



Occupational Health Program

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◆ 2002 OHP Conference Report from D.C.



Many thanks to each of you who were able to attend “the best OHP Conference to date” which so many of you commented in your Conference Evaluations. Timely subject matter was provided throughout the week, as the theme for this conference was **Assessment and Management of Health Threats**. The high caliber speakers with world-class experience were very well received as they provided expert information in their particular disciplines.

The Willard Inter-Continental Hotel and food were absolutely first class and the hotel staff the finest in the business. They provided us with a wonderful atmosphere and food display for our Welcome Reception. Richard Williams, MD, MPH, NASA’s Chief Health and Medical Officer, presented Alan Gettleman, MBA, with his Exceptional Achievement Medal and recognized Fatima Phillips, MD, PhD, for receiving her NASA Public Service Medal.

Dr. David Satcher, 16th US Surgeon General and conference speaker recognized Dr. Nicogossian for his 30 years of service to NASA with superb senior management and world renown expertise in aerospace medicine. Kenneth Cooper, MD, MPH, Chairman and CEO of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas, was our Keynote Luncheon Speaker on *Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion – 21st Century Medicine*.

At a ceremony at NASA Headquarters, Administrator Mr. O’Keefe, presented Alan Gettleman the Public Service Group Achievement Award for all the NASA EAP Professionals and William Barry, MD, MPH NASA’s Group Achievement for the Occupational Health Principal Center Team. The two Professional Development courses conducted on the two days prior to the opening of the

plenary sessions received high kudos and provided very informative material regarding *Management of Radiological Terrorist Events* and *Risk Communication in Controversy*.

The Breakout Sessions for health physicists, industrial hygienists, physicians, nurses, and EAP provided an opportunity for all participants to discuss issues related to their field of practice.

One comment for the 2003 NASA OHP Conference – we will work even more aggressively to suggest higher attendance as the cost to deliver this caliber of conference can be justified only with maximal benefit to our professionals.

◆ **NASA Medical QA Program** A draft copy of the NASA Medical Quality Assurance (QA) Desk Guide was distributed at the NASA OHP Conference for review. Comments should be submitted to the Principal Center by August 1.

◆ **US Preventative Services Task Force** Released its recommendation for adults age 50 and over to get screened for colorectal cancer. The recommendations can be viewed at www.ahrq.gov/clinic/3rduspstf/colorectal/ or visit the NASA OHP Website home page at <http://ohp.nasa.gov/>

◆ **Physical Fitness Executive Orders** The Executive Order President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Executive Order Activities to Promote Personal Fitness were released recently. Both can be found on the home page of the NASA OHP Website at <http://ohp.nasa.gov/>

◆ **OHP NASA Center Evaluation Calendar**

- o July 23-26 visited Langley Research Center
- o September 17-20 at Dryden Flight Research Center
- o September 24-27 at Ames Research Center

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS**

- o EH ViTS; Microbial Evaluation – August 22
- o Health Promotion and Wellness – Sept. 19

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