

ACOEM 2009 Annual Awards

Adolph G. Kammer Merit in Authorship Award

This Award is given in honor of the first editor of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (JOEM), to recognize the most outstanding article published in JOEM during a given year.

Sakari Suominen, MD *Hans Helenius, MSc*
Jussi Vahtera, MD *Mika Kivimäki, PhD*
Katariina Korkeila, MD *Markku Koskenvuo, MD*

The authors receive the Award for "Job Strain, Life Events, and Sickness Absence: A Longitudinal Cohort Study in a Random Population Sample," (JOEM September 2007), and examined job strain and adverse life events and their co-occurrence as predictors of sickness absence.

Health Achievement in Occupational Medicine Award

Created in 1948, this Award recognizes an ACOEM member for a specific or unique achievement in occupational and environmental medicine (OEM).

ALLEN PARMET, MD, FACOEM



Dr. Parmet is in private practice of occupational medicine in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Parmet is presented with the Health Achievement Award for identifying a new serious occupational disease – variously termed popcorn packers lung, bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome, diacetyl-induced bronchiolitis obliterans, or flavoring-induced bronchiolitis obliterans.

Meritorious Service Award

This award was established in 1945 to recognize an ACOEM member who has provided laudable service to the College.

REYNOLDS BRISSENDEN III, MD, FACOEM



Dr. Brissenden of Holland, Mich., receives this year's Award for his many years of service to ACOEM particularly as chair of the Board of Examiners for Fellowship. A member of ACOEM for almost 40 years, Dr. Brissenden is also cited for his service in the House of Delegates, and as a member of the Ergonomics Committee, Committee on Councils, and Council on International OEM, and numerous other committees.

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Robert A. Kehoe Award of Merit

Named for a past president of ACOEM and pioneer in the field, the Kehoe Award is presented to an individual who has shown distinction in and made significant contributions to occupational and environmental medicine.

ELIZABETH GENOVESE, MD, FACOEM



Dr. Genovese is the Medical Director of IMX Medical Management Services in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. She receives this year's Kehoe Award of Merit for her significant contributions to OEM as demonstrated by her commitment to the principles of evidence-based medicine through her work on the ACOEM *Practice Guidelines*, specifically as lead author of the Chronic Pain guidelines, and a member of the Spine Panel.

PHILIP HARBER, MD, FACOEM



Dr. Harber is Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles. He receives this year's Kehoe Award for his significant academic contributions in the area of artificial intelligence/intelligent databases, occupational respiratory epidemiology, health services models, and occupational ergonomics.

William S. Knudsen Award

Created in 1938 by William Knudsen, president of General Motors and an advocate for worker health and safety, this Award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to occupational and environmental medicine.

JOHN HOWARD, MD, MPH, JD



Dr. Howard receives this year's Knudsen Award for his leadership as Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health from 2002-July 2008. During his tenure, Dr. Howard established the Research to Practice Program; provided access to NIOSH research through electronic communications; positioned NIOSH as a key partner in the National Nanotechnology Initiative; assured that policy decisions were based on sound science; instituted an evaluation program for NIOSH; and managed the agency effectively while fostering the basic values.

C.O. Sappington Memorial Lecture

This lecture was created in 1954 to honor Clarence Olds Sappington, MD, an ACOEM member and first American to earn a DrPH degree. The lecture serves as a forum from which to address major issues in the field of OEM.



How the Age Wave Will Transform Health and Healthcare by Ken Dychtwald, PhD

Dr. Dychtwald is founding President/CEO of Age Wave, a firm created to guide Fortune 500 companies and government groups in product/service development for mature adults. In addition, he is a psychologist, gerontologist, documentary filmmaker, and author of 15 books on aging-related issues.



2009 Resident Research Presentation Awards

Self-reported Post 9-11-2001 Diagnoses of Hematological Malignancies among World Trade Center Health Registry Enrollees – Sheila Butler, MD, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute

The Effects of In Utero Exposure to Heptachlor on the Reproductive Function of Women – Julie Fuller, MD, University of California at Irvine

Approaches to Detecting Abnormal Declines in FEV₁ in At-risk Flavor Workers – Stella Hines, MD, University of Colorado

Factors Associated with Fatal Mining Injuries among Contractors and Operators – Saeher Muzaffar, MD, Harvard School of Public Health

Reliability and Efficacy of Unattended Portable Sleep Apnea Monitoring Compared to Formal Nocturnal Polysomnography in the Medical Certification of Commercial Drivers – Marc Watkins, MD, Meharry Medical College

Risk Correlates of Work-based Injuries: The Case of Car Manufacturing – Wilson Esemé, Jr., MD, Meharry Medical College

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, and Other Mental Health Disorders in Active Duty U.S. Army Personnel, 1998-2006 – Marlene Gubata, MD, Uniformed Services University/Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

In Utero and Childhood Arsenic Exposure and Life-long Impacts on Lung Function and Disease – Sandeep Guntur, MD, University of California at San Francisco

AOHC OPENING SESSION

April 26, 2009 ~ San Diego, California

Call to Order/Welcome

Robert Orford, MD, FACOEM, ACOEM President

Welcome from WOEMA

Roman Kownacki, MD, WOEMA Chairman of the Board

Recognition of the AOHC Planning Committee

Corporate Health Achievement Award (CHAA)

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

CHAA Exemplary Practice Citation

Federal Occupational Health

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Adjournment