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## NEW! - CM Program Changes Coming - January 2010

### 1. New Ethics Requirement

Beginning in 2010, new applicants and CIHs/CAIHs due to recertify will be required to document that they have completed at least two hours of coursework in ethics. The coursework can be provided via classroom or distance learning.

For applicants, this will count as part of the current IH coursework requirement

For CIHs/CAIHs:

- If you are due to report for the 2005-2009 (Worksheet due February 1, 2010) CM cycle, the new ethics requirement does **not** apply to you for this cycle.
- If you are due to report for the 2006-2010 (Worksheet due February 1, 2011) CM cycle or subsequent cycles, the requirement **does** apply.

The ethics requirement (2 hours/5 year cycle) will count as part of your minimum of 10 CM points in IH rubrics in Category 4 - Attendance at Educational Programs.

Appropriate ethics subjects could include: Integrity/professional conduct; Confidentiality of sensitive information (HIPAA privacy rule, human subject protection during research projects, employee medical records, etc.); Conflict of interest; Intellectual property rights/plagiarism (who has rights to data/information and who takes credit for publishing); etc.

There are numerous sources for ethics coursework that are either developed or are being developed: AIHA Local Sections, ACGIH & AIHA Telewebs (in conjunction with the Joint IH Ethics Education Committee), other professional societies, and even your own employer's ethics classes may apply. Course sponsors or individual CIHs can submit a [Request for CM Points](#) to ABIH.

Examples of Ethics courses which have been approved can be found in the [ABIH CM Course Database](#). [Choose *Subject of Interest > Ethics Only*].

## **2. New Options for Earning Category 4 Educational CM Points**

Starting in January 2010, CIHs and CAIHs will be able to earn Category 4 educational CM points for activities lasting as little as 1 hour instead of the minimum 3 hour session previously required to earn CM points.

ABIH has made this change because Diplomates asked for more options on earning educational CM points. It has become increasingly difficult (e.g. cost, time) for Diplomates to attend half-day or all day structured learning opportunities and conferences. Yet the need for ongoing, continuing education in IH has never been greater.

Specific program details and guidance information will be made available later this year. Watch for this information in future Newsletters and also on the ABIH web site.

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## **ABIH Directors Wanted - Self-Nominate!**

ABIH is scheduled to elect three new Directors at its October 3-4, 2009 meeting. These Directors will take office at the conclusion of the March 2010 Board meeting. The term of office is four years. There are three Board meetings per year. They are usually held on a weekend to avoid conflicting with work. Expenses related to Board travel are covered by ABIH.

If you would like to be considered for a Director position, please contact the Lansing office or go to [ABIH Director Nomination](#).

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## **Going To Toronto - 3 Items of Interest to You!**

### **1. Events For CIH/CAIH, Early Career Professionals & Students**

Join us for several ABIH/exam related events at the Conference:

- Monday, 1 June, 12:30-1:30 - [Luncheon Discussion](#) for students and early career professionals, get CIH certification questions answered
- Monday, 1 June, 2-4:30: RT210 - [Perspectives on CIH exam preparation](#)
- Wednesday, 3 June, 10-12 - [AIH Town Hall meeting](#)

## 2. Meet the ABIH Board of Directors at Toronto AIHce

If you're headed to Toronto, please stop by the ABIH Booth to meet your [ABIH Board of Directors](#). Learn about the ABIH strategic direction and plans as well as provide input on future needs. Also, if you're contemplating volunteer service as an ABIH Director, this is an excellent chance to learn first hand about the benefits and value that the Directors bring to the IH profession. Different Directors will be in the booth during these times:

- Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 and 12:30-2:00
- Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:30 and 12:30-2:00

## 3. Six More Reasons to Visit the ABIH Booth in Toronto

ABIH is making changes which can save you time and money and improve your ability to earn CM points. Some of these are briefly mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter but we can explain these more fully in Toronto.

1. New Ethics CM point requirements (starting 2010).
2. Increased flexibility for earning CM points with as little as a 1 hour activity (starting 2010)
3. Improved focus for CM-approved EH&S Management courses (starting 2010)
4. CM Worksheets now available in Excel to automate calculations (also formatted for Google Docs to enable an Internet-available, backed-up version).
5. Use Skype for "free" voice calls (look for *ABIH Support* on Skype).
6. Win Stuff! Enter your name in the drawing for a free frame to hold your CIH Certificate or another [ABIH logo item](#) (if you already have a frame).

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## CIH Program Accredited by ANSI - Making a Difference for You

In March 2009, the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) program was accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under ISO/IEC 17024 - *Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*.

ABIH pursued this accreditation because of the growing need for international recognition of the CIH designation. More CIHs are working globally or outside the U.S. than ever

before.

The accreditation also increases the integrity for the CIH designation. The CIH system meets the internationally recognized professional standards of examination and maintenance program administration making the CIH designation portable and recognizable as the mark of professionalism.

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## The Diplomate Pulse! - A 30 Second Survey

Starting with this issue of the Newsletter, ABIH will be periodically asking for your input on questions of topical interest to the Diplomates and Examinees.

Got 30 seconds? [Follow this link](#) for two questions about "ethics". Final results will be published on the ABIH web site and in the next ABIH Newsletter.

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## Updated Exam Blueprint

The exam blueprint for the 2009 Fall Comprehensive Practice exam will be based on the recent Job Analysis and Validation Study. Fall examinees can find the [updated test specifications online](#).

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## Parsons Joins ABIH Staff

Tracy Parsons, CIH has recently joined ABIH as Administrative Program Manager, with responsibilities for accreditation, marketing/outreach, ethics and the Certification Maintenance program. Tracy brings over 30 years of industrial manufacturing experience, leading EH&S people and technical programs in several geographic regions. He has special expertise in Organization Effectiveness, EH&S Management Systems (ISO and Responsible Care®), Rummler-Brache Work Process Methodologies and Six Sigma defect reduction technologies. He is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt and a Certified Industrial Hygienist. He graduated from Purdue University with BS/MS degrees in Health Physics. Tracy can be reached at [tparsons@abih.org](mailto:tparsons@abih.org), 517-321-2638, x15 or via Skype (Tracy-Parsons), or via [LinkedIn](#).

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## Lost! - Help ABIH Find This Person

ABIH has tried to contact the following individual, but we've been unable to locate them. We have listed their last known employer, city and state. If you know how to contact this person, please email [ptrim@abih.org](mailto:ptrim@abih.org).

- Andrew Puccetti, Andrew Puccetti & Associates, Corona Del Mar, CA.

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## Code of Ethics - Disciplinary Actions

W. Wade Whitlock, Jr. #8081 CP has been sanctioned by the Ethics Review Committee. [Disciplinary Actions](#)

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## People Who Are Not Certified

In response to inquiries, the ABIH reports that the following individuals have never been certified by the Board and are not authorized to use the designations Certified Industrial Hygienist or CIH.

M. Joseph Dumanov  
Medical Mycologist  
New Jersey

Kelly Walton  
Tiger Environmental, Inc.  
Linden, New Jersey

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