



2nd CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30, 2009
**4th International Conference on the
History of Occupational and
Environmental Health**
June 19 - 22, 2010

Including a half-day pre-meeting workshop on Occupational
and Environmental History Methods on June 19.

Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf Hotel, San Francisco, California



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CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The history of occupational and environmental medicine is rich but has largely been relegated to passing notice or ignored altogether, even by specialists in the field. Brief summaries of occupational and environmental medical history, when they are included in reviews or more rarely still in educational curricula, have a limited focus on the biographical highlights of selected clinicians and researchers who have contributed to the development of this discipline. Yet as important as these biographies are, other historical factors are critical to the evolution of occupational and environmental health.

First, advances in technology have played a driving role in occupational and environmental medicine that is unparalleled in other fields of health. It is true that advances in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, from the microscope to the laser, show the powerful effect of technologic innovation on medical practice as a whole. But despite the role that such inventions have played in clinical care, the underlying pathologic processes of concern to practitioners have not changed because of them. Simply put, the microscope did not create illnesses due to new strains of bacteria. In contrast, technologic change continually introduces new occupational and environmental hazards, leading to evolving patterns of established diseases, as well as inducing entirely novel conditions never experienced before in human history. Radiation poisoning is an obvious example, but by no means an isolated one.

Second, the history of occupational and environment medicine reflects of the impact of larger social movements outside the narrow confines of medicine. Of course, other branches of medicine are not immune to such phenomena (for example, the French Revolution). Still, occupational and environmental health, in particular, waxes and wanes secondary to societal forces. The hygienic movement of the 19th century (especially Great Britain) was linked in turn to wider social reforms; the social movements of the 1960's in the United States coincided with the establishment of OSHA, NIOSH, and the EPA.

It is critical for practitioners of occupational and environmental health to be able to see their work within the context of disparate, yet inter-related themes: the key historical figures that contributed to the development of the field, the technologic changes that have led to an ever-shifting burden of disease, and the socio-political forces that helped set the priorities of the discipline. It is no less crucial for historians with interest in occupational or environmental disease to have a forum in which they can interact with clinicians in this field, the better to put their historical work into the context of current realities.

The *4th International Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health*, organized by University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and by the Scientific Committee on *History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases of International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)*, will be the first conference in its series held in North America (San Francisco, USA) after the previous events in Europe (Rome, Italy, 1998; Norrköping, Sweden, 2001; and Birmingham, England, 2007).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Paul Blanc, Conference Chair. Professor of Medicine and Endowed Chair Occupational and Environmental Medicine, UC San Francisco (UCSF), California, USA.

Tim Carter, Chief Medical Adviser, UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency Visiting Fellow, Medical History, Exeter University, UK.

Sergio Iavicoli, General Secretary of International Commission on Occupational Health, Rome, Italy

Max R. Lum, Director of Office of Health Communication and Global Collaboration, NIOSH-CDC, Washington, D.C, USA

Dorothy Porter, Professor of History of Health Sciences, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, UC San Francisco (UCSF), California, USA.

Michele A. Riva, Chair of ICOH Scientific Committee on History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental disease, Research Centre on the History of Biomedical Thought, University of Milano Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Elizabeth Watkins, Professor of History of Health Sciences, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, UC San Francisco (UCSF), California, USA.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The following Conference **Keynote Presentations** are scheduled:

1. **Christopher Sellers**, Professor of History, Stony Brook University, New York:
"Occupation, Environment, and Health: A History of Interdependence"
2. **David Rosner**, Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Science and History, Columbia University and **Gerald Markowitz**, Distinguished Professor of History, John Jay College and CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York:
"Movements for Occupational and Environmental Health: History and Politics"
3. **Robert Proctor**, Professor of the History Of Science, Stanford University, Stanford, California:
"Occupational Health Under the Nazis"
4. **Paul Blanc**, Professor and Endowed Chair, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of California San Francisco:
"What the Humanities Teach us About the History of Occupational and Environmental Disease – Fine Arts, Literature and Popular Culture"

Each keynote will be accompanied by a **Panel Discussants** to include (*partial list*):

Daniel Berman, Independent Historian, Sacramento, California, USA.

Francesco Carnevale, Occupational Medicine Physician, National Health System Lecturer, University of Florence, Italy.

Brian Dolan, Professor of History of Health Sciences, UC San Francisco (UCSF), California, USA.

Allison L. Hepler, Professor of History, University of Maine Farmington, Maine, USA.

Friedrich Hofmann, Professor of Work Physiology and Occupational Medicine, Bergische University Wuppertal, Germany.

Joseph Melling, Professor in the History of Medicine and Director, Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter, England, U.K.

Alfredo Menéndez Navarro, Senior Lecturer in History of Science, Department of History of Science, Facultad de Medicina, Granada, Spain.

Benoit Nemery, Professor of Toxicology and Occupational Medicine and Head of the Research, Unit of Lung Toxicology University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium.

Christine Rosen, Associate Professor Haas Business and Public Policy Group, Socially Responsible Business, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California, USA.

There will also be a panel on “Integrating History into Occupational and Environmental Health Training and Practice” including **Max R. Lum** (Panel Chair), Director, Office of Health Communication and Global Collaboration, NIOSH-CDC, Washington, D.C; **Julie Staun**, President, Federation of Occupational Health Nurses within the European Union, Lyngby, Denmark; and **Kjell Torén**, Professor, Dept of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Sahlgrenska Academy at Göteborg University, Gothenborg, Sweden

A half-day pre-conference **History Methods Workshop** will cover general methods in overview, archival approaches, oral history techniques, and biographical investigation with the following faculty:

Arthur McIvor, Professor of Social History, Director, Scottish Oral History Centre, History Department, University of Strathclyde

Ronnie Johnston, Reader in History, Deputy Director, Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, Glasgow Caledonian University

Dorothy Porter, Professor of History of Health Sciences, University of California San Francisco

Barbara Sicherman, Keenan Professor Emerita, Trinity College, Connecticut

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Reception: At the Fsiherman’s Warf meeting venue

Conference Banquet: Including dinner speech on antiquarian medical book collecting by Howard Rootenberg (Rootenberg Rare Books, Los Angeles, California) [Dinner fee option with registration]

Closing Reception: At the UCSF medical library, including visit to its rare book room

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Detailed instructions for submitting an abstract are available at:

<http://www.ucsfcmec.org/2010/miscfiles/MMJ10014Abstract.doc>

Deadline: NOVEMBER 30th, 2009

REGISTRATION FEES

Detailed information and online registration are available at:

<https://www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MMJ10014>

REGISTRATION FEES	
Main Course and Workshop	\$300.00
With Discount to ICOH members	\$275.00
Only Main Course	\$250.00
Only pre-meeting Workshop	\$75.00

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<http://www.ucsfcmecme.com/blast2010/MMJ10014.htm>

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