

Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC)

July 2012



SCHC – History

- ▶ Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC)
- ▶ Initially incorporated in 1982 as the American Conference for Chemical Labeling (ACCL)
- ▶ Grew out of the need for a forum to discuss ideas related to chemical labeling after the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) discontinued the Labeling and Precautionary Information Committee (LAPI)
- ▶ “Labeling” issues expanded over the years to “hazard communication” issues which triggered a name change in 1992 to SCHC



Mission of SCHC

- ▶ Promote the improvement of hazard communication for chemicals;
- ▶ Educate SCHC members on hazard communication issues;
- ▶ Provide a forum for exchange of ideas and experiences;
- ▶ Enhance the awareness of members and the general public of new developments in hazard communication; and
- ▶ Provide guidance or technical expertise to a private group, legislative body or government entity



SCHC – Key Points

- ▶ Non-profit organization
- ▶ Professional organization made up of individuals as members (no company memberships)
- ▶ Operates primarily via volunteer effort



Who We Are

- ▶ 500+ professionals who represent industrial, consumer and specialty chemical companies, pharmaceutical firms, manufacturers, distributors and importers, government agencies, universities and consultants
- ▶ Members are located primarily in the United States but ~5% of the members are located in the EU and Canada



SCHC Resources

- ▶ **Committees**
- ▶ Semi-annual Conferences
- ▶ Professional Development
 - Courses
 - Webinars
- ▶ Website Resources



Committees

- ▶ Arrangements
- ▶ Exhibit
- ▶ HazCom Resources
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Nomination
- ▶ Outreach and Communication
- ▶ Poster Session
- ▶ Professional Development
- ▶ Program
- ▶ SCHC-OSHA Alliance
- ▶ Website



Exhibit Committee

- ▶ Purpose: Manage Hazard Communication Management Products Display
 - Features vendors of products that aid in the creation and maintenance of information for hazard communication
 - Held during Fall meetings only



HazCom Resources Committee

- ▶ Purpose: Identify hazard communication resource materials and sources of information for the development of material safety data sheets, hazard labels and other related documents. Monitor activities in this area and communicate this information to the membership
 - Tools:
 - Hazard Communication Translation Resources
 - Published Research on Comprehensibility
 - GHS Symbol Library
 - Hazard Communication References (revised)
 - Hazard Communication Links



Professional Development Committee

- ▶ Purpose: Identify and discuss issues related to professional development
 - Present professional development courses in conjunction with Spring and Fall meetings
 - Host relevant webinars and other online training opportunities, i.e., distance learning



Program Committee

- ▶ Purpose: Coordinate the agenda and speakers for the Spring and Fall meetings
 - Mix of topics relevant to hazard communication including emerging issues such as nanotechnology
 - National and international subjects
 - Knowledgeable experienced speakers from government and industry



SCHC-OSHA Alliance Committee

- ▶ Purpose: Administer all aspects of Alliance committee including the development of hazard communication training and other tools that will be developed for use by OSHA and SCHC in improving hazard communication
 - GHS Fact Sheets
 - Initially developed for GHS awareness raising until Final Rule passed
 - Completed Fact Sheets are under review to review consistency and reflect HazCom 2012



OSHA–SCHC Alliance: Goals

- ▶ Outreach and communication:
 - ▶ To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and OSHA's and the SCHC's Web sites) to employers and workers in the industry.
 - ▶ To speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA's or SCHC's conferences, local meetings, or other events.
 - ▶ To share information among OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding SCHC's good practices or effective approaches through training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the participants.



SCHC Resources

- ▶ Committees
- ▶ Semi-annual Conferences (total 5 days)
 - Plenary Session
 - Information and updates
 - Networking opportunities
 - Professional Development
- ▶ Professional Development
 - Courses
 - Webinars
- ▶ Website Resources



Semi-Annual Conferences

- ▶ Plenary Session:
- ▶ Professional Development Courses



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Professional Development – Courses

- ▶ Regulatory and Industry Standards Courses
 - Canadian and Mexican Hazard Communication
 - Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals
 - Hazard Communication for Asia, the Pacific Rim and Latin America



Professional Development – Courses

- ▶ Advanced Topics in EHS Courses
 - Endocrine Disruptors
 - Fundamentals of Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering
 - Neurotoxicity
 - Reproductive and Development Toxicology
 - REACH Extended Safety Data Sheets
 - Toxicology for Hazard Communication



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Webinars

- ▶ Hazard Communication 2012 – The Revised Standard and What Changes You Can Expect in the Workplace
- ▶ AIHA/SCHC Registry Exam Preparation
- ▶ GHS Mixtures Series – Bridging Principles
- ▶ HazCom 101
- ▶ AIHA/SCHC Registry Exam Preparation
- ▶ GHS Mixtures Series – Aquatic Endpoints
- ▶ OSHA’s Adoption of GHS
- ▶ OSHA’s Adoption of GHS – Practical Implementation



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GHS Update | OSHA Publishes Final Rule to the Federal Register

Published in the

[Federal Register Volume 77, Number 58](#)

[Monday, March 26, 2012, Pages 17574-17896]

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OSHA-SCHC Alliance Fact Sheets now available in Spanish

Spanish translations of the first six GHS Fact sheets are now posted on the [Alliance News page](#). These documents will soon be available as links from the OSHA web page as well. Many thanks go to Beth Levi, GHS Fact Sheet Chair, Mike McDowell for formatting the documents and the Fact Sheet authors and reviewers.



SCHC Linked In



The screenshot shows a LinkedIn post from a company named "china GHS and SDS software" posted 4 days ago. The post text reads: "China is one of many countries that have agreed to implement GHS. Chinese government has published several compulsory national standards...". Below the post are interaction buttons for "Like", "Comment", "Flag", and "More".

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SCHC Outreach Speakers Bureau



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Outreach Speakers Bureau

The SCHC has established an Outreach Speakers Bureau on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The Speaker's Bureau is a list of members who have volunteered to speak and present information on the GHS and the impact on material safety data sheets and labeling. Our volunteers are offering their time to various local community organizations and to local and state fire, police and other responder groups to increase the visibility of SCHC and awareness of the GHS.

Volunteer speakers are not compensated by the SCHC or the party desiring a speaker. Local organizations such as labor groups, and interested citizen groups who desire a speaker may contact our members directly to schedule a presentation.

Disclaimer

The SCHC members listed below have volunteered to share their knowledge and expertise on the GHS with other organizations in their local community. This is a volunteer activity and volunteers are not paid by either SCHC or the requesting organization. This activity is being offered as a community service. SCHC has not qualified these speakers and inclusion on the list does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any kind. The user must determine the suitability of the speaker for their purposes.

Contact the individual directly using the contact information provided to arrange a speaking engagement. SCHC will not make arrangements and cannot be responsible for any aspect of this volunteer activity.

This is not a consulting activity. Employers and others seeking consulting on the GHS for training or other purposes should refer to the [SCHC consultants listing](#).

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HazCom Consultants List

The following is comprised of those members who have specifically requested that they be listed as consultants. Other members wishing to be included in this list may do so by written request to the Administrator of the Society. This list will be updated the first regular meeting of each year.

There is no endorsement, express or implied, with this listing. It is offered for information purposes to members of SCHC.

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Last update: 5/07/12



SDS and Label Authoring Registry Program



Registry

- ▶ Purpose: Establish a mechanism to ensure the recognition of competent professionals who specialize in authoring safety data sheets and labels
- ▶ Developed in partnership with AIHA
- ▶ Qualifications (based on point system with a minimum 20 points needed)
 - SDS/label authoring experience (5–15 points)
 - Continuing education (10 points max)
 - Higher education (8 points max)
 - Certifications (2 points max)
- ▶ www.aiharegistries.org/programs/SDSReg/Pages/default2.aspx



Registry

- ▶ Proficiency evaluation: Demonstrate competency in the skills and knowledge defined by the program's Body of Knowledge (BOK) through a test plus practical (total 4 hour exam)
- ▶ Official designation after passing the exam: *Registered Specialist: SDS and Label Author*
- ▶ Valid for five years



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