme of the conference is "Reversing the Tide: Promoting Policies and Programs to Advance the Nation's Health." For more information, <http://www.naccho.org> or <http://www.astho.org>

i. Environmental Effects of Agricultural Practices -- August 21-24, 2005

The "International Conference on Environmental Effects of Agricultural Practices: Remediation, Prevention, and Sustainability" conference will be held August 21-24 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo, Hawaii. The conference will provide an opportunity to promote agricultural productivity and environmental quality worldwide. For more information

www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/ag&environment/

j. Center for Public Health Preparedness Offers Summer Program -- August 1-12, 2005

CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness, the annual Core Infectious Disease Emergency Readiness (CIDER) summer program offers public health practitioners an array of educational opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills in core infectious disease emergency readiness. Topics to be discussed include: Key Microbial Threats, Contact Investigation, Mass Vaccination & Post-exposure Prophylaxis, Infection Control including Isolation and Quarantine, Risk Communication, Disaster Preparedness for Special Populations, Designing Drills & Exercises, Incident Command System, Field Epidemiology, and Database Design and Management. For more information on 2005 Summer CIDER, please refer to our website at www.idready.org

k. Conference on Children's Health and the Environment -- October 1, 2005

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) will be hosting an annual conference on Children's Health and the Environment on Saturday, October 1 at the Inner Harbor Marriot in Baltimore, MD. Conference topics include, emerging issues in children's environmental health, childhood obesity and the environment, school environmental health problems, asthma, mold, outcomes of environmental exposures, birth defects, learning problems, risk communication, and the resources of a pediatric environmental health specialty unit. MACCHE is one of eleven Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PESHU) in the US, and is a joint effort of the George Washington University (GWU) and the Children's National Medical Center

(CNMC). The conference is being held in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene and the Region 3 Environmental Protection Agency. CME or CEU credits are available to physicians and nurses. For details, to be posted in the near future, see <http://www.gwu.edu/~macche/events.html>

1. *International Conference on Environmental Exposure and Health -- October 5-7, 2005*

The first of a series of conferences planned on Environmental Exposure and Health will be held in Atlanta, GA during October 5-7. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Wessex Institute of Technology in UK and the Georgia Institute of Technology in the US. Other participating institutions include ATSDR, NCEH, and USEPA. Abstracts are due January 31. For details, see <http://www.ce.gatech.edu/research/MESL/EEH2005>

m. *International Environmental Exposures Meeting – October 30 – November 3, 2005*

The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is co-sponsoring, with the International Society of Exposure Analysis (ISEA) and various federal agencies, an international meeting on environmental exposures, exposure assessment and health responses, to take place October 30-November 3 in Tucson, AZ. For more information, see <http://www.scarrittgroup.com/scarrittgroup/isea/>

2. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

a. *CIDER 2005 program*

The UC Berkeley Center for Infectious Disease Preparedness (CIDP) announces our second annual Core Infectious Disease Emergency Readiness (CIDER) summer program. The two-week summer CIDER 2005 program offers public health practitioners an array of extensive courses, shorter workshops, and valuable networking opportunities. Topics include: Incident Command System (ICS) [special 2-day workshop], Key Microbial Threats, Contact investigation, Mass Vaccination & Post-

Exposure Prophylaxis, Infection Control including Isolation and Quarantine, Risk Communication, Disaster Preparedness for Special Populations, Designing Drills & Exercises, Field Epidemiology, and Database Design and Management. All speakers are UC Berkeley faculty and experienced guest lecturers from various levels of Public Health. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.idready.org/>

b. *Web Seminar on Women and HIV/AIDS – June 7, 2005*

HRSA's Office of Women's Health and the Maternal Child Health Board's Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services are sponsoring a web seminar on HIV and AIDS. The webcast, titled "More than Just a Number: Realities of Women and HIV/AIDS" will provide information on a variety of topics including: the nature, scope and prevalence of HIV and AIDS among women in the United States, challenges faced by women and their families affected by HIV and AIDS, provider issues related to serving women living with HIV and AIDS, with emphasis on community settings, and systems-based models of HIV and AIDS care for women and families. The webcast will take place on Tuesday, June 7. To register for this webcast, please visit <http://www.mchcom.com>

c. *Collaborating to Conquer Colorectal Cancer: Fulfilling the Promise of Prevention – June 10, 2005*

"Collaborating to Conquer Colorectal Cancer: Fulfilling the Promise of Prevention" is the topic of the next Public Health Grand Rounds broadcast taking place on Friday, June 10 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. This broadcast is co-produced by the UNC School of Public Health and the CDC. Register online as a satellite downlink site or for the Web cast at www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu

d. *Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web cast series*

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners can be accessed <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp>

e. *Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii*

A certificate entitled "The Public Health Certificate in MCH Leadership" is developed by university of Hawaii to strengthen Maternal and Child Health (MCH). For more information about the program, <http://www.hawaii.edu/ogsas/mhcert.htm>

f. *PPHTC - Online Training in Food borne Illness and Principles of Public Health*

Food borne Illness and the Principles of Public Health are online courses sponsored by the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC). Food Borne Illness course describes different contaminants, specific illnesses, and prevention techniques related to food borne illnesses. The principles of Public Health course provides an overview of the most important issues and topics related to public health departments and public health practice. To take the course (s) visit <http://www.pphtc.org/training/courselist.htm>

g. *Online MPH now accepting applications for August 2005*

Are you a busy health professional looking for a way to augment your current career with additional information and skills but find it difficult to return to school full time? Loma Linda University's Online Master of Public Health degree will give you the flexibility to combine work and study and may be just what you are looking for! For more information, please visit us at www.llu.edu/sphonline or call 1-888-558-8703

3. PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

a. *Disaster University-Santa Clara County(CA) Public Health Department*

Santa Clara County Public Health Department Disaster University offers opportunities to learn and practice response to public health emergencies and disasters. For schedule of courses visit, <http://sccphd.org/odms/du>

b. *Public Health Education & Training*

A number of institutions that offer Education and Training programs in California and Hawaii including Universities, Colleges and others can be found at <http://www.pphtc.org/training/training.htm>

c. *CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program*

Environmental public health tracking is the ongoing data collection, integration, analysis, and interpretation of data about environmental hazards, exposure to environmental hazards, and human health effects potentially related to exposure to environmental hazards. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/tracking>

d. *Environmental Data Standards Council*

The Environmental Data Standards Council (EDSC or Council) develops environmental data standards to promote the exchange of information among States, Native American Tribes, and US EPA. <http://www.envdatastandards.net>

e. *NLM Launches New Resource Site*

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) recently launched a new resource webpage entitled Resources for International Librarians, Health Professionals and Researchers. The webpage, which can be found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/ref/international.html>, links to a variety of resources, including courses, document delivery, and NLM sites of interest.

f. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Treatment Facility Locator*

This is a searchable directory of drug and alcohol treatment programs that show the location of facilities that treat alcoholism, alcohol abuse and drug abuse problems. The Locator includes more than 11,000 addiction treatment programs, including residential treatment centers, outpatient treatment programs, and hospital inpatient programs for drug addiction and alcoholism. <http://www.samhsa.gov>.

h. *Hawaii Health Portal*

Hawaii Health Portal provides links to health information for Hawaii

<http://hawaiihealthportal.org/>

i. *Nationwide Health Data*

The rural health policy research institute has launched a website that contains health data for public consumption. See

<http://circ.rupri.org/index.asp>

j. *CDC Community Guide Available Online*

CDC announces that the recently-published *Guide to Community Preventive Services: What Works to Promote Health?* can now be viewed online and downloaded from the Community Guide website,

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org>.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

a. *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Improving patient safety and preventing medical Errors*

A new Web site announced today by HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a national "one-stop" portal of resources for improving patient safety and preventing medical errors. The site, **AHRQ's Patient Safety Network**, or PSNet, can be found at <http://psnet.ahrq.gov>

a. *Health Trends in Hawai'i - a profile of the Health Care system*

Hawaii Health Information Corporation (HHIC) is pleased to present the sixth edition of the *Health Trends in Hawai'i: A Profile of the Health Care System*, sponsored by the HMSA Foundation. The foundation supports this

biannual publication as a means of providing objective, reliable health care data in an easy-to-use format. In this edition, *Health Trends in Hawaii* is divided into demographics, health status, health market, health resources and health resource utilization. Visit

<http://www.healthtrends.org/>

b. *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005*

Dietary Guidelines provides science-based advice to promote health and to reduce risk for major chronic diseases through diet and physical activity. For more information, visit

<http://www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines>

c. *Hawaii Health System Forms Telemedicine Network*

Hawaii Health Systems partners with University of Hawaii School of Medical Pathology, Clinical Labs of Hawaii and other organizations to form a telemedicine network that will use telemedicine and telepathology technology for treatment purposes and distance learning. The network provides education and training to medical pathology residents, distance learning services for rural health professionals and patients and access to certain medical care through telemedicine consultations. The technologies allow physicians to receive test results in just a few minutes instead of several days.

<http://www.hhsc.org/>

d. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is the only comprehensive source of health characteristics of the entire spectrum of Medicare beneficiaries. The MCBS Profiles series uses MCBS data to offer interesting insights into health care delivery. Visit <http://cms.hhs.gov>

5. ABOUT PPHTC LISTSERV

PPHTC LISTSERV is a service of the Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) <http://www.pphhc.org/> , which comprise of California Schools of Public Health (Loma Linda University, School of Public Health; UC Berkeley, School of Public Health; UCLA, School of Public Health; San Diego State University, Graduate School of Public Health) and University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

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