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John Howard Receives President's Award
Dr. John J. Howard, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.M.P., director of NIOSH, received ASSE's President's Award from Gene Bartfeld, 2005 ASSE President, during the March 10 annual meeting and trade show. The award is presented for a singular achievement, but can recognize dedication to a series of issues that bring national exposure to ASSE and its mission. Howard's efforts at NIOSH and continued commitment to the field of safety and health have helped ASSE continue its leading role in the profession.

ASSE Regions & Practice Specialties Name SpYs
Each year, each of ASSE's regions and practice specialties honor an individual for his/her professional competence and dedication. The Society is proud to announce the 2004-05 Region and Practice Speciality Safety Professionals of the Year (SpYs).

Professional Paper Awards Recognize Best Professional Safety Articles
Each year, ASSE's editorial review board selects the best original member-written articles published in Professional Safety. ASSE's member-written articles are judged on research, writing, and impact. This year's first-place recipient, Christopher A. Jarcik, Ph.D., CSEP, ARM, wrote, "Preventing HAVS in the Workplace: Identifying Risk of Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome (January 2004). Second-place recipient, David W. Moore, P.E., CSEP, authored "SANS: Preventive Flame Key to Managing Health Risk in a Construction Environment" (November 2003); third-place recipient, Jack B. Renelle, P.E., wrote "Six Sigma: Problem Solving Techniques Create Safer, Healthier Workplaces" (October 2004). Each author received a commemorative plaque and honorarium. All ASSE-member-authored articles published in Professional Safety are eligible to receive a Professional Paper Award. Learn more about writing for the journal.

Outstanding Student Section Awarded to Murray State
For the second straight year, the ASSE Student Section at Murray (KY) State University (MSU) has received the 2005 Outstanding Student Section Award. The award, cosponsored by ASSE and Mine Safety Appliances Co., recognizes the student section that develops community, campus and research activities which promote safety and health. Among its varied activities, the MSU Student Section sponsored seatbelt and crosswalk surveys at MSU, and presented the findings to the university's police and safety facilities engineering department. The university's newspaper, Murray State News, featured an article summarizing the section's research results, which inspired an editorial on the lack of seatbelt use among students and faculty.

Chapter of the Year Awards
The Society has awarded five Chapters of the Year award to one chapter representing each of three categories: small, medium and large. The 2003-04 recipients are Bakersfield Chapter (small); Orange County Chapter (medium); and Avenue Chapter (large). The annual award recognizes the chapter's efforts to promote a safe workplace and environment for its members and community.

More News
Return of 2117 Audioconference
In 2003, ASSE hosted a technical conference call on ANQI/ASSE Z117.1, Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces. Based on feedback from participants, ASSE has updated the program and will host a follow-up call on July 27 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm EST. "Return of Z117.1" will provide a forum for discussion and will discuss how the standard is practically implemented in the workplace. The 90-minute presentation will include copies of the new Z117.1-2003 standard as well as the 1993 standard for historical purposes, a website of technical materials and a CD recording of the call.

Last Call for Speakers at Safety 2006
Time is running out for those interested in presenting at ASSE's Safety 2006 Professional Development Conference, June 11-14, in Seattle. Proposals must be postmarked by July 15, 2005, in order to qualify for review by the Conference Planning Committee.

Norris Provides Tips for Keeping Kids Safe at Playgrounds
With summer in full swing, neighborhood playgrounds are a popular place for many children. That said, more than 200,000 children under the age of 4 are treated annually in U.S. emergency rooms for playground-related injuries, with children ages five to nine the most injured. ASSE's Orange County Chapter Professional member Terrie Norris, CSEP, ARM, CPOI, incoming ASSE Region 1 Vice President and director of safety services for Poms & Associates, offers tips for keeping kids safe at the playground.

ASSE Foundation Receives Record Donations at PDC
Safety 2005 in New Orleans was a huge success for the ASSE Foundation: The group raised more than $113,000 in gifts, a Foundation record. Funds included $10,300 from the annual silent auction-$2,500 more than last year's auction— as well as $102,500 in donations at the booths of some of the majority of the gifts-more than $100,000 total-were presented at the House of Delegates meeting and included funds earmarked for several Foundation scholarships. Check here to donate to the Foundation.

Member & Chapter News
Science Fair Participants Receive Awards from Local Chapter
At the 56th Annual Massachusetts State Science Fair, ASSE's Greater Boston Chapter presented five participants with a $100 award for addressing safety issues within the scope of their science projects. More than 350 students displayed their projects at the event held at MIT campus. More than $350,000 in prizes and scholarships were awarded to the student participants.

New Scholarship Established in Memory of ASSE Member Lost on 9/11
Harry Taback, P.E., was a dedicated professional from New York and an active ASSE member who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. To honor his memory and commitment to preventing workplace injuries and illnesses, Taback's daughter, Tracy, Cherny and son of Staten Island, NY, donated $23,000 to the ASSE Foundation to establish the Harry Taback, P.E., Scholarship Fund.

"Through the support of Taback's daughters, the (scholarship) will provide a lasting memory of their father's dedication to the profession and the ASSE Foundation," says ASSE Foundation Chair Kenneth D. Brock, CSEP. "This scholarship will provide aid to students pursuing a career in occupational safety and health, and allow them to carry on Harry's mission of protecting others.

The Scholarship Fund is part of the Metropolitan Chapter and resident of Staten Island, NY, Taback was executive vice president in risk control strategy and consulting, and a managing regional director for Marsh and McLennan in New York. In his role, he worked in risk management for much of his career, helping clients throughout the world. A long-time ASSE Foundation supporter, Taback was integral in helping establish one of the ASSE Foundation's first corporate scholarships through Marsh.

In Memoriam
The Society remembers the following members who passed away in recent months. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and colleagues.

Kenneth A. Hansen, Jasper, GA: 37 years of service
Westley P. Holbrook, East Weymouth, MA: 25 years of service
Douglas J. Kuhme, Idaho Falls, ID: 15 years of service
George E. Marley, Houston: 5 years of service
Robert J. Monke, Fairview, VA: 27 years of service
Gary M. Saale, Las Vegas, NV: 22 years of service

Long-Sservice Recognition Members recognized for 25, 40 and 50 years of service to ASSE.

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll
The latest additions to ASSE's Honor Roll.