



◆ **Stennis Space Center's Medical Director Dr. Taquino receives NASA's Silver Snoopy Award:** On October 8th, 2003, Dr. Maurice Taquino was awarded a Silver Snoopy award. He has served as Medical Director for Stennis Space Center for the past 21 years. His medical practice experience includes general practice as well as surgery. He has served as a flight surgeon for the U. S. Navy as well as a resident in general surgery for the Veterans Administration. Dr. Taquino's leadership has resulted in the Occupational Health Services program receiving numerous awards for outstanding performance (NASA Public Service Group Achievement Award, 1986) in meeting and exceeding NASA's contractual requirements. For the 2nd consecutive year, Medical Services has received 100% performance in meeting all departmental objectives!

◆ **EHRIS Project Update:** The Agency EHRIS project from inception has consisted of a dual parallel effort to identify technical and functional requirements for commercial off-the-shelf application, and alignment of NASA healthcare delivery into a standardized format. This latter task was given increased attention recently as the project team held a two-day concentrated workshop aimed at identifying the work processes and requirements of the NASA OH clinics. The outcome of the meeting built upon the work begun in January by the Agency Task Force and supported the development of a requirements document to be used for system procurement slated for late FY '04. In other news, thanks to the supportive effort of the Task Force and other OH staff at each of NASA's clinics, an analysis of current computer workstation and other IT hardware was performed to identify clinic needs in order to meet the requirements of the EHRIS. Other ongoing work includes:

- 1) A new [EHRIS page](#) on the OH website,
- 2) Sub-committee reports from TF members,
- 3) Identification of a system roll-out schedule among clinics,
- 4) Development of information database interfaces among other NASA disciplines.

◆ **The American Heart Association's New Guidelines for Preventing and Treating Heart Disease in Women:** The new guidelines stress lifestyle as the first line of attack - stopping smoking, losing weight, exercising every day and eating a healthy diet. But they also call for aggressive use of drugs to lower cholesterol and blood pressure in high-risk women. Cardiovascular Disease takes the lives of nearly 500,000 U.S. women each year - one every minute.

◆ **Premiere Issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (JOEH):** The January and February 2004 issues of JOEH, the new joint AIHA-ACGIH journal, are now available online. This marks the end of the separate AIHA and ACGIH journal publications. The new

journal is designed to expand the focus beyond traditional IH to include a broader emphasis on occupational and environmental hygiene. It also will enhance AIHA and ACGIH members' benefits by having one source for journal-based information.

◆ **Performance Guidelines for the Management of Work Related Injury/Illness:** On January 9, 2004, President Bush announced Safety, Health and Return to Employment Initiative (SHARE), directing Federal agencies to establish goals and track performance in 4 major areas: 1) lowering workplace injury and illness case rates, 2) lowering lost-time injury and illness case rates, 3) timely reporting of injuries and illnesses and 4) reducing lost days resulting from work injuries and illnesses. A follow-on to Federal Worker 2000, SHARE is a multi-disciplinary effort. The Department of Labor will collaborate with each agency in setting goals and will measure and track agency performance. Go to Setting SHARE Goals and <http://www.dol-esa.gov/share/>

◆ **NASA Annual Occupational Health Conference in 2004:** Make plans now to attend the *NASA Occupational Health Conference* in Williamsburg, VA, on June 21-25. The conference will be held at the Hospitality House, located within walking distance of Colonial Williamsburg. For more details about the conference and to register please visit the NASA OH website [conference and meeting page](#).

◆ **NASA IH Meeting at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition (AIHCE) in Atlanta:** NASA IHs will be gathering on Monday, May 10th, at the *Embassy Suites* located adjacent to Centennial Park. The meeting will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.



◆ **Upcoming Worker's Compensation ViTS:** Kevin Finn from the DOL/OWCP will be presenting at our next W/C ViTS, scheduled for 4/26/04 from 2:00-3:30PM

◆ **NASA OH Center Evaluation Calendar:**

- May 24-27 - Glen Research Center
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**
 - Health Promotion ViTS - March 1st, 1:30-3:00 PM EST
 - Health Physics ViTS - March 15th, 3:30-4:30 PM EST
 - EHRIS Task Force ViTS - March 16th, 3:30-5 PM EST
 - EH Monthly ViTS - March 19th, 2:00-3:00 PM EST
 - Worker's Compensation ViTS April 26th, 2:00-3:30PM

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