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First Aid Awards



John Nimmo, centre, with health and safety colleagues Lorna Fraser and Lawrence Dickson

The University's First Aid Trainer, John Nimmo, has won the inaugural Scottish First Aid Award for the Public/Non-profit Sector.

The Scottish First Aid Awards, in association with GlaxoSmithKline, have been created to champion first aid in Scotland and recognise the individuals and businesses that are leading the way in its provision.

We are delighted that our contribution to first aid as an organisation, together with John's contribution as an outstanding individual practitioner, supported by key colleagues in the Health and Safety Department, have been recognised by this award.

For more information about the Scottish First Aid Award go to www.firstaid.org.uk/about-the-awards

Online training packages by Cardinus

We have recently purchased a package of online training resources from a company called Cardinus. The first of these to be launched will cover the safe use of display screen equipment (DSE), including risk assessment, and this will be rolled out sequentially over the early part of this year.

School staff will be trained as Administrators in the system in January/February and the training will then become available to all staff online.

Further information on the DSE training is available on our website. However, please note there is currently no link to log in until the system has been rolled out.

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/training/e-learning/cardinus/overview



Health and Safety Conference 2012



The most recent conference, held on 20th September 2012, was well attended by both School Safety Advisers as well as personnel from Schools who are involved in University business travel

organisation. The conference was well received by all attendees.

The Health and Safety Department are currently working on recommendations from the Travel Audits undertaken by AON as well as replying to any specific queries left via the feedback forms.

All staff who submitted feedback forms were entered into a prize draw and the winner was....Lindsay Murray, Health and Safety Manager for CMVM at Little France, a £20 book token has already been sent to Lindsay, congratulations.

Copies of the presentations can be found on our website, below.

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/safety-roles/safety-conference-2012

IOSH Working Safely

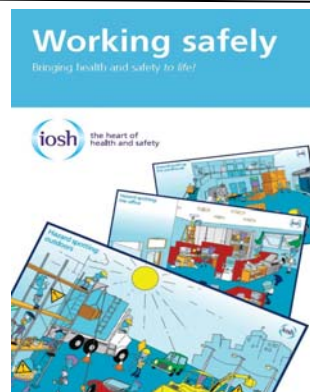
In addition to IOSH Managing Safely, the Health and Safety Department is now accredited to teach IOSH Working Safely.

This is a one day course offering a grounding in the essentials of health and safety, including defining hazard and risk, identifying common hazards, and im-

proving safety performance. It is open to all who may have an interest in the subject. Please use the link below for further details

www.iosh.co.uk/training/our_training_products/working_safely.aspx

or contact safety.training@ed.ac.uk



Responsible Research - New guidance for research published by IOSH and USHA

This guide aims to help anyone who needs to ensure good health and safety performance in a research environment. It provides heads of department, principal investigators and researchers with:

- examples of responsibilities and management approaches;
- advice on safety culture and risk assessment;

- case studies showing key issues that need to be considered.

You can download it from the IOSH website at

www.iosh.co.uk/books_and_resources/guidance_and_tools.aspx

or directly at

www.iosh.co.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=744e4e14-e91d-4fda-9c97-918ddb92e560&version=-1



Statutory Health Surveillance

Many people involved in research projects or other work at the University will come under a legal obligation, via COSHH risk assessment and by assessment of individual risk exposure, to participate in Health Surveillance - regular and appropriate procedures to detect and act upon any early signs of adverse work-related symptoms caused by hazard exposure.

The Occupational Health Unit provides appointments for this surveillance at their building in Drummond Street, and also by visiting many sites across the University for follow-up appointments.

If your work involves a need for this kind of monitoring, make sure you are involved. For any queries you can contact your manager or School Safety Adviser, or the Occupational Health Unit

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/occupational-health/about/services

Occupational Cancers

Janet Craig, (Occupational Health Unit) will give a short talk on Occupational Cancers including Dealing with Cancers in the Workplace at the monthly IOSH (Edinburgh Branch) meeting on 14 February 2013, 14:00-15:30 at the Laurie Liddell Clubhouse, Peffermill Playing Fields, University of Edinburgh. This talk is also open to non IOSH members. Janet will be speaking alongside Prof. Andrew Waterson (Chair in Health Effectiveness, University of Stirling).

www.iosh.co.uk/branches/edinburgh/branch_events/branch_14_feb13.aspx

USHA Annual Spring Conference

This year's USHA conference is being hosted by the University of Glasgow on Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th April at the Grosvenor Hilton Hotel, Glasgow. The title of the conference is 'The Changing World of Health and Safety - living in challenging times' - the programme looks very interesting with speakers from a wide variety of higher education institutions and other UK national safety bodies.

Booking is direct with USHA and includes evening entertainment. www.usha-conference.org.uk/



Fire Safety Unit moving office



The Fire Safety Unit have moved from their current office to the 2nd Floor, 13 Infirmary Street. All contact details remain the same.

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/fire-safety/about/contacts

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Forthcoming Training Courses

- Basic Course in Radiation Protection in Teaching and Research (13th and 20th March 2013)
- Laser Safety Course (7th March 2013) www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/radiation-protection/training/timetable
- Fire Steward and Fire Extinguisher theory and practical use (5th March 2013) www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/fire-safety/training/timetable
- First Aid at Work Annual Refresher (25th February 2013) www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/training/first-aid/first-aid-refresher

For more information on H&S training courses go to www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety/training