

MIHS FALL MINI CONFERENCE WILL BE VIRTUAL!

Planning is underway for the 2020 MIHS Fall Mini Conference. We will not be meeting in-person as we usually do, but there *will* be a virtual conference. The show must go on! The date for Part 1 of the first ever virtual MIHS Fall Mini Conference will be Tuesday, October 6. More details are forthcoming, so watch the MIHS website for the final program.

We decided that an all-day, online conference is something that most of us would be hard-pressed to sit through, so we are splitting it up into two days. Part 2 will likely be in late November or early December. Also, we will be recording the conference, so if you must step away, or will not be available for the live event, you may watch the recording.

The lineup for October 6 includes AIHA CEO, **Larry Sloan**; **Bart Pickelman**, CIH, Director of MIOSHA; **Bert Schiller**, CIH, who will present information on Workplace Health Without Borders; and **Sean Egan**, Deputy Director for Labor at Michigan LEO, and Director of COVID-19 Workplace Safety.

One detail that is known for sure is that the Conference will be on WebEx. Most of us have probably participated in some sort of virtual chat or meeting of some kind in the past 6 months (a "Zoom" call). For those unfamiliar with WebEx, it is a fairly simple to use, and it is best to sign up ahead of time at <https://cart.webex.com/sign-up-webex>. This will make signing into the Mini Conference a bit easier. You will not have to subscribe to a

plan or pay any money. There is also a free WebEx app, which will allow you to join using your smart phone or tablet.

Another thing we know for sure is that both parts of the Fall Conference will be FREE OF CHARGE! We will not have the usual expenses of renting the conference center and providing lunch, so we will pass those savings on to the membership.

We will see how this goes. It certainly will not be a substitute for an in-person meeting where we all get together and meet new people, or catch up with others that you may not have seen since the previous Fall Conference. No shouting questions from the back row. No pastries.

There are some advantages to this format. You will be able get up and stretch any time you like without interrupting the speaker. Shoes are optional. Lounging on the couch may be an option. No early wakeup call to make it out to Troy on time. We will make the best of it!

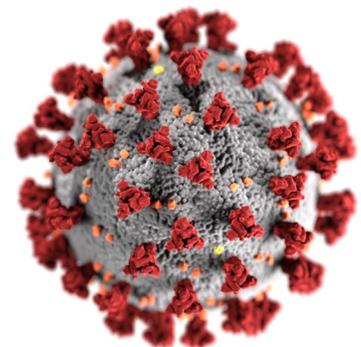


CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 ONLINE RESOURCE LINKS

[Michigan Coronavirus FAQs and News](#)

[AIHA Coronavirus Outbreak Resource Center](#) There are numerous links within the AIHA Resource Center such as CDC, OSHA, NIH, WHO, etc.

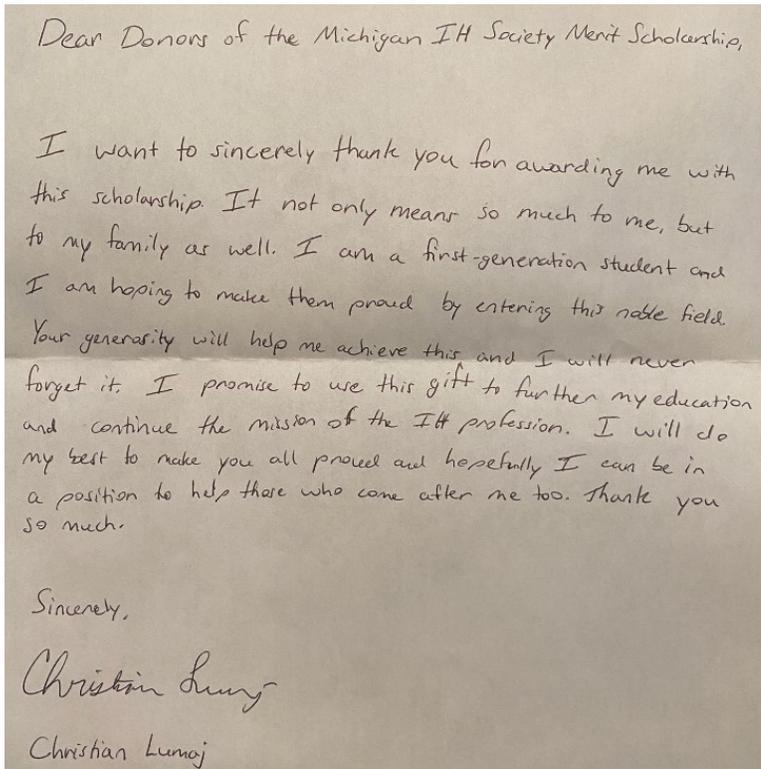
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CHRISTIAN LUMAJ RECEIVES MIHS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



This year's MIHS Merit Scholarship was awarded to University of Michigan graduate student Mr. Christian Lumaj. In awarding the MIHS Merit Scholarship, preference is given to Michigan residents enrolled in an industrial hygiene program. Ms. Thursa Pecoraro, Manager, Local Sections Professional Community and Foundation at AIHA was kind enough to forward a thank you note from Christian to MIHS.



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CALL FOR "EHS" MENTORS

You have learned a lot during your time as a working "EHS" professional and you may be looking for an opportunity to share some of your learning experiences and expertise with the next generation of EHS professionals. It's a great way to give back to your chosen profession and mentoring relationships can be richly rewarding both for the person being mentored and for the mentor themselves.

Right now there's a great mentoring opportunity being provided locally by Dr. Tara Diesbourg, a faculty member in Oakland University's Environmental Health and Safety Program (OU-EHS, Rochester, MI). She is putting together a mentoring program for the 2020-2021 academic year that will pair every one of OU's "EHS Major" students with an EHS professional.

This mentoring relationship will focus on the student's professional development as you help them prepare to enter the job market. For example, you can help the student:

- Identify and access resources that will be helpful in their professional development.
- Build their EHS professional network.
- Develop their resume and interviewing skills.
- Provide site-visit and job-shadowing opportunities.

The expectation is to plan one contact per month, but if you decide to meet more often than that, that's great too!

Tara is gathering information to identify who is interested in serving as a mentor and, to facilitate the pairing process, she needs to know your area(s) of EHS experience and expertise. Anyone interested in serving as a mentor can fill out the form found [here](#) or feel free to contact Tara directly at tdiesbourg@oakland.edu if you have any questions about the OU-EHS mentoring program.

Thank you for considering mentorship as a great way to give back to the EHS profession.

THE EVENTS ARE REAL BUT ATTENDANCE IS VIRTUAL

You might think that certification maintenance points might be hard to come by in a pandemic, where social gatherings such as live conferences have all been canceled. But you would be wrong! Almost everything is “virtual” for this year and well into next year. Symposiums that you would not think twice about attending, due to the expense of travel across the country or even travel to a foreign country, are now within reach. The [AIHA Events calendar](#) is chock full of virtual options. The California Industrial Hygiene Council is hosting a 5-part webinar series on a variety of topics. Rutgers University is offering an online OSHA HAZWOPER refresher course.

This Fall’s version of the [Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review](#) course that is cosponsored by the University of Michigan and MIHS will be virtual, and is scheduled over a 10-week period from September 15 to November 17. The content is being delivered synchronously (live) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 2 pm EST. The presentations will also be recorded and available asynchronously for 6 months after the course ends.

Most of these virtual events are not free, but travel expenses will be nonexistent, and you may not even have to take time off of work to attend, as most have some sort of recorded option.

TELL US A STORY!

We are always on the lookout for content and items of interest to our members. If you have a story to tell that you feel would be of interest to the group and you would like to see it in the MIHS Newsletter, let us know.

- A “Tale from the Front” about something you have done in the field.
- A write-up on a seminar or conference you’ve attended
- A write-up on a new gadget or “app” you have discovered that might be of interest to others

Pretty much anything industrial hygiene-related. Send your article to apcrause@aol.com.



Conference Dates

February 8-11, 2021 Ventilation Conference. The Conference begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

February 12, 2021: Combustible Dust Workshop (3/4 day w/lunch)

February 12, 2021: Troubleshooting Workshop (3/4 day w/lunch)



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