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>>Meetings, Courses, Training and Funding Opportunities

New This Week!

Cancer Prevention & Control Research Interest Group – January 12, 2006

"Systematic Review/Meta-analysis: What and Why?" - Benjamin Djulbegovic, M.D., Malignant Hematology Program. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Moffitt Research Center Auditorium RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR LUNCH. Please contact: Sheryl Stire by email stiresa@moffitt.usf.edu or at 745-6031 by Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

Public Health Prevention Service Field Assignments- January 20, 2006

The Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Workforce and Career Development announces the Request for Applications (RFA) from public health agencies for 2-year field assignments for the 2005 class of Prevention Specialists. Questions concerning this announcement or the PHPS Program, can be directed to Lswirsky@cdc.gov. From ASPH Friday Letter #1372.

ASPH and American Legacy Foundation to Hold Second National Academic Tobacco Prevention and Control Workshop – January 30-31, 2006

The workshop, will take place under the Scholarship, Training and Education Program for Tobacco Use Prevention (STEP UP) project which is funded by The American Legacy Foundation. A draft agenda is available at <http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=882>. For more information on participation contact Ms. Kalpana Ramiah at kramiah@asph.org. To view presentations and proceedings from the first nation STEP UP workshop, held in St. Louis, Mo., in April 2004, visit <http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=808>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1393.

2006 DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program – Due January 31, 2006

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission of preventing and deterring terrorist attacks and protecting against and responding to threats and hazards to the United States. The 2006 competition guidelines and application materials are available at <http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1394.

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health, Tobacco Dependence Program – Multiple Due Dates

The Tobacco Dependence Program of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health has been specializing in providing intensive training for Tobacco Dependence Treatment Specialists since 2000. To register for the course, visit www.tobaccoprogram.org.

Business Health – Employee Health: Creation, Retention and Renewal – March 1, 2006

The Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability in collaboration with Healthcare Benefit Trust has released a call for abstracts for its upcoming 13th International Conference, "Business Health – Employee Health: Creation, Retention, Renewal." For more information, visit <http://www.cirpd.org/df/conf2006/callforpapers.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1392.

ASPH/CDC Global AIDS Fellowship Program – Due March 7, 2006

ASPH is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support thirteen Global AIDS Program Fellowship positions for graduate degree candidates and early career professionals with graduate degrees from ASPH member schools of public health. Detailed program information and an application can be accessed on the ASPH Web site [here](#). Applications are due Tuesday, March 7. Please direct all questions about the program to Ms. Christine Plepys at cplepys@asph.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1394.



From Previous Weeks!

Regional Forums on Transportation Reform to Be Held

The federal law, the [Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users \(SAFETEA-LU\)](#) was enacted Aug. 10, 2005, as Public Law 109-59. The first meeting is planned for Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 19-20, 2006. APHA will be working with our Sections and Affiliates to identify appropriate individuals to ensure public health is represented in these discussions. The new law is an unprecedented opportunity to promote bike paths, sidewalks and mass transit options. All can promote the public health of a community. Details regarding how to sign up will be available shortly as will the schedule of the remaining meetings. From APHA Member News, November 2005.

Online Bio-Terrorism Course -- ABIH and PACE-approved

Kirkwood Community College's Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute is pleased to announce its latest online training course, "Biological Agents of Terrorism." Students can complete this training by logging on to <http://www.et-online.org/> or requesting a CD. Registration is accomplished by phone, E-mail or fax. A tuition fee of \$178.00 for the two-credit course or \$100.00 for each of the five one-CEU courses is assessed. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

CSTE Accepting Applications for Masters and/or Doctoral candidates for One Chronic Disease Position

In response to the need for a skilled workforce in applied epidemiology at state and local health departments, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has established the Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Program in partnership with CDC and ASPH. Please visit the CSTE Web site [here](#) for more information. Questions should be directed to Ms. Adrienne Gil at (770) 458-3811 or E-mail fellowship@cste.org. Applications for this position will be accepted until the position is filled. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

New Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). The modules are free and can be found [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: Hepatitis A Outbreak

The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is pleased to announce a new module in its online, "Communicate to Make a Difference" training series. This interactive case study, "Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: Hepatitis A Outbreak," focuses on the communication skills needed to address a hepatitis A outbreak in a Mexican-American community, and builds on the competencies introduced in the first module, "Exploring Cultural Communication." Both modules, developed by the University at Albany (SUNY) School of Public Health are available, free-of-charge, at <http://www.nynj-phtc.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

New Online Course: Preparedness & Community Response to Pandemics

With the flu season approaching and avian influenza a looming threat to global public health, the University at Albany SUNY School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness is pleased to announce its newest online course: "Preparedness & Community Response to Pandemics." The course is accessible through the Center for Public Health Preparedness E-Learning Center: <http://www.ualbanycphp.org/learning/default.cfm>. Please contact Lindsay Benson at lbenson@uamail.albany.edu with any questions or comments. Participants are invited to provide feedback on the course. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

Fulbright Scholar Program – Multiple Due Dates

Applications continue to be accepted for some Fulbright Scholar awards for U.S. faculty in public health to lecture or conduct research abroad during the 2006-2007 academic year. Visit our website at www.cies.org and contact the relevant program officer for more information.

Advanced Public Information Officers Course: Health Departments & Hospitals – Multiple Due Dates

This course is a modified version of the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) popular Advanced Public Information Officers, to meet the needs of a health-related emergency. To apply, complete a FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application with student signature and supervisor or sponsoring office signature and submit through the state emergency management training office via fax to the National Emergency Training Center Admissions Office at (301) 447-1658. To obtain a Form 75-5 and for further information, please refer to the EMI web site at: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/apply> or contact Pete Vogel, course manager at (301) 447-1101 or pete.vogel@dhs.gov. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

University of Alabama at Birmingham to Host Series about Problems Faced After Katrina – Multiple Dates

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health (SPH) will host the "Katrina Dialogs," a series of community/academic discussions focused on the array of problems brought to light by Hurricane Katrina. Each session will feature a panel of community and academic leaders. Discussions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UAB School of Public Health at (205) 934-4993. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

Breakfast Broadcast, "TV Watching and Childhood Obesity" – January 19, 2006

On Thursday, January 19 from 9 – 10 a.m., the University at Albany School of Public Health Continuing Education Program will present a Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcast (T^2B^2), titled *TV Watching and Childhood Obesity*, featuring Dr. Steven Gortmaker, professor of the practice of health sociology, Department of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard School of Public Health. For the location of the nearest downlink site or to register for a free satellite downlink, visit www.albany.edu/sph/coned/t2b2.htm or call (518) 402-0330. Nursing Contact Hours, CHES and CME credits are available for participation in this program. From ASPH Friday Letter #1388.

Online Mentored Course, "Conducting Useful Program Evaluations," – January 23, 2006

The [Michigan Public Health Training Center \(MPHTC\)](http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc) is offering "Conducting Useful Program Evaluations," an online mentored course. For more information visit <http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc/courses/one-online-course.cfm?id=111>, or to register for the course visit <http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc/courses/how-to-register.cfm>. Questions can be directed to mphtc@umich.edu or (734) 615-9439. From ASPH Friday Letter #1386

"Human Health and Animal Disease: An Epidemiologic Collision?" – January 24, 2006

"Human Health and Animal Disease: An Epidemiologic Collision?," an all-day symposium from the Office of Public Health Practice at the University of Michigan School of Public Health will take place in Ann Arbor, Mich. on January 24, 2006. The symposium will be Web cast live. A list of speakers is available at <http://www.sph.umich.edu/micphp/pdf/Save.the.Date.1.24.06.pdf>. To register for onsite participation or for the live Web cast, visit <http://www.mipreparedness.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1388.

Sixth National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment – January 26-27, 2006

The National Council for Science and the Environment will host the Sixth National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment, "Energy for a Sustainable and Secure Future." For more information on the schedule of events for the conference and registration, visit <http://www.ncseonline.org/>. Questions about the event can be sent to conference2006@NCSFonline.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1386.

STEP UP to Sustain Tobacco Control and Prevention through Education and Research-1/30-31/05

ASPH and the American Legacy Foundation will hold the second national academic tobacco prevention and control workshop in Nashville, TN, from January 30-31, 2006. The final agenda will soon be published. See <http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=882> for details on the event. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

2006 ASPH/EPA Environmental Health Fellowship Program Now Seeking Applications – Due January 31, 2006

ASPH is now accepting applications for the ASPH/EPA Environmental Health Fellowship Program. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 31, 2006. Detailed information and all application materials are posted on the ASPH Web site at <http://www.asph.org/>. For more information, please contact Ms. Monica Stadler at mstadtler@asph.org or Ms. Christy Crimmins at ccrimmins@asph.org.

Tobacco Control Policy Fellowship – January 31, 2006

A two-year fellowship position is available in the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, University of California, San Francisco. The application deadline is January 31, 2006 and the fellowship begins July 1, 2006. Questions and applications can be directed to Ms. Jessica Knox at (415) 476-0140 or Jessica.knox@ucsf.edu. From ASPH Friday Letter #1386.

CSTE Currently Accepting Applications for Placement for Summer 2006 – February 1, 2006

In response to the need for a skilled workforce in applied epidemiology at state and local health departments, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has established the Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Program in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH). Application forms can be accessed [here](#) and are due by February 1, 2006. Available positions are updated periodically on the CSTE Web site and can be viewed [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1385.

CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute – February 2006

To strengthen the leadership capacity of the environmental public health workforce, CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Louisville Metro Health Department, in concert with the Saint Louis University, have initiated a program to identify, train and assist in the development of environmental public health leaders. Additional information and application material for the Class of 2006 is available at www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/. From ASPH Friday Letter #1385.

"Beyond Numbers: Qualitative Research Methods, Application and Analysis," Online Course – February 6, 2006

The [Michigan Public Health Training Center \(MPHTC\)](http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc) is offering "Beyond Numbers: Qualitative Research Methods, Application and Analysis," an online mentored course beginning February 6, 2006. For more information, visit <http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc/courses/one-online-course.cfm?id-112>. To register, visit <http://www3.sph.umich.edu/mphtc/courses/how-to-register.cfm> or E-mail mphtc@umich.edu or call (734) 615-9439.

Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research (MTPCCR) – Due February 6, 2006

The purpose of the MTPCCR is to increase ethnic diversity in the field of research and cancer control by encouraging minority students in master's level health programs as well as master's trained professionals to pursue a doctoral degree and a career in research. For more information or an application, please contact the coordinator at the appropriate program location: In Northern California, contact Ms. Pamela A. Ratliff at pratliff@cc.ucsf.edu and/or visit <http://cc.ucsf.edu/mtppcr/>. In Southern California, contact Ms. Sherry Kidd at mtppcr@ph.ucla.edu and/or visit <http://www.ph.ucla.edu/mtppcr/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1385.

2006 National Health Policy Conference Adjunct Meeting – February 7-9, 2006

Join fellow researchers, practitioners, funders, policymakers and others immediately following the Academy Health and Health Affairs 2006 National Health Policy Conference for a special dialogue on improving public health policy through research on the public health system. Participants will share their experiences as producers, users, and funders of public health systems research and participate in the development of strategies to build and advance public health systems research agendas. To register for the conference, visit www.pware.com/2626 and click on Public Health Systems Research Events to access the conference registration. Questions or difficulty registering should be directed to Ms. Tunisia Hargrave at phsr@sph.emory.edu or call (404) 727-5037. From ASPH Friday Letter #1384.

2006 Local, State and Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit – February 21-24, 2006

The 2006 Local, State and Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. The summit, titled "Planning, Preparing, Protecting" will take place February 21-24, 2006 at the Washington Hilton. Please visit <http://www.naccho.org/phprep06/> for more information. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

2006 ASPH/CDC/PRC Minority Fellowship Program Now Seeking Applications – Due February 22, 2006

The ASPH/CDC/PRC Minority Fellowship supports fellowship positions for minority doctoral students. The selected fellows will conduct research related to the efforts of, and within, CDC-funded Prevention Research Centers. The overall intent of the program is to enhance the preparation of future public health professionals from ethnic and racial minorities by providing unique training opportunities in prevention research. Detailed information and all application materials are posted on the ASPH Web site at www.asph.org. For more information, please contact Ms. Christine Plepys at CPlpys@asph.org. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

"Community-Based Research and Practice: How Do We Make it Work for Everyone?" – February 24, 2006

The 27th Annual University of North Carolina School of Public Health Minority Health Conference will be held Friday, February 24, 2006 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. For more information about the Conference in general, visit <http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/>. For more information about exhibiting or co-sponsorship opportunities, write to Minority_Health@unc.edu. From ASPH Friday Letter #1388.

2006 AMCHP Annual Conference – March 4-8, 2006

Join leaders in maternal and child health, public health practitioners, and family advocates for information filled workshops led by your peers of researchers, federal officials, advocates, health care providers and directors of state programs. The conference program will cover topics applicable to professionals throughout the maternal and child health field, with a special focus on Early Childhood: Building the Foundation for Lifelong Health. Visit the conference website: <http://www.amchp.org/news/2006/index.htm>. Contact: Mara Gandal (mgandal@amchp.org). Phone: 202-775-0436. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

ASPH 2006 Legislative Meeting – March 7-8, 2006

Washington, DC. For more information contact *Porsha Hands* (phands@asph.org). From ASPH Friday Letter #1368.

Spring Training for Health Champions – March 14-16, 2006

The Association for Community Health Improvement's "Spring Training for Health Champions" conference is an educational and networking event for community health and healthy communities professionals. The 2006 ACHI Annual Conference will take place in Phoenix, AZ, and will be concurrent with the CHA/VHA 2006 Community Benefit Conference. For more information, please click [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

CEHA Educational Seminar – May 8-12, 2006

The California Environmental Health Association is also hosting a week long annual educational seminar at the Crown Plaza Resort in Anaheim, CA from May 8th-12th, 2006. Topics to be discussed include food safety and sanitation, food borne illnesses, water quality, land use, hazardous materials, vector control and environmental health legislations. For updates and more information, please visit <http://www.ceha.org/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1370.

Registration opens for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's Ninth Conference – May 31 – June 3, 2006

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's ninth conference, "Walking the Talk: Achieving the Promise of Authentic Partnerships" will be held in Minneapolis, MN from May 31 - June 3, 2006. Registration for the conference is now available online at <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf-registration.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1383.

Second American Congress of Epidemiology – June 21-24, 2006

Seattle, WA. For more information please visit: www.epicongress2006.org/. From ASPH Friday Letter #1363.

41st Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology – July 9-28, 2006

The University of Michigan School of Public Health will hold the 41st Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology from July 9 – 28, 2006. One and three week courses will be offered for all public health professionals and those interested in health research. For an application or further information, visit: www.sph.umich.edu/epid/GSS. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.

Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program – Various Due Dates

This Graduate Fellowship Program of the National Academies—consisting of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council—is designed to engage graduate and postdoctoral students in science and technology policy and to familiarize them with the interactions among science, technology, and government. Both forms are available on the Web at <http://national-academies.org/policyfellows>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1379.

NIH: Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS) - Various Due Dates

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) along with the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has issued a program announcement to fund Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS). The expiration date for this program is October 2, 2007. For full details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-163.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

NIH: Recent HIV Infection: New Prevention Challenges and Opportunities - Various Due Dates

NIH is soliciting innovative basic or applied research applications that will advance prevention opportunities to reduce transmission risk or minimize neuro-cognitive impairment in persons with recent HIV infection (i.e., 0-6 months post-exposure). Principal Investigators are urged to develop new research that extends knowledge of the basic biological processes of acute and early HIV disease to address the specific prevention needs of highly infectious, newly infected persons who may account for a disproportionate share of secondary HIV transmissions. Various application due dates apply with an expiration date of September 2, 2008. For full details visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-164.html#SectionI>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1378.

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) 2005-2006 Competition is open for applications – Various Due Dates

The fellowship provides three years of financial support including a \$30,000 annual stipend and \$10,500 cost of education allowance. U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens at or near the beginning of research-based graduate studies in relevant science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines are eligible to apply. For application and deadline information, go to: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/>. For additional program information, go to: www.nsf.gov/grfp.

NIH: NICHD Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in Reproductive, Perinatal, and Pediatric Epidemiology – Various Due Dates

The NICHD Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in Reproductive, Perinatal and Pediatric Epidemiology has issued a funding announcement to support broad and fundamental, early stage graduate research training in reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology via institutional training grants. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research training will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. For more information visit: http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=2333&FL_Index=1367. From ASPH Friday Letter #1367.

Predictive Health Symposium To Feature National Experts Discussing New Model of Healthcare – December 19-20, 2006

A field of national healthcare leaders will assemble at Emory University this month, to offer new perspectives on predictive health – a new model of healthcare that will harness advances in bioscience to identify individuals at risk for disease long before symptoms appear and to halt disease before it begins. "Seeking Ponce's Dream: The Promise of Predictive Health" will be the introductory event of the new Emory-Georgia Tech Predictive Health Initiative, a collaboration between the two universities that will redirect the focus of medicine from treatment of disease to prediction and prevention by combining technological breakthroughs with an accessible and cost-effective new system of healthcare. The Predictive Health Symposium takes place Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Emory Conference Center at 1615 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. Registration is open to the scientific and business communities and to the general public, and is available through the Web site at http://www.whsc.emory.edu/public_events.cfm. From ASPH Friday Letter #1390.