

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## Chemical Hazards Communication Society (CHCS) Celebrates 25 Years!

Congratulations to the Chemical Hazards Communication Society (CHCS) for 25



dedicated years in service to the hazard communication community. [Check out how their society came into being.](#)

### SCHC Website Tips - Did You Know?

You can find all kinds of information on the SCHC website when you log on as a member, including your personal profile.

Hover your mouse over the “My Profile” tab to easily link to areas where you can update your profile picture, change your password, find past emails with discount codes for webinars, get copies of invoices, and view online forms you have submitted (registration, election ballots, etc.).

My Profile

Change Profile Picture

Change Password

Contact Preferences

Message History

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Submissions

### Mark Your Calendars

**September 21-25, 2019** - [Fall 2019 Meeting](#) at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

**March 28 - April 1, 2020** - **SCHC Spring 2020 Meeting** at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

**September 19-23, 2020** - **SCHC Fall 2020 Meeting** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

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Spring 2019 Technical  
Poster Winners

Spring 2019 Forum  
Session Notes

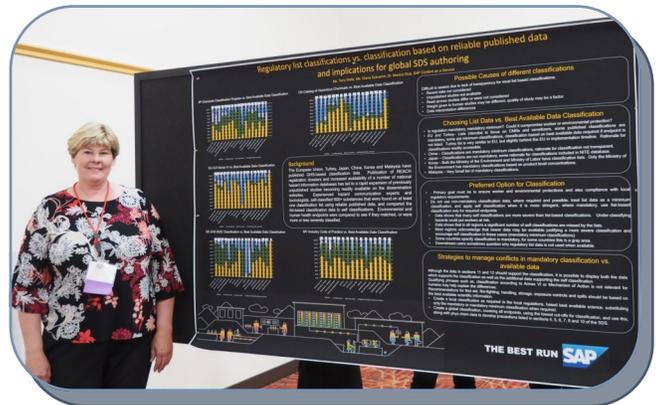
## Spring 2019 Technical Poster Winners

*(submitted by Josh Nevels, Principal Scientist, Arcadis)*

A sincere thank you to all who presented posters during our recent conference in Las Vegas—your efforts and commitment made this another engaging event for all who attended.

This year's overall winner was Terry Wells, Diana Schramm and Dr. Monica Sica, from SAP Business Compliance Service, who collectively presented a poster titled

["Regulatory list classifications vs. classification based on reliable published data and implications for global SDS authoring."](#)



For runner-up, we had a tie this year, between Ranmi Aduloju, of Griffith Foods / Innova Flavors, and Josh Staniscia of Covestro, LLC; Ranmi presented a poster titled "[OEL: Beyond the OSHA's Letter of Interpretation \(LOI\)](#)," while Josh presented a poster titled "[Occupational Exposure Limits – What if one hasn't been established?](#)"

To see a complete list of posters presented, visit the [2019 Spring Meeting Poster Session](#).

## Spring 2019 Forum Session Notes

*(submitted by Lori Burry)*

As a courtesy to attendees and for those who could not attend, you can find [forum session notes](#) from all of the Spring 2019 meeting forum sessions on [www.schc.org](http://www.schc.org), for example:

[As the World Turns, So Does GHS](#)

[After REACH 2018 - What's Next?](#)

## **Continued Growth and a New Name—**

### **Chapter 3 of the SCHC Story**

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*Contributed by Sharen Breyer, Chair, SCHC Heritage Committee*

The successful incorporation of the American Conference on Chemical Labeling as a stand-alone, non-profit professional society was announced to the membership – to loud applause! - at the May 26-27, 1981 Spring Meeting at the DuPont Plaza in Washington, D.C. Four months later at the Fall Meeting, the ACCL leadership reported a membership roster of 75 and a bank balance of \$3,248.38.

Free of CMA oversight and the tether to the Washington, D.C. area for all meetings, the fledgling ACCL was free to move about the country and expand their areas of interest and involvement to other topics beyond just labels. It was decided that the Fall Meetings would remain in the D.C. area, as the proximity to the regulatory agencies was recognized as a real plus, but Spring Meetings could be held in other parts of the country, a practice that continues to this day.

Growth in membership progressed steadily during the 1980s. The organization drew interest and participation from industry, academia and the regulators, and this diversity expanded the scope of the organization as well. This evolving field of Hazard Communication was going to encompass a lot of new territory. Under the leadership of ACCL Presidents James S. Trexel, A. Thayer Talcott, Adria C. Casey and Albert J. Ignatowski, and Board of Directors Chairs G. Robert Sido and A. Thayer Talcott, membership numbers passed 100, and then 200. In 1983 the ACCL welcomed its first international speaker from Harwell Labs in the UK.

By the time the 1990s rolled around, it was becoming clear that the NAME of the organization no longer described the actual SCOPE of the organization. The 339 members of the American Conference on Chemical Labeling had a lot more to deal with than just chemical labels, and not just in America, either.

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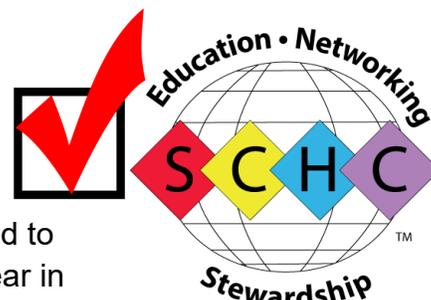
## Continued Growth and a New Name - Ch. 3 of the SCHC Story

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In fact, the October 1990 Fall Meeting had kicked off with a 3 hour short course on ‘The EEC Directives for Packaging and Labeling of Dangerous Substances’ prior to the business meeting.

The possibility of a more descriptive and less restrictive name change had been a topic of discussion at the July 1990 Board Meeting., and so it was decided to put this proposal up for a vote by the membership – keep the ACCL name OR change it to the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. A rather incredible 78% of the membership voted, and it was a landslide for SCHC with 90% of the vote.

The new name became effective on January 1, 1992, and it was a big hit. Membership numbers soared to 486. But 1992 was a remarkable year in our history for another reason, too. SCHC



Vice President Linda Hanavan was presenting at an MSDS/Label seminar in 1991 where she met attendee Robert Warner, UK Health and Safety Executive. Bob Warner eagerly listened to Linda Hanavan describe the mission and scope of the SCHC, and then accepted an invitation to speak at the SCHC March 1992 Spring Meeting.

Following this 1992 meeting, SCHC provided Bob with copies of the Society By-Laws, organizational structure, recent meeting agendas, scope and purpose statements, training materials and even newsletters. Bob took these back to the UK and gathered an energetic group of enthusiastic and like-minded individuals who proceeded to form the Chemical Hazards Communication Society (CHCS). Linda Hanavan, now SCHC President, attended and spoke at the first meeting of the CHCS on October 26, 1994.

**SO – as we at SCHC celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our sister Society in the UK is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEXT: SCHC TACKLES TRAINING**

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New Safety & Health  
Resources

## **New Safety & Health Resources Directorate for Cooperate and State Programs**

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*You can find the following information under the SCHC Newsworthy section.*

From the *OSHA Quarterly Update on Compliance Assistance Resources: FY2019 Q2*: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the OSHA Alliance, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and others [shared information related to safety and health resources.](#)

The information includes:

Silica in General Industry

Safe + Sound Campaign News with Safe + Sound Week scheduled for Aug 12-18, 2019

Fall Prevention Stand-Down 2019

Most Frequently Cited OSHA Standards

Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Response

Hazards of Small and Wearable Lithium Battery Powered Devices

Maritime Industry Webpage Redesign

Diisocyanate Exposure

29 Year Summary of Silicosis in Michigan

NIOSH Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program, including Falls, Trenching, Tree Care, and other FACE Reports

NSC Report on Workplace Fatigue

CPWR Video—Safe Ladder Practices in Roofing



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Whistleblower Public Meeting

OECD eChemPortal Update

## OSHA Whistleblower Protection—Public Meeting

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OSHA is holding a public meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 14, 2019 to solicit comments from stakeholders on the agency's administration of the whistleblower protection provisions under Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and 21 other statutes.



In particular, OSHA wants to know:

- How can OSHA deliver better whistleblower customer service?
- What kind of assistance can OSHA provide to help explain the whistleblower laws it enforces?

The deadline for registering is April 30, 2019. Additional information, including how to register, can be found [here](#) - If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Meghan Smith at 202-693-2199 or [osha.dwpp@dol.gov](mailto:osha.dwpp@dol.gov).

## OECD eChemPortal Improvements Live

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OECD announced the release of version v2.1 of eChemPortal on February 4th, 2019.

This new version includes improvements of the navigation, the download of the property results fixed and download of all the classification and labelling results.



In Q4 this year, a big launch of the V3 of eChemPortal will be launched, with a brand new user interface to facilitate the use of eChemPortal.

If you don't know the tool and wish to know more about it, go [here](#).

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HMIRA Fees Increase

Advocacy Group Shares

New Detox Guide

## WHMB Announces 2019 Fee Adjustment for HMIRA Claim for Exemption Effective April 1, 2019

The Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau (WHMB) has announced that [the fee adjustment for 2019 will increase by 2.2% for suppliers who are filing a Hazardous Materials Information Review Act \(HMIRA\) Claim for Exemption](#). A claim for exemption must include the fee as per sections 4, 5, and 7 of the Hazardous Materials Information Review Regulations (HMIRR).

Health Canada adjusts the fees annually to go into effect on April 1st, and uses Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous fiscal year to determine rate change.

### Summary of the Annual Adjusted Fees:

Claim Type	Number of Claims (Filed at one time)	2018-2019 Fee Amount (per claim)	2019-2020 Adjusted Fee Amount (per claim) <sup>**</sup>	Small Business <sup>*</sup>	
				2018-2019 Fee Amount (per claim)	2019-2020 Adjusted Fee Amount <sup>**</sup> (per claim)
Original	Claims 1 to 15	\$1800	\$1839.60	\$900	\$919.80
	Claims 16 to 25	\$400	\$408.80	\$200	\$204.40
	Claims 26 and above	\$200	\$204.40	\$100	\$102.20
Refile	Claims 1 to 15	\$1440	\$1471.68	\$720	\$735.84
	Claims 16 to 25	\$320	\$327.04	\$160	\$163.52
	Claims 26 and above	\$160	\$163.52	\$80	\$81.76

<sup>\*</sup> **Small Business:** The fee required to accompany a claim for exemption is one half of the fee listed above provided the small business:

- a. Had a gross annual revenue of not more than three million dollars in the claimant's fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the claim is filed; and
- b. Employs not more than 100 employees.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Fee adjustment based on the CPI, 2.2%.

Image credit: [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)

## "Chemical Detox for the Workplace" - Advocacy Group Publishes Guide for Workers/Reps

A recent *Safety + Health* [article](#) shared that an advocacy group called the Center for Progressive Reform has created a guide titled [Chemical Detox for the Workplace: A Guide to Securing a Nontoxic Work Environment](#). The group has scheduled an [hour-long webinar](#) for 1 p.m. EST on May 8th to discuss their new guide.

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Member Spotlight -  
Jackie Foster

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## Members Spotlight — Jackie Foster

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Jackie Foster, a Senior Manager, Regulatory Consultant for Intertek, was interviewed by Inez Kasimba and Erin Weir of the SCHC Outreach Committee at the 2019 Spring Meeting.

Jackie holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in Industrial Engineering from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and has more than 18 years of experience in occupational health and safety and regulatory compliance. She has worked extensively with clients in Canada and Australia to assist them with compliance, and been involved with the Canadian Association of Chemical Distributors (CACD) Regulatory Affairs Committee.



**Jackie Foster, B. Tech**  
Photo credit: [www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com)

*Q: How are you enjoying SCHC's Spring Meeting so far?*

Jackie: "It's fabulous – presentations have been great. Vegas is wonderful. I'm enjoying all of the experiences I have had here this year."

*Q: What do you like about SCHC?*

Jackie: "I like the networking opportunities and the ability to learn from other people who do the same things."

Jackie and her colleague, Katarina Komesarovic, will be highlighted in an SCHC video about the event.

## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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Please send all news worthy newsletter topics to Renee Warner ([renee.warner@kimballmidwest.com](mailto:renee.warner@kimballmidwest.com)) and Danielle Svestka ([svestka\\_danielle@elanco.com](mailto:svestka_danielle@elanco.com)) for inclusion in future newsletters.