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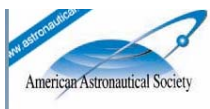
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◆ 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference



The annual [NASA Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held in scenic Denver, Colorado this summer from July 23 – 27, at the [Warwick Hotel](#). This year's conference theme is "Moving Toward The Summit: Occupational Health Challenges" and the agenda will be filled with current topics which are facing NASA Occupational Health Professionals today. As always continuing education credit will be available for physicians, nurses, psychologists, industrial hygienists, and health physicists. Registration will be opening up in Mid April, if you have any questions about the Conference please contact [Gail Bantugan](#) in the OH Support Office.

◆ NASA's Chief Health and Medical Office Awarded American Astronautical Society Award:



On March 21, Dr. Richard S. Williams was awarded the [Melbourne W. Boynton Award](#). This award was established in memory of Dr. Boynton, a flight surgeon

in the Army Air Corps in World War II, who devoted his career and gave his life in the development of flight safety and survival. In 1944, Dr. Boynton's life ended prematurely during a test involving a parachute jump. In recognition of Dr. Boynton's efforts in flight safety and survival, this award is conferred upon a physician who has made a significant contribution to the biomedical aspects of space flight.

◆ **An EmbodyHealth Update:** Here are the latest registration numbers. Encourage Center personnel to register!

I am	Registrations
Civil Servant	1,756
Contractor	82
Other	10
Spouse, dependent, partner	31
Total	1,879



◆ **EHR Update:** The [EHR Project](#) is continuing to explore every effort to wear green in March. As was previously announced, Federal executive agencies are judged by the President's Management Agenda (PMA) stoplight scorecards and health information technology (HIT) was added to the PMA

scorecard in December 2006. HIT for NASA received green ratings for both current status and progress in our first assessment. Another report to OMB was submitted March 1st, and we are optimistic the Agency's scorecard will remain green.

◆ **New IH Staff at DFRC:** [Katherine Tucker](#), CIH has started this month at Dryden. She received a B.S. from California State University, Northridge in Environmental and Occupational Health and have worked as an IH for Cal/OSHA, at a semi-conductor research and development company, and most recently, at an open-pit borate mining operation. She earned her IH certification in 2003, was president of the Southern California American Industrial Hygiene Association Chapter from 2004/2005 and was on the Executive Board for 5 years. We welcome you to NASA Occupational Health!

◆ NASA OH 2007 Calendar Wins Graphic Design Award:

An InDyne, Inc. (IDI) graphic artist Amy Lombardo and copywriter Mae Hafizi of the OH Support Office recently received a Gold [ADDY Award](#) in the Space Coast Advertising Federation's Local ADDY Awards competition, in the category of Director Marketing/Specialty Advertising. The entry was the NASA 2007 Healthier You Calendar. The entry was forwarded for judging in the 4th District American Advertising Federation's District ADDY Awards competition.



◆ Report from the NASA Safety & Health Managers Meeting:

Over 60 participants attended the annual S&H Managers meeting in Cocoa Beach from February



27 – March 1. The meeting's theme was *Return on Investment (ROI)* and featured numerous Center presentations discussing current issues related to the meeting theme.

Many of the [presentations](#) from the meeting are available on the OH website.



◆ NASA IHs to gather in Philadelphia this Summer at National Meeting:

NASA Center IHs will be gathering in Philadelphia, PA, this summer at the [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition \(AIHCE\)](#). The NASA IH Breakout Meeting will be held on Monday evening, June 4. To help ensure adequate arrangements are made please contact [Bart Geyer](#) if you plan to attend AIHCE.



◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- April 3 - 5 – Wallops Flight Facility
- April 9 - 13 – Goddard Space Flight Center
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health VITS:**
 - Workers' Compensation – April 4, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
 - Environmental Health – April 11, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
 - EAP – April 19, 11:30 -1:00 PM EDT

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