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Your News

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CALENDAR:

Topics, locations and times will be posted on the Georgia EIA Web Page as they become Available

April 18

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Quantitative
Polymerase Chain
Reaction (QPCR);
USEPA Mold Index
Study

Stephen J. Vesper,
Ph.D.

At GA EPD Atlanta
Tradeport Training
Center

June 20

August 15

October

Annual Joint Meeting
with Georgia EPD

Atlanta Tradeport
Training Center

December

Holiday Gathering
and Annual Chapter
Meeting with Election
Results

A Message From The President

The Georgia Chapter of the Environmental Information Association, Inc. is entering its eleventh year. It all started on December 15, 1993 when six individuals met in a small office in east Cobb County to plot the course for the birth of GA EIA and map its direction. The Georgia Secretary of State, Max Cleland, certified the incorporation of the Chapter by the seal of his office on February 10, 1994. Since that first meeting much has been accomplished. The plan of those few visionaries has grown, evolved, and ultimately brought us to the present GA EIA.

On December 2, 2004, I was bestowed the honor and entrusted the office of President of GA EIA. On December 14, 2004, the Executive Committee met and outlined a plan for 2005. The intent of the plan is to continue the work of those before us and hopefully elevate our group further for those that will follow. The plan is intended to make our organization increasing more strong, efficient, and recognizable. It is this plan, and our goals and objectives for 2005 that I would like to share with you in this message.

GA EIA is a volunteer organization. The time that we all spend on behalf of the organization is graciously donated. More often than not, this time would have otherwise been spent with family, friends, or performing our compensated tasks at work. There are many unseen Chapter duties that must be performed to complete the business for the Chapter. We will be instituting changes in 2005 that will hopefully streamline this effort and allow those performing these tasks more time to enjoy the purpose of the Chapter and less on performing its work.

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A Message From The President, continued

The membership renewal process is one of those changes that will be made. Currently, GA EIA is sending membership renewal notifications monthly. This requires considerable time and energy. In 2005 the Chapter will begin sending annual renewal notices. This renewal notice will be sent to all members in June of this year. The Executive Committee discussed this issue at great length. Our fear was that those of you that have joined or renewed your membership in the last half of 2004 would be offended to being "hit up" again in June. Please be aware that this change is not intended to "line the coffers" but to make the business of renewals a less time intense activity. Please look for this notice in June and renew promptly.

Another change that is coming in 2005 is the way we communicate with the membership. Currently, Chapter meeting notifications and other pertinent information is emailed and mailed via the US Postal service. In order to mail notices and other information, the information needs to be copied, folded, postage applied, and mailed. Obviously this is a time consuming and expensive proposition when compared to emailing the same information. In this electronic age, we are going to move away from mailing information and communicate exclusively through email and website postings. Please place the GA EIA website address (www.eia-georgia.org) in your favorite's folder and be sure to review from time to time. New additions to the website include photos of the annual meeting held in December 2004.

Please also note that email communications will be coming from an email address established specifically for the purpose of doing Chapter business. The thought is that the free email account will be used by each administration in coming years. Please include the GA EIA email address in your address book and please be sure not to block with your spam filters. The new GA EIA email address is georgiaeia@hotmail.com.

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The EIA Website

The Environmental Information Association website <http://www.eia-georgia.org> has been designed to incorporate general information and the calendar of events for this chapter.



A Message From The President, continued

In my view, the value and strength of an organization is measured by its membership. GA EIA is a unique organization. Unlike AIHA or ASSE we do not represent a single portion, viewpoint, or aspect of the environmental, health or safety community, rather we are comprised of each portion, viewpoint, and aspect of the Georgia EH&S community.

Our membership deals with the challenges of environmental, health, and safety issues on a daily basis. GA EIA is represented by contractors, consultants, laboratories, educators, facility managers, regulators, vendors, suppliers, public utilities, insurance, bonding, military, hospitals, schools, home inspectors, attorneys, and undoubtedly a few more that I have failed to mention. However, as I read this list I see one gaping hole; those that will perform these tasks in the future, the student.

In 2005 GA EIA will strive to bring student members into our organization. The inclusion of student members will grow the Chapter in future years as these students become our future members and leaders. The students too will benefit by establishing contacts for future employment and obtaining a real world view of the issues and people in the EH&S field.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!



You are the future of Georgia EIA! Please accept our invitation to join Georgia EIA for FREE! In addition, you are welcome to attend any of our meetings at NO CHARGE!

What are you waiting for?
Join Georgia EIA Today!

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NEXT GEORGIA EIA MEETING!

April 18, 2005 – 1:00-2:30 pm

"Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (QPCR); USEPA Mold Index Study"

Presented by: Stephen J. Vesper, Ph.D. – National Exposure Research Laboratory USEPA

Location: GA EPD Atlanta Tradeport Training Center; 4244 International Pkwy., Suite 116, Atlanta, GA 30354 (directions at www.eia-georgia.org)

A Message From The President, continued

Due to the diverse membership and the broad reach of the GA EIA network, I have found through the years that any question relating to EH&S can be answered through a member or a contact of a GA EIA member. In 2005 it is our hope to elevate the awareness of GA EIA throughout the EH&S field and the Georgia community. Our plan to accomplish this goal contains three basic elements:

1. Offer GA EIA members as guest speakers to community groups, schools, churches and other organizations seeking knowledge on an issue relating to environmental, health, and safety;
2. Develop, perform, and publish the data of a pertinent research study involving some facet of EH&S. The paper will be authored by members of GA EIA and submitted for publication as a Chapter; and
3. To become active within the community on a charitable level. Beginning with our first meeting and throughout the year we will be collecting cash donations that will be used to purchase and ship much needed personal supplies to the Family Readiness Group for the soldiers of the Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, stationed out of Lawrenceville, Georgia. These supplies are everyday common items that, I for one, have taken for granted as an unimportant part of my life. These items include, soap, shampoo, razors, pens, paper, and toothpaste among others. Our hope is that this small gesture of support will help to provide our soldiers some connection to home while serving our country so far from home. These items will be donated on behalf of GA EIA.

The final aspect of the 2005 plan that I would like to inform you about is the meeting schedule. In 2005 the GA EIA Chapter will meet the third Monday of every even numbered month (February, April, June, August, and October). Our hope is that a repeating meeting day will make it easier for each of you to remember when meetings will be held and arrange your schedules to attend.

Which brings me to our first meeting; our first meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2005. The presenter was Mr. Jason Styron of FLIR Systems Ltd. Mr. Styron provided an excellent technical presentation on Thermal Imaging technology and the use of the technology for building diagnostics. Mr. Styron had two different types of thermal imaging cameras available and provided a demonstrative explanation of their capabilities, limitations, and use. Please look for email announcements of future meetings and refer to our website frequently, as meeting topics will be posted as they are finalized.

On behalf of the 2005 Board of Directors and Executive Committee I would like to thank those fore thinking individuals from December of 1993 and the effort of our Founding President, Tom Laubenthal for their effort, vision, and their "let's get this done" attitude. I would very much like your continued support of our Chapter by attending the meetings and being as active as time will permit. An organization is only as strong as its membership. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings

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Best regards,

Tod A. Dawson
President, GA EIA

Health & Safety Links

ABSA – American Biological Safety Association
<http://www.absa.org>

ALI – American Ladder Institute
<http://ali.sba.com/ali/index.html>

CDC – Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

DOE Chemical Safety Concerns Homepage
<http://www.dne.bnl.gov/etd/csc>

EIA- Georgia Environmental Information Association
<http://www.eia-georgia.org>

EIA- National Environmental Information Association
<http://www.eia-usa.org>

GA DNR: EPD - Georgia Environmental Protection Division
<http://www.ganet.org/dnr/environ>

GA DNR - Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance
<http://www.ganet.org/dnr/p2ad>

NIH - National Institutes of Health Scientific Resources
<http://www.nih.gov/science>

OHASIS – Office of Health & Safety Information Systems
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/default.htm>

OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration
<http://www.osha.gov>

USFDA - Food & Drug Administration
<http://www.fda.com>

WHO - World Health Organization
<http://www.who.int>

Georgia Legislature introduces HB 729: Microbial Professional Licensing Act

On March 10, 2005, a Bill (HB 729) was introduced into the Georgia Legislature entitled the Microbial Professional Licensing Act.

If passed and signed by the Governor, the Act will Create a State Licensing Board for Microbial Professionals. As currently written, the Board will:

- Set educational requirements for microbial assessments and remediation;
- Set standards for Continuing Education;
- Develop accreditation requirements for training providers;
- Develop fee schedules;
- Set license renewal requirements;
- Establish standards for collecting, sampling, analysis and reporting of microbial contaminants;
- Establish the amount of mold within a material which must be present to qualify the material as containing mold;
- Set standards for laboratories;
- Establish post remediation inspection requirements;
- Establish a procedure for reporting microbially contaminated properties to the Board for disclosure purposes; and
- Conduct state-wide education and outreach programs.

|| Keep up with the Georgia Microbial
" Professional Licensing Act " ||

" HB 729 " ||

|| http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/search/hb729.htm ||

Why You Should Join GA-EIA Today!

- ü **The Environmental Information Association is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing rational, non-biased and accurate information concerning environmental issues that affect occupants of buildings, industrial sites and other facilities.**
- ü **The Georgia Chapter of EIA offers members an opportunity to meet and address local and regional environmental issues.**
- ü **GA-EIA offers professional growth through unparalleled local networking opportunities among a diverse group of individuals involved with environmental management and control.**
- ü **GA-EIA holds regularly-scheduled meetings featuring noted speakers, addressing environmental issues important to this region of the Southeast.**
- ü **Members will receive a membership certificate and directory.**

Join GA-EIA today!

For more information, contact any Officer or Director listed on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.



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