



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## The American Board of Industrial Hygiene® Creates the “Board for Global EHS Credentialing®”

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene® (ABIH®) is creating the “Board for Global EHS Credentialing®” (BGC®), to reflect the expanding scope of its EHS credentials. As you know, ABIH began a formal collaboration with the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice® (IPEP®) in January 2016. Since then, IPEP moved its operation and Executive Director to ABIH offices in Michigan and dissolved as a legal entity. In doing so, ABIH has taken on the important work of providing the Qualified Environmental Professional® (QEP®) credential and Environmental Professional In-Training® (EPI®) designation, retained IPEP’s trademarks, and has included representation of QEPs on ABIH’s board of directors. In August 2018, a joint statement from ABIH and the Product Stewardship Society® announced the development of our first-ever credentialing program for Product Stewardship Professionals, further increasing our line of EHS credentials. In light of our more diverse range of credentials, the board determined that our organization’s name was not inclusive of the broad scope of EHS practice areas that we now oversee.

Therefore, we are very pleased to announce that after conducting a comprehensive brand development process with our consultants, 88 Brand Partners, the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) has created a new, higher-level organizational umbrella called the **Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC)** to more accurately reflect our enhanced credential offerings, which include the Certified Industrial Hygienist® (CIH®), Qualified Environmental Professional® (QEP®), Environmental Professional In-Training® (EPI®), and a Product Stewardship credential, which is currently in development.



Going forward, we will refer to our organization and governing body as the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC), and use the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) and Institute of Professional Environmental Practice (IPEP) to identify credentialing divisions under BGC's organizational umbrella. The names of our current certifications and designations, the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP), and Environmental Professional In-Training (EPI), will remain the same.

Transition activities will run for approximately 12 months. During this time, we will update the organization name on all communications, including emails, websites, social media sites, invoices, meeting materials, stakeholder communications, signage, and software applications.

Consistent with this change, we are asking for your assistance in updating materials that you maintain that contain the ABIH or IPEP names in documents, website references, accounts, contact addresses, and so on. If your accounting or finance department requires an updated W9 with the BGC Corporation name, please let us know and we will provide one to the appropriate individual.

Please be assured that our new name will not impact how we work with and support you or your organization. We will continue to develop industry-leading credentials that protect the public and the environment while enabling our diplomates to achieve professional success. An opportunity to discuss this announcement with the BGC Chairs will take place at the ABIH Forum and with individual board members at the ABIH Expo booth during AIHce 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. If you are not attending AIHce, please connect with us through social media or read the FAQ on our new webpage at [www.gobgc.org](http://www.gobgc.org). If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you,

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## BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

**Mission:**

*To be the leader in offering credentials that elevate the technical and ethical standards for professionals practicing the science of protecting, managing, and enhancing the health and safety of people and the environment.*

**Vision:**

*The Board for Global EHS Credentialing is recognized worldwide for establishing and administering credentials that set the standards of proficiency and ethics for professionals who practice the science of protecting, managing, and enhancing the health and safety of people and the environment.*

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**Join us at the ABIH Forum Monday May 20, 2019!**



In addition to discussing our new organizational umbrella, the Board of Directors will be extending a special invitation during the ABIH Forum to CIHs who passed the exam in 2018 and their colleagues. New CIHs will be recognized by the BGC Board of Directors, and all CIHs attending the session will have the opportunity to receive a free "Medallion Coin" in recognition of the determination and expertise needed to become a Certified Industrial Hygienist. We will provide one Medallion claim ticket to each CIH, QEP, or CAIH at the Forum. Ticket holders can use the ticket to claim a Medallion at the ABIH booth (#1124) free of charge. In addition, all CIHs, QEPs and CAIHs at the session, who choose to participate, will be eligible for a prize drawing for an annual fee waiver.

The Forum will also include an update of BGC's current strategic initiatives and the presentation of ABIH's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award to Ms. Susan Ripple, MS, MPH, FAIHA, CIH. The session will conclude with an open discussion for attendees to ask questions and comment on the direction of the BGC.

**ABIH Forum (Session B11)**

Monday, May 20, 2019 from 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC)

Room L100F



## Get CIH, QEP and EPI Information at the ABIH booth #1124 at AIHce

If you're attending this year's AIHce conference, make sure to stop by booth #1124 to have all your questions answered about your CM requirements or about taking the CIH or QEP and EPI exams. If you don't have any questions, please stop by to exchange your Medallion Ticket for a 2019 Medallion or for a gift to **highlight** your career! BGC board members will also be available to answer questions about our new organizational umbrella.

### 2019 AIHce Expo Hours:

- Monday, May 20: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 21: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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