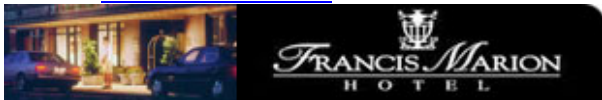




◆ **The Importance of Planning for a Disaster:** On April 12, at the National Hurricane Conference, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff gave a [speech](#) that included the quote; "...That means having effective emergency and evacuation plans in place. It means planning and preparing ahead of the storm, not improvising a response after it occurs. And it means continuing to work together to get the most accurate and realistic assessment of our capabilities and then taking steps to strengthen and refine those capabilities over the next two months." To help all Centers plan and prepare for an effective occupational health response to a disaster we have dedicated the [OH Conference](#) to Disaster Preparedness. Come join us at the [Francis Marion Hotel](#) in Charleston!



◆ **HealthierYou Update:** ["A New Threat to Your Health: Antibiotic Resistance"](#) is a CDC brochure that briefly explains the difference between bacteria and viruses, how bacteria become resistant and when it is appropriate to use an antibiotic. The brochure will be mailed to the Clinics in early May as an effective tool for educating the NASA workforce on this issue.



◆ **Managing Stress:** In today's economy, workers at every level are experiencing increased tension and uncertainty.

[Stress](#) becomes chronic if not addressed appropriately and timely. NIOSH is one of the many government Health organizations that has a [website](#) dedicated entirely to stress. Our own OH webpage has a [module](#) with self help information for stress.



◆ **NASA Centers Upgrade Fitness Facilities:** Fitness facilities at [Dryden](#), White Sands and Johnson have recently completed significant upgrades. At Dryden and White Sands new facilities have been constructed and opened in early 2006, and at JSC extensive renovations have recently been completed. These enhancements will facilitate increased access and involvement with Center Fitness programs.



These improvements would not have taken place without the tireless efforts of Occupational Health staff at these 3 NASA Centers. Kudos to all staff involved with the project championing, planning, and promoting of these upgrades. These new

facilities will enable the fitness programs at these 3 Centers to be more effective, and are designed to make the fitness facilities more accessible and desirable to all Center personnel.



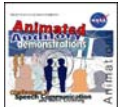
◆ **Recognizing Occupational Health Nurses:** National Occupational Health Nursing (OHN) [Week](#) observance April 17- 21, was established to promote greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities of OHNs with employers, workers and the public. The dates commemorate the inception of the first professional association for occupational and environmental health nurses. On April 19, 1942, 300 nurses from 16 states founded the American Association of Industrial Nurses (AAIN), the predecessor to AAOHN.



◆ **EHR Update:** The EHR project continues to benefit from IHS's contributions to the Project's Steering Committee; two members of the EHR Project Team will experience IHS's EHR training in mid-May: EHR CAC & Implementation Team (Basic Set Up). The EHR Project is grateful for the input provided at recent meetings by two key project stakeholders: OCIO and NASA Data Center at MSFC. Please visit the [EHR webpage](#) for more information and expect to learn more about the EHR Project in the very near future!

◆ **New Hearing Conservation Training Resource:** The NASA Glenn [Acoustical Testing Laboratory](#) has produced a new training resource for use by hearing conservationists.

["ANIMATED Auditory Demonstrations II: Challenges in Speech Communication and Music Listening"](#) is a collection of animated video demonstrations that illustrate the effects of acoustical parameters and hearing loss on speech and music.



◆ **Professional Development Conferences:** Conferences for Occupational Health Physicians (5/5-5/12), Occupational Health Nurses (5/5-5/11), and Aerospace Medical Association (5/14-5/18) are all being held in May.

The [American Occupational Health Conference](#) (AOHC) is being held in Los Angeles, CA and the [American Association of Occupational Health Nurses Conference](#) is being held in Albuquerque, NM. The annual [Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association](#) will be held in Orlando. NASA is on their [agenda](#) for giving a panel presentation entitled "NASA's Public Health and Industrial Hygiene Response after Hurricane Katrina"

◆ **Laser Course Coming to West Coast NASA Centers:** The agency office is working towards sponsoring a Laser Safety Course at JPL and or Ames within the next few months. If you have any interest in attending please contact [Kurt Geber](#) in the Agency OH Support Office.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- June 12-16 – Glenn Research Center
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**
- EH ViTS – May 10, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Promotion ViTS – June 8, 11:00-12:30 PM EDT

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