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BGC September 2021 Announcements

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Please [register now](#) for the BGC Forum and Award presentations, which will take place virtually, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. US Eastern time (16:00 to 17:30 GMT). Space is limited, and registration is free. During this year's Forum we will:

- Discuss strategic initiatives and the future of BGC
- Have a drawing for 2022 fee waivers
- Present the recipients of our four BGC awards:
 - ABIH Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award
 - ABIH Impact Award
 - QEP Annual Award
 - James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award

Please join us in congratulating our 2021 BGC award recipients:



The **ABIH Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award** is the highest honor awarded by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing® for exemplary contributions to the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene that has culminated over a lifetime of work. This year's recipient is Ms. Chris Laszcz-Davis, MS, CIH, COH, FAIHA, AIC Fellow. Ms. Laszcz-Davis has more than 35 years of executive management, professional, technical, and consulting experience in environmental affairs, occupational health and safety, operational integrity, risk management, and product stewardship globally in government, industry, and management consulting. Ms. Laszcz-Davis currently serves as Co-Chair of the International Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA) Board and was facilitative in establishing the Stephen C. Davis Memorial Grant Award to the Future Leader Institute within the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF). She has served as Director of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH - now called BGC), the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), and the

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), as well as President of the American Academy of Industrial Hygiene (AAIH). Ms. Laszcz-Davis is recognized internationally for her occupational and environmental expertise. She lectures and speaks frequently on emerging issues and leadership, has chaired and presented at numerous OEHS conferences in the United States and globally, and has co-authored and/or edited numerous articles and chapters. She received the 2021 AIHA Distinguished Service Award, 2014 AIHA-Yuma Pacific Southwest Section Clayton Award, 2011 AIHA Alice Hamilton Award, 2008 AIHA Northern California Section Dr. Christine Einert Award, and the 1989 AIHA Kusnetz Award.

The **ABIH Impact Award** is designed to recognize the contributions of BGC Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) or Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists (CAIHs) to the practice of occupational and environmental health and safety at different stages of their career. The ABIH Impact Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has been a Diplomate for less than 20 years. This year's recipient is Dr. Linda Martin, PhD, CIH, CSP, CHMM. Dr. Martin's 30+ years of work and contributions have demonstrated a significant positive impact on the profession of occupational and environmental hygiene. Her volunteer spirit, service to the professional community, mentoring, and body of work have contributed to this field and its longevity. She has over 30 years of experience in occupational safety management, construction safety, industrial hygiene, toxicology, epidemiology, environmental consulting, remote/online instruction, and online curriculum development. Dr. Martin currently teaches, advises, develops curriculum, and serves as a Dissertation Chair in academia, where she also serves on the Editorial Review Board for seven academic peer-review journals, including Safety Science and Journal of Safety Research. Dr. Martin served as the Lead Editor for the 11th Edition of the National Safety Council's Supervisors'



Safety Manual. Dr. Martin has been presented with Faculty Service and Distinguished Teaching awards, the 2018 National Safety Council Marion Martin Award, and was chosen to serve as moderator for the National Safety Council's Campbell Symposium Research event and the National Safety Council's Work to Zero Conference in 2021. She also hosts a podcast called The Safety Struggle, which contributes to the overall awareness of significant safety issues across all spectrums.



The prestigious **James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award** is conferred by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing® to a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor® (CPEA) or Certified Process Safety Auditor® (CPSA) who has made significant contributions to the environmental, health and safety audit profession throughout his or her career. The award is given in honor of James Ball, an environmental, health and safety auditor who was a leader in the profession, a tireless volunteer for the Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Certifications (BEAC), and a staunch advocate of EHS auditor certifications. This year's recipient is Ms. Julie Thompson, CPEA, CPA, CGMA, DEI. For over 30 years, Ms. Thompson has been a longstanding supporter of EHS auditing through contributions to the Auditing Roundtable, service on the BEAC Board of Directors, and founding a new membership organization dedicated to the development, practice, and promotion of the profession. She has been a tireless supporter of the EHS auditing profession and the certifications that support it. Ms. Thompson has been the Owner and President of the Environmental Resources Network since 1995. In addition, she founded the Auditing Alliance in 2020, which is a professional membership organization based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for environmental, health & safety (EHS) auditors and other professionals whose mission is to promote and enhance the profession of EHS auditing. She has been an active member for over 20 years on the Auditing Roundtable, including serving as a committee chair multiple times. Ms.

Thompson received the Distinguished Faculty designation from the Institute of Internal Auditors for whom she was an instructor from 1990-1996.

The **QEP Annual Award** is conferred by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing® to Qualified Environmental Professionals, Environmental Professionals in Training, or Qualified Environmental Professionals who voluntarily surrendered the credential who have made exceptional contributions to the environmental profession or to society at large. This year's recipient is Dr. Georgi Popov, PhD, QEP, CSP, ARM, SMS, CMC, FAIHA. Dr. Popov has over 29 years in the environmental, health and safety profession in which he has been a strong mentor for students and new professionals in the field. He has made significant contributions advancing the state of science in risk assessment and management with an interdisciplinary focus. Dr. Popov is a Professor of the Safety Sciences Programs at the University of Central Missouri. He serves as Chair of the ANSI/ASSP Z590.3 Prevention through Design committee, as Vice-Chair to the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of Technical Committee (TC) 262 for risk management, and recently co-developed the AIHA Business Case simplified methodology. Dr. Popov received the ASSP Professional Safety Best Technical Article Award in 2020 and 2018 as well as the 2011 AIHA President's Award. He has authored a number of books and articles on EHS standards as well as award-winning articles published in the AIHA's Synergist, ASSP's Professional Safety Journal (PSJ), and other trade journals. He is also a frequent speaker at national, regional, and local conferences.



Congratulations to Our New CIHs and QEPs

The Spring CIH exam results are in, and BGC is excited to announce 141 new CIHs! To see a complete list, please go to <http://www.abih.org/about-abih/new-cihs>. In addition, candidates are now beginning to sign up to sit for the QEP and EPI exams again. These exams were temporarily on hold while they were being transferred to new testing centers with protocols to protect against COVID-19. We are proud to announce our two newest QEPs since the relaunch of the exams at global testing centers in June:

Eduard Eichen, CIH, QEP

Erica Johnston, QEP

Congratulations to everyone on this memorable achievement!



BGC is excited to announce a collaboration with YellowBird!

YellowBird's professional platform quickly and easily connects vetted and certified Environmental, Health, Safety, and Risk Professionals to opportunities on-demand using matching technology to connect the right people, in the right location, with the right experience for the job. From recent college graduates starting their professional journey to career EHS Professionals with a variety of certifications including CIH, QEP, CPEA, CPSA, CPPS, CSP, and many more, YellowBird's platform presents a wide variety of opportunities. To learn more, visit www.goyellowbird.com or [click here to register](#) as a YellowBird Professional!



PSX Will Be Live in 2021

PSX 2021 will take place September 28-30 in Anaheim, California. This year's conference will be in-person with no virtual option available. Whether you're new to product stewardship or a seasoned professional, you'll find practical content and solutions to the challenges you face on a day-to-day basis. It will offer a wide variety of educational options ranging in topics, difficulty level, and learning format. You can find the full education program on the [PSX 2021 website](#). In addition, BGC Vice Chair Thomas (Tom) Grumbles, CIH, CPPS, FAIHA, and newly credentialed practitioners will talk about the Certified Professional Product Stewardship credential during the PSX Partner Showcase.



Register for the IOHA 2021 Virtual Meeting, September 11-15, 2021

The International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) represents the global community of occupational hygienists. This year, the meeting is organized by the Korean Industrial Hygiene Association (KIHA) and will afford you the opportunity to learn at your own pace and in your own way through live and virtual sessions:

- Access to pre-recorded presentations
- Live Q&A
- Virtual exhibitions allowing you to browse products and services as well as meet industry partners
- A designated free PDC course

For more information and to register go to <https://www.ioha2021.org/index.php>



CIHs Tim Paz and Kelly Fernandez Interviewed for RVN Television!

On August 26, 2021, Tim Paz and Kelly Fernandez were interviewed on the RVN Television program, *Coffee with Joe*. The interview covered what the CIH profession entails, the kind of living one can make as a CIH, and the role of CIHs during the COVID pandemic. TV host Joe Asumendi told BGC staff that he enjoyed interviewing Tim and Kelly and learned quite a bit about what a CIH is and how a CIH keeps us

safe. He is looking forward to having them both back on the show in the near future to go into more detail on how the pandemic has impacted the profession. In the interview, Tim Paz and Kelly Fernandes, Certified Industrial Hygienists, discuss what industrial hygiene is and what it would take for someone to pursue a career in this rewarding and exciting field. Many industrial hygienists have been working hard to protect employees and people in their local communities in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Tim and Kelley share their passion and purpose using science and art in the prevention of occupational illness, disease, and injury.

The interview will air on the following dates:

Friday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16th at 9:30 a.m.

The interview can be watched on RVNTV LIVE here: [RVNTV Link](#)

The interview will also be available for on-demand viewing on the *Coffee with Joe* show page free for one week before it is archived. The podcast episode will be available 9/13/2021 and will be episode #29:

[RVNTV Podcast Link](#)



The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) is seeking speakers to present webinars during their 2022 education season in an effort to help ACGIH advance the careers of occupational, environmental, health & safety experts. Each webinar is normally 60-90 minutes and focuses on a variety of subject matters related to occupational, environmental, health, and safety

topics.

Some reasons to present include:

- Serve as an expert in the field
- Educate and advocate for serious science
- Enhance your CV and professional profile

If you are interested in filling out an application, click [here](#).



Are you a CIH[®] who also does Environmental work?

We've cleared a path to make it easier to apply for the QEP[®]

Industrial hygiene and environmental responsibilities often overlap, including data management, risk and cost/benefit analysis, safety requirements, and community right-to-know. Many CIHs have expanded their practice to include environmental issues with waste, air, and water, as well as environmental quality standards and cross-media impacts of pollution.

The Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) is an accredited certification, offered under the BGC umbrella, for professionals with experience in air quality, water quality, solid & hazardous waste management, or environmental science, management, and policy.

Current CIHs in good standing can apply for the QEP credential using a streamlined process: one reference that confirms your environmental experience plus the completed application that **details your experience with environmentally related work.**



Don't forget to check out our new [Blog!](#) The blog will be updated regularly with interesting and informative posts from our Board members. Each blog post has an area in which you can submit comments. To access our blog, go to the [BGC website](#) and select the **News** dropdown menu. From there, select **BGC Blog**. This month features Dr. Eileen O'Neill who serves as the Public Member of the BGC Board.

Upcoming Certification Deadlines

Please be aware of the following deadlines for BGC credentialing programs. Be sure to pay all fees and submit all application or recertification materials before the deadline to avoid late charges.

Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)

CIH examinations are offered in the spring and fall of each year. All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- Application/reapplication deadline for Spring 2022 is February 1, 2022
- Application/reapplication deadline for Fall 2022 is August 1, 2022

CIH recertification/certification-maintenance (CM) deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your certificate or log into your [CAPS profile](#) to determine your deadline.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2021 is February 1, 2022

- CM deadline for the cycle ending June 30, 2022 is August 1, 2022

Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA)

CPEAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your *Attestation of Recertification Activities* form can be found through the [CPEA/CPSA](#) roster.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2021 is February 1, 2022

Certified Professional Process Safety Auditor (CPSA)

CPSAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your *Attestation of Recertification Activities* form can be found through the [CPEA/CPSA](#) roster.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2021 is February 1, 2022

Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS)

All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- CPPS application deadline for Spring 2022 is **December 1, 2021**
 - **Note: To enable a more thorough review of applications, this has been changed from the original January 15th date!**

CPPS recertification deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your BGC certificate to confirm your deadline.

- Recertification deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2025 is August 1, 2025
- Recertification deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2025 is February 1, 2026

Environmental Professional In-Training (EPI)

The EPI designation has no requirement for recertification; however, you may only hold the designation for seven years without sitting for the QEP exam.

Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)

QEP recertification deadlines are on a five-year cycle, on the last day of the month in which you originally passed your QEP exam.

- Please log in to your [QEP profile](#) to confirm your deadline date.

Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist (CAIH)

The Board discontinued the CAIH examination in 2006 because of low demand from potential candidates. The CAIH designation is still recognized and supported by BGC through its Certification Maintenance (CM) program.

- CM deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2021 is February 1, 2022
- CM deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2022 is August 1, 2022

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