

# Learning Laboratory Session Descriptions

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)  
72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition

## Environmental Health Tracking and Informatics

Sunday, June 22

1:00 – 1:50pm

### **EH Blogging 101**

*Steven J. Lipton, MEd, LEHP, CP-FS, President, Biotest Services Inc., IL*

In this session, the communication phenomenon known as blogging will be introduced. Attendees will learn what blogs are, how to use blogs, and also learn how to create and maintain their own blog. Participants will write and post to the NEHA AEC & Exhibition Blog. For those with laptops, please bring them along to this session for some hands-on demonstrations.

## General Environmental Health

Sunday, June 22

1:00 – 4:00pm

### **Student and Young Professional Career Forum**

This session will provide attendees with the opportunity to hear from environmental health professions working in a diverse spectrum of fields and career paths. Learn about these career opportunities and then stay to interact one-on-one for further information on fields that interest you. This session is sponsored by the American Academy of Sanitarians (AAS).

1:00 – 2:30pm

### **Speed Education: Round 1**

*Please see the conference addendum for the list of participating experts.*

Based upon the popular speed dating programs taking place across the country, this interactive and fast-paced session will offer attendees the opportunity to sit down with various experts in the environmental health field (and in other fields outside EH) to ask questions and get answers specific to their needs and interests. But don't get too comfortable, when the bell rings, your time is up and it's off to talk to another expert!

1:00 – 2:50pm

### **Local Health Department Accreditation: Pros and Cons Discussion**

Health departments are facing the dual challenge of a declining resource base to support programs, while at the same time community expectations have never been higher. The national

push for accreditation of local health departments will further add to these challenges. NEHA invites attendees to take part in a discussion on accreditation issues, where we hope to learn more about the effects of national accreditation on local health department programs. This is an excellent opportunity to engage in a wide-ranging discussion with your colleagues on this important and timely topic.

2:00 – 3:50pm

**Putting Your Best Foot Forward: A Communications Exercise**

*Jana L. Telfer, MA, Associate Director for Communication Science, NCEH/ATSDR/CDC, GA*

This session will take attendees through several different exercises geared at preparing them to communicate to the media and public, especially in times of an emergency or a crisis. Exercises focusing on what makes news, how to develop key messages, and how to handle interviews will engage attendees and enable them to come away with skills and knowledge ready to use in their jurisdictions.

3:00 – 4:50pm

**Speed Education: Round 2**

*Please see the conference addendum for the list of participating experts.*

Based upon the popular speed dating programs taking place across the country, this interactive and fast-paced session will offer attendees the opportunity to sit down with various experts in the environmental health field (and in other fields outside EH) to ask questions and get answers specific to their needs and interests. But don't get too comfortable, when the bell rings, your time is up and it's off to talk to another expert!

3:00 – 3:50pm

**Roundtable Discussions: Set 1**

*Please see the conference addendum for the list of roundtable topics.*

Several roundtable discussion sessions will be offered that will address numerous pressing, interesting, and relevant topics occurring in environmental health.

4:00 – 4:50pm

**Roundtable Discussions: Set 2**

*Please see the conference addendum for the list of roundtable topics.*

Several roundtable discussion sessions will be offered that will address numerous pressing, interesting, and relevant topics occurring in environmental health.

# Vector Control and Zoonotic Diseases

Sunday, June 22

4:00 – 4:50pm

## **Back By Popular Demand Session: Cold Blooded Animals: Pathogens or Pets**

*Gary R. Hague, REHS, CP-FS, MSEH, Environmental Specialist, Broomfield Health and Human Services, CO*

Presented at the 2007 AEC & Exhibition, this session packed the room and NEHA is pleased to bring it back this year. Lizards and snakes in your schools or child care facilities? Are they being cared for properly? What health hazards do they pose? If you have questions, this visual presentation has the answers.