

# EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



**Eastern Washington Chapter of the  
Academy of Certified  
Hazardous Materials Managers**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here is hoping you have made it through the blazing summer in Eastern Washington! There are so many things happening in the Summer -- it just doesn't take long for the time to fly by!

I am happy to report that we have another new CHMM in our area – that makes four this year! The Chapter will be hosting the National Overview Course November 1, 2, and 3 with a subsequent exam to be given at WSUTC on November 9. If you know of people interested in the course or pursuing the credential, please let them know. Their paperwork needs to be in to the Institute by the end of September.

On July 21, the Executive Board and some of the general members met for a Bar-B-Q at the home of our Vice President. It was decided then to swap the General Meeting to be held in August with the September Executive Board meeting. So, in August, we held our Executive Board meeting to work through the details of Nationals, Scholarships, local Awards, and the upcoming Awards Banquet.

Some of our Chapter members will be headed to the National Conference in Orlando this month. I am pleased to announce that Mike Schmoltdt, the current Professional Development Chairman, will be attending as the Chapter Delegate. I believe about five other people from our Chapter will also be attending. Once again, our Chapter attained the national Honor Roll of Champions Award, an outstanding achievement for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Our Chapter also supported our sister Chapter, the India Chapter from Bangalore, India, with a donation of funds to help offset their expenses to come to Nationals.

The 2007 national conference will be held in Crystal City, VA in August. Let's all start working towards achieving National Awards and in planning to attend the conference next year near our Nation's Capitol. It is an excellent networking opportunity and a good source of technical rejuvenation.

Our next general meeting will be held on September 28, 2006, at Sleeping Dog Winery off Corral Creek Rd. in Benton City. A notice went out last week with details and directions. If you are interested and need more information, please contact our Vice President, Andrea. In October, we will have a presentation by the Richland Police Department. Please watch for these announcements.

The Annual Awards and Holiday Banquet will be held on December 7, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Richland. Details for registration will be forthcoming soon. Our guest speaker will be Richard Cartwright from the Academy – a dynamic speaker with a great sense of humor! Please mark your calendars.

As we come to the close of another fiscal year and while many of us are doing year-end reporting and tying up loose ends, please remember you are not alone! Your Chapter buddies are all in the same boat! So smile -- and join us at the winery tour!

# EWC Announces 2006 Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers intends to provide a \$1000 scholarship award to an eligible student attending a college or university with the aim to pursue a career in a hazardous materials management related field, i.e., environmental science, environmental health, preventive medicine, public health, industrial hygiene, environmental chemistry and engineering. This scholarship is open to children of cur-

rent members of the chapter and to students attending a school in our area. The application must be received by November 1, 2006. The application is available at <http://users.owt.com/ewcachmm>. If you have any questions please contact:

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## The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers 2006 National Conference

*The Wonderful World of Hazardous Materials Management*

*Expect the Unexpected*

**September 17–20, 2006**

*Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate Orlando, Florida*

**The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers 2006  
National Conference Welcomes Environmental, Health, and Safety Professionals**

### Highlights this year include:

- Edwin Pinero, Federal Environmental Executive -- presenting on the federal government's efforts to promote sustainable environmental stewardship
- Larry Hansen, Vice-President of Active Agenda, Inc. -- discussing organizational safety culture and creation of operational safety excellence
- Barney Popkin, expert in international environmental management and infrastructure development -- explaining the challenges and lessons learned handling environmental problems at more than 30 international sites, from Aceh to the West Bank
- Lisa Jackson, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Commissioner, who will be reviewing the development of the state's security assessments and best practice standards as part of New Jersey's domestic security preparedness
- An exciting ERS exercise featuring a response to a "dirty bomb" in a metropolitan city to be held at the Universal Theme Park
- Disney World, Universal Studios Florida, the Kennedy Space Center, and much more.

# First ACHMM International Delegation

The first ever ACHMM International Delegation from India is coming to the United States to attend the National Conference in Orlando in September. Below is a list of the India Delegation members that will be welcomed:

- Dr. R. S. Viswanath, Founder and President, India Chapter
- Dr. B.S. Jai Prakash, Vice-President, India Chapter
- Dr. N. Manamohan Rao, Advisory Council, India Chapter
- Mr. K.C. Jayaramu, Joint Secretary, India Chapter
- Dr. V. Lokesh, Presenter
- Dr. Usha Narasimhamurthy, Presenter

- Mr. N. Narasimhamurthy, Presenter
- Dr. C. Sadashivaiah, Presenter
- Dr. A.G. Nataraj, Treasurer, India Chapter
- Mr. M. Rudresh Murthy, Presenter
- Mr. B.C. Shivamurthy, Presenter

The following senior management are representatives of the Educational Trust:

- Mr. H.K. Ramesh, Secretary, Vokkaligara Sangha Trust
- Mr. S.T. Rajashekar, Chairman, Bangalore Institute of Technology Governing Council

## ACHMM ANNOUNCES NATIONAL AWARDS

by **Chuck Mulkey and Terry Winward**

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) has informed the Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC) of this year's National Award Winners. The awards will be presented in September during the National ACHMM Conference in Orlando, Florida. Five EWC members will receive *Champions of Excellence* Awards for their outstanding work. Only 31 members from 66 Chapters across the Nation will receive this award. This is a very impressive number from EWC considering there are 66 Chapters in the Nation and only 31 awards will be given. The award winners, and the number of times they have won the award, are: Rampur Viswanath, CH2MHILL (4), R. Terry Winward, Fluor Hanford (4), Michelle Yates Mandis, Washington State Department of Ecology (2), Robbie Tidwell, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (1), and Andrea Prignano, Fluor Hanford (2). Rampur, Terry and Michelle are all former Presidents of EWC. Robbie is the current Chapter President and Andrea is the President-Elect.

The Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC) of ACHMM will also receive the *Honor Roll of Champions* Award given to excellent chapters for the 7<sup>th</sup> Year in a Row. There are only five Chapters receiving this award out of the 66 in the Nation. EWC is the only Chapter to win the award eight out of the last nine years. These awards demonstrate the strength and quality of this organization and its leadership. EWC continues to be

proactive in supporting professional development and community service activities that involve hazardous materials.

Nominations for the annual awards presented by the EWC Chapter are approaching soon. Applications will be accepted for a few weeks beginning on October 1st. An announcement is available that describes the awards, co-sponsors, and where to obtain the nomination forms. The national award winners and local Chapter winners will be honored at the annual holiday dinner in December to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Richland this year.

Anyone interested in finding out more ACHMM, EWC, or these awards, can contact Mitzi Miller at 509/ 946-4985, Chuck Mulkey at 509/ 627-2019, or Terry Winward at 509/ 376-5223.

### Upcoming Schedule of Events

OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> – Presentation by Det. John Hanson/Richland Police, to be held at 7:00 p.m., Richland Public Library (Subject: Meth and Meth Labs)

DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> - Awards Banquet, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott in Richland

# Upcoming CHMM National Overview Course

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers will present the CHMM National Overview Course on November 1, 2, and 3, 2006 at the Consolidated Information Center (CIC) Building., Room 214, on the Washington State University Tri-Cities Campus. The course will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The cost for the 3-day course is \$375, which includes the textbook and presentation materials. The course is a good overall review of the many aspects of hazardous materials management, such as environmental regulations, safe

handling, and applicable chemistry. In addition, the course will help prepare students for the CHMM certification exam. The exam will be given on November 9, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

If you are interested in the course, please contact Mike Schmoltdt at 373-5116 or Robbie Tidwell at 375-6411. An application for the exam portion must be into the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management by the end of September. For exam information, please contact Robbie Tidwell at 375-6411.

## CHMM Meeting -- Wine Tasting September 28, 2006 5:30-8:30 pm

### *Sleeping Dog Winery*

A \$6.00 tasting fee will purchase a wine glass and tickets for three tastes. Additional wine will be available for sale by the glass or bottle. CHMM/EQM will provide hors d'ouvres.

Sleeping Dog Winery looks forward to welcoming the EWC and friends to the winery for tasting and socializing on September 28, 2006 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Sleeping Dog was established by Larry and Joyce Oates in 2002 to formalize a hobby that had taken on a life of its own. The winery is situated outside of Benton City, on a bluff overlooking the Yakima River and Horse Heaven Hills, to the South, and Bob Buoy's vineyards and Rattlesnake Mountain to the North. Grapes are sourced primarily from the Buoy Vineyards, and are used to produce about 500 cases per year (total Production) of Merlot, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc (dry and late harvest). Malbec and a Cabernet Blend have recently been added to their list.

The goal of the Sleeping Dog Winery is to continue to make wines that emphasize the flavor of the grape varieties, with minimal oak. Sleeping Dog intends to remain small, so that they can pay close attention to the wines and remain at a size that they can enjoy the process and company of friends. Because of their small production and the demands of their other jobs, they do not have a tasting room with regular hours. Sleeping Dog is open for events on weekends and is happy to accommodate visitors by appointment. To find out more, visit their web site at [www.sleepingdogwines.com](http://www.sleepingdogwines.com).

EWC Positions Still Available  
(Board and Chairs) For Next Year.  
Please contact Andrea Prignano at  
376-1057 if you have any interest.

## CHMM Promotional Items Available

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