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Call for Speakers!

14th Annual Western PA ASSP Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC) – March 31, 2027

Conference location: SRU Robert M. Smith Student Center
107 W Central Loop, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Please provide all the following information in a **Word Document**:

- Full name, credentials (e.g., CSP, CIH, etc.), job title, company name, and email address.
- The title and a brief description of your presentation (2-3 sentences). Please see the next page for a list of topics of particular interest to the PDC Planning Committee. Proposals for topics not listed may also be submitted.
- The Learning Objectives for the presentation (3-5 objectives).
- A short biography outlining your education, job experience, and involvement in professional organizations.
- While presenters may submit multiple proposals, only one proposal per presenter can be selected for the conference program. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize their submissions accordingly.
- The presentation is scheduled for 60 minutes (50 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes for questions and discussion).

Would you like to be considered as a panelist for a discussion on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS)?

If so, please submit a Word document that includes:

- A brief synopsis describing your practical experience using AI in EHS-related activities, including one or two real-world examples.
- Your full name, credentials (e.g., CSP, CIH, CHMM), job title, organization, and email address

Suggested discussion topics include:

- Artificial intelligence in safety management
- Robotics, automation, and Human-machine interaction
- Predictive analytics for injury prevention and AI-assisted incident investigation and root-cause analysis
- AI and worker mental health and well-being
- AI applications in safety training and competency development
- Ethical considerations and limitations of AI in EHS practice

Speaker proposals must be submitted by **December 18, 2026**, no later than the close of business. Please submit all proposal materials via email to Pam Walaski at pwalaski@gmail.com

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Submission of a proposal does not guarantee acceptance. The WPA ASSP Professional Development Conference Committee reserves the right to accept, decline, or request modification of any proposal. Speakers will be notified of acceptance decisions by the end of January 2027.

Proposed Conference Recommended Topics:

1. **Worker Mental Health, Well-Being, and Total Worker Health®**
   - Burnout and fatigue
   - Psychological safety
   - Stress management
   - Integrated worker well-being programs
2. **Climate Change and Worker Protection**
   - Heat stress prevention.
   - Severe weather preparedness
   - Wildfire smoke exposure
   - Outdoor worker safety
3. **Occupational Exposure Assessment and Industrial Hygiene Innovations**
   - Real-time monitoring technologies
   - Wearable sensors
   - Exposure modeling
   - Advanced sampling techniques
4. **PFAS and Emerging Chemical Hazards**
   - Occupational PFAS exposures
   - Exposure assessment
   - Risk communication
   - Regulatory developments
5. **Hazard Communication and Chemical Safety**
   - HazCom 2024 implementation
   - Safety Data Sheets (SDSs)
   - Chemical labeling requirements
   - Effective worker training
6. **Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials**
   - Nanomaterial exposure assessment
   - Health effects research
   - Control technologies
   - Safe-by-design approaches
7. **Safety Leadership, Culture, and Safety Voice**
   - Worker participation
   - Leadership development
   - Near-miss reporting
   - Mentoring and safety communication
8. **Occupational Health Equity and Vulnerable Worker Populations**
   - Young workers
   - Aging workforce
   - Temporary and contingent workers
   - Immigrant and underserved worker groups
9. **Education, Research, and Workforce Development**
   - Prepare future OSH professionals.
   - Research-to-practice (r2p)
   - Academic-Industry partnerships
   - Students' professional development