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◆ 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference - Registration is Open and Agenda is Posted:



The annual [NASA Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held in scenic Denver, CO from July 23 – 27, at the [Warwick Hotel](#). This year's conference theme is "Moving Toward the Summit: Occupational Health Challenges." [Online registration](#) for the conference has begun and the [agenda](#) and [letter of invitation](#) from Dr. Richard Williams is now posted. Please make sure you complete the entire conference registration, including the courses and events you want to attend. You can always modify the information you have provided at a later date if your plans change. Hotel registration is separate and you can call the hotel directly (303-861-2000 or 800-525-2888) or use CI Travel to make reservations. In either case, indicate that you are attending the 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference to guarantee the government rate of \$127.00/day plus tax. All reservations must be received by *Friday, June 29*. Reservations made after the deadline will be subject to space and rate availability. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact the Conference Coordinator, [Gail Bantugan](#), 321-867-3200.

◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth Update:** Mayo Clinic will be presenting an analysis of the Health Risk Assessment (HRA) data during our next Health Promotion ViTS, scheduled for June 6, at 1:00 PM EDT. Please allow 1.25 hours for this ViTS as Dr. Saralyn Mark will also be discussing HPV (Human Papillomavirus). Mayo Clinic Book of Business proposes a 15-20% participation rate for a like business that is geographically diverse. Our goal is at least 3,000 completed HRAs based on 15,000 civil servants. Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth will be available to all civil servants and contractor OH personnel, their spouse and children over the age of 18, through January 20, 2008. Latest registration numbers are as follows:

Registrant type	Registrations
Civil Servant	1,908
Contractor	103
Other	10
Spouse, dependent, partner	33
Total	2,054



◆ **EHR Update:** The [EHR Project](#) is 'springing' forward with a couple of activities which are considerable to

further advancing this project toward implementation. The piloted phase of the project is garnering momentum as several of the key stakeholders explore the technical logistics of getting the Indian Health Services' Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) / EHR installed at the NASA Data Center (NDC). The occasion of experiencing the reality of RPMS/EHR within the NDC computing environment is exciting. Efforts related to this accomplishment include detailing the project's plans and documentation. Also, preparations are being made for the EHRS Breakout Session which is on the schedule for the annual NASA OH Conference, in Denver.

◆ Updated Emergency Response Page on the OH Website:

The [emergency response](#) topics page has recently been updated and revised. The page contains a wealth of information related to Occupational Health personal responding to a wide range of emergencies both man made and natural disasters.



◆ Two OH SOLAR Courses Revised on SATERN:

Two of the three OH courses Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) and Hearing Conservation have been updated and now are available through [SATERN](#). The revised courses end with an -07, the earlier versions ended with -01, i.e. OCC-001-07 for BBP.



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◆ 1st Annual Federal Occupational Health Conference:

June 5th - 7th, 2007, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This [conference](#) will address critical elements of quality Occupational Health programs in the federal agencies. Conference registrants will be able to discuss mutual concerns and network with their colleagues, peers and leaders in their fields from across the US and various federal agencies.



◆ Health Physics ViTS to Focus on Outdoor Lasers:

Plan on attending the next Health Physics ViTS on May 8, from 10:30-11:30 EDT. The topic will be Outdoor Laser Use and feature Fred Battle (JPL) and Steve Rohring (FAA). Both Fred and Steve presented during the February Safety and Health Managers Meeting and can be [downloaded here](#).



◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- August 13 - 17 – Marshall Space Flight Center

◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Health Physics – May 8, 10:30-11:30 AM EDT
- Environmental Health – May 9, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Promotion & Wellness – June 6, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

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