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As mercury primarily targets the S3-segment of the human proximal tubule,4 our study validated the segment specificity of IAP. We believe that IAP is a more sensitive indicator of renal effects in workers exposed to mercury than NAG and TNAP because even at exposures well under the proposed threshold values (50 μ g/ g creatinine) IAP excretion was significantly increased and related to the exposure (U-Hg). This sensitivity could be the result of the segment specificity of this marker, thus expressing specific changes that may go undetected by other less specific markers such as NAG, present in the proximal tubules as well as in deeper parts of the nephron. In a test battery applied in workers exposed to mercury, IAP can be a useful addition. As for all other early renal markers, the clinical relevance and predictive value remain unknown and a multicentre European study, Science and Technology for Environment Protection (STEP) has been set up. In STEP I (1989-90) a battery of more than 25 tests of renal function were studied in more than 1000 workers exposed to different potential nephrotoxins including mercury, solvents, cadmium, and lead. STEP II (1991-93) is a follow up study of workers in which the long term effects of a selected battery of relevant tests will be determined. This study will give some clues as to the clinical predictability of selected renal tests in the context of environmental pollution.

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Minesafe International 1993—The second international conference on occupational health and safety in the minerals industry, Burswood Convention Centre, Perth, Western Australia, 21–26 March 1993.

This event provides the mining industry with a major international forum for the exchange of ideas and developments in occupational health and safety.

The theme of the conference will be "from principals to practice", with the object of facilitating the subsequent implementation of practices throughout the industry that are discussed and examined at the conference. Among the major safety issues to be explored in the plenary sessions of the conference will be: health and safety management at the workplace; man and machinery; accident causation and solutions; lifestyle and health promotion; workplace hazards and their control; future regulation occupational health and safety in the mining industry.

Workshop sessions will follow some plenary sessions to allow individual topics to be dealt with in greater detail. An exhibition will be staged in association with the conference. Full details can be obtained from: Mr John W Brown, Public Relations Officer, Government of Western Australia, 115 Strand, London WC2R 0AJ. Telephone (071) 240 2881; Fax (071) 240 6637.

The Royal Society of Chemistry environment and toxicology subject groups in association with the health and safety group of the Society of Chemical Industry—the laboratory environment: working with dangerous substances, Tuesday 30 March 1993 at the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Burlington Place (Off Savile Row), London.

The handling and disposal of noxious substances (chemical, radiochemical, and biological) can present a variety of hazards and risks both for laboratory personnel and the environment, and are subject to regulatory control through the implementation of the COSHH Regulations 1988, the

Environmental Protection Act 1990, and the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974, among other legal requirements.

In this symposium techniques for the safe handling and disposal of potentially dangerous and reactive substances will be reviewed, together with the health and insurance implications of working with these materials in the laboratory. Improvements in control and personal protection measures through advances in laboratory design will also be discussed.

This symposium will be of value to laboratory managers, and safety and environment officers in industry, research institutes, and government departments.

Further information may be obtained from Pauline A Sim, Gascoigne Secretarial Services, 24 Southfield Drive, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 7HB. Tel: 0494 713664; fax 0494 714516.

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Pulmonary function testing: NIOSH approved spirometry (NIOSH 010) 5-7 April, 1993; 12-14 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

All aspects of screening spirometry in the occupational health and outpatient setting are presented through lectures and laboratories, with hands on experience. Successful completion of this course satisfies government training requirements for certain industries. 2.1 CEUs. Call 513/558–1730 for information. Fee: \$395 (\$495 when taken with interpretation of PFT), \$445—Summer Institute.

Interpretation of pulmonary functions tests, 15 July, 1993

This course provides additional pulmonary function training for practising professionals. The focus is on interpretation of test results and reviewing the latest changes and updates in pulmonary function testing. 0.7 CEUs. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$125 (\$495 when taken with PFT).

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Building inspection procedures/ management planner training 25– 29 January, 1993; 19–23 April, 1993; 10–14 May, 1993.

This five day training course has full EPA AHERA approval for asbestos building inspector and management planner training. Courses consist of lectures, hands on workshops, a field trip, and two examinations. Courses are offered in cities throughout Ohio. 5 ABIH points, 3.5CEUs. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$875 (includes lunch).

Building Inspector/management planner refresher training, 22 February, 1993; 19 April, 1993; 10 May, 1993; 14 June, 1993; 21 July, 1993; (Summer Institute).

This one day refresher course meets EPA AHERA requirements for asbestos building inspector and management planner refresher training. Courses are offered in cities throughout Ohio. 0.7. CEUs, 1 ABIH point. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$190 (includes lunch).

Contractor/supervisor asbestos abatement practice, 26-29 January, 1993; 20-23 April, 1993; 11-14 May, 1993

This four day training course has full EPA AHERA approval for asbestos abatement contractor and supervisor training. Courses consist of lectures, hands on workshops, and one examination. Courses are offered in cities throughout Ohio. 4 ABIH points, 2.8 CEUs. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$735 (includes lunch).

Contractor/supervisor asbestos abatement practices refresher, 23 February, 1993; 20 April 1993; 11 May, 1993; 15 June, 1993; 22 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

This one day training course meets EPA AHERA requirements for asbestos abatement contractor and supervisor refresher training. Courses are offered in cities throughout Ohio 0.7 CEUs, 1 ABIH point. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$190 (includes lunch).

Asbestos abatement project designer training, 20-23 April, 1993; 11-14 May, 1993

This four day training fulfills requirements for EPA AHERA

project designer training. It covers all aspects of asbestos abatement project design from abatement specifications and preparing abatement drawings to industrial and occupied building special considerations. Hands on workshops, complete NIBS specifications, a field trip, and a 100 question exam are included. 2.8 CEUs, 3 ABIH points. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$750 (includes lunch).

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Comprehensive review for industrial hygiene professionals, 8-12 March, 1993; 29 March-2 April, 1993; 9-13 August, 1993; 23-27 August, 1993.

Designed for those studying for the ABIH certification exams. Twice daily quizzes will help students identify areas for further study. Lectures cover the entire field of industrial hygiene. Registration is limited, so please register early. 4.0 CEUs. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$695.

Occupational medicine training course (formerly "Mini-residency in occupational medicine for physicians"), 22-26 March, 1993; 7-18 June, 1993.

This programme provides an overview of the broad specialty of occupational medicine for physicians currently practicing occupational medicine or planning to do so. The course begins with two weeks in June and continues with one week sessions in October and March. 111 Category 1 credits by AMA, 111 Prescribed credits by AAFP, 111 Category 2A by AOA, 111 Category 1 credits by ACEP. Call 513/558-0046 for information. Fee: One week sessions \$925 each; Two-week session \$1850.

Occupational ergonomics, 22-24 February, 1993; 12-14 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

The application of ergonomic principles to ensure worker health, safety, and productivity is emphasized. All aspects of the work environment including design of tools and equipment and how they are used, design of work schedules, and training of workers, will be discussed in lecture and hands on workshops. 3 ABIH points, 2.1 CEUs. Call 513/558-1730 for information. Fee: \$625 (\$1000 if taken with "ergonomic control programmes to prevent injuries in industry" (25–26 February, 1993, or 15–16 July, 1993).

Ergonomic control programmes to prevent injuries in industry, 25– 26 February, 1993; 15–16 July 1993 (Summer Institute).

Participants will learn to anticipate and identify conditions which result in back injuries. Medical treatment and management will be presented. Trainees will learn to use established guidelines and computer modelling for evaluating situations which may cause back injuries. Strategies for prevention will be explored in classroom discussion by using case studies and laboratory demonstrations. Call 513/558-1730 for information. 1.4 CEUs, 2.0 ABIH points. Fee: \$475 (\$1000 if taken with "occupational ergonomics" 22-24 February, 1993 or 12-14 July, 1993).

Practical ergonomic risk assessment 19-20 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

This course will enable the participants to assess the risk of worker exposure to cumulative trauma disorders in industry. Guidelines for ergonomic task analysis will be introduced, then followed with the structure of the ergonomic risk assessment system and the methods used to estimate task requirements. Call 513/ 558-1730 for information. 1.4 CEUs 1.4 CSPs, ABIH points applied for. Fee: \$395 (\$1000 if taken with "occupational ergonomics", \$850 if taken with ergonomic control . . .," or \$1450 if taken with both), \$500 for Summer Institute.

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Fundamentals of occupational safety & health compliance, 15-19 February, 1993; 12-16 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

This five day course is an overview of the activities and duties of the person responsible for safety compliance in business, industry, or government. It will provide information about regulatory compliance, accident and injury prevention, controlling liability and risk assessment, and cost containment. Call 513/558-1730 for more information. 3.5 CEUs, ABIH Points applied for Fee: \$850.

Industrial ventilation, 11-13 January, 1993; 12-14 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

This three day course provides the participant with a detailed working knowledge of basic airflow principles, local exhaust system design procedures, dilution ventilation system design, fan selection principles, and air cleaner selection. Call 513/558-1730 for more information. 2.1 CEUs, 3 ABIH points; Fee: \$495 (\$850 if

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Indoor air quality, 14-15 January, 1993; 15-16 July, 1993 (Summer Institute).

This two day course provides the participant with an overview of the indoor air quality problem as it exists in this country. Indoor air quality problems in institutional, office, and industrial environments are discussed. Call 513/558-1730 for more information. 1.4 CEUs, 2 ABIH points. Fee: \$395 (\$850 if taken with "industrial ventilation"), \$425—Summer Institute.

International symposium on health hazards of butadiene and styrene, Espoo, Finland, 18-21 April, 1993.

Both butadiene and styrene are important industrial chemicals which may also occur as contaminants in the environment. They share similar toxicological properties, and both are metabolised into biologically active intermediates. New research data on their potential carcinogenic and genotoxic characteristics highlight the concern for preventive measures.

The purpose of this symposium is to serve as a scientific state of the art meeting, enabling improved prevention strategies for occupational as well as environmental exposures to these important chemicals.

The symposium is organised by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) in collaboration with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the Commission of the European Communities (CEC).

The scientific programme will consist of invited lectures, free communications, and poster sessions around the themes exposure assessment, hazard assessment, and risk assessment. Ample time will be reserved for discussion.

For further information, contact: the Symposium Secretariat, International Symposium on Health Hazards of Butadiene and Styrene, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Topeliuksenkatu 41aA, SF-00250 Helsinki, Finland. Tel: +358-0-4747470. Fax: +358-0-4747548. Telex: 121394 occuphealth of

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