

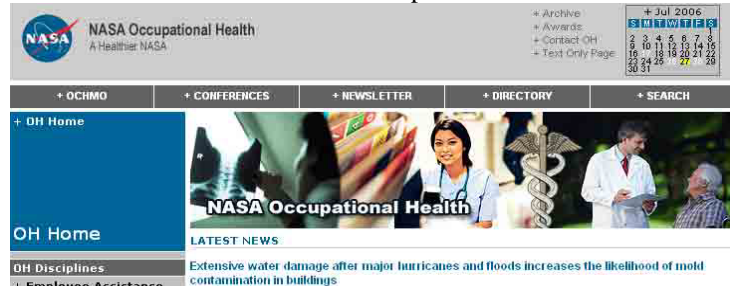


◆ **Conference Attendees Hear about Preparing for Disasters:** The 2006 NASA OH Conference in historic Charleston, SC, came to a close on July 21, and was full of informative, practical and useful disaster preparedness information for the NASA Occupational Health professional. Speakers throughout the week covered a wide range of physical, mental and environmental health impacts of disasters. Topics ranged from pandemic planning to hurricanes and earthquakes to weapons of mass destruction events. Over 100 people representing all 14 NASA Centers and Facilities participated in the conference sessions and events throughout the week. Comments and conference evaluations received indicated the conference theme was timely and the presentations were of a high quality and considered of value to attendees. All attendees also appeared to enjoy historic Charleston. [Presentations](#) from the conference have been posted to the OH website. It was also announced at the meeting that the 2007 NASA OH meeting will be in Denver Colorado, July 23 - July 27, at the [Warwick Hotel](#).



◆ **STS 121 is a Success!** The Space Shuttle Discovery landed on July 17th at 9:14 a.m. EDT with the crew of [STS-121](#) at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, Florida. In Charleston the OH Conference activities came to a halt to allow all attendees to watch the successful landing of Discovery. Many NASA Occupational Health employees directly support the launch and landing of every shuttle mission, these include *but are not limited to*; medical clinic, emergency medical, clinical lab, IH and HP personnel, and others from multiple NASA Centers such as KSC, JSC, and DFRC. Congratulations to all of you involved with a very successful Shuttle mission!

◆ **The OH Website is Receiving a Facelift:** The [NASA OH website](#) is getting a facelift to make the entire website more consistent with other NASA sites, to create a site more aesthetically pleasing, and to facilitate quicker access to all the content. This facelift will be completed soon!



◆ **Best Wishes to Sandy Kreer:** For the last 5 years Sandy Kreer has been an integral part of the Agency Occupational Health Support Office at KSC. She is retiring (again) to spend more time visiting friends and family, and traveling in her RV. Prior to working with the Support Office she worked for NASA at Goddard, HQ and Ames in various capacities. In her time with OH she has directed the effort to plan many Agency meetings, conferences, retreats, and various other OH events across the country. Her NASA and travel background, and her ability and enthusiasm for the job made her a wonderful asset to the Agency group, and she will be dearly missed. [Gail Bantugan](#) now takes the reins as the Event and Conference Coordinator being able to join the office prior to the OH conference in Charleston.



◆ **Report from Health Physics Meeting:** NASA Centers were well represented at the recent annual [Health Physics Society \(HPS\) meeting](#) in Providence RI. Professional conferences are an excellent means of staying abreast of current issues, new equipment, and networking with peers. Representatives from KSC, GRC, JPL, GSFC, and the Agency Support Office all attended the weeklong meeting. Pictured are Kurt Geber/Agency, Randy Scott/KSC, Rodney Nickell/KSC and Tad Blanchard/GSFC.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- August 15-18 – Dryden Flight Research Center
- August 21-24 – Ames Research Center

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- International Continuing Health Education ViTS – August 4, 10:00-12:00 PM EDT
- August 18, 10:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Workers' Comp ViTS – August 23, 1:30-2:30 PM EDT
- EH ViTS – August 28, 12:30-1:30 PM EDT

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