

LAP E-News

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AIHA-LAP, LLC Now an ILAC MRA Signatory

AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC became an internationally recognized accreditation body on Aug. 22, 2010, when the InterAmerican Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) approved AIHA-LAP as a signatory of the IAAC Multi Lateral Arrangement. AIHA-LAP, LLC subsequently became a full member and signatory of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

Our ILAC MRA status means that AIHA-accredited laboratories will have greater access to business with certain regulators, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other agencies that work exclusively with laboratories accredited under the ILAC MRA.

A special thanks to the AIHA LAP staff and our volunteer leadership (Dave Sandusky, Chris Powell, Pam Kostle and Chris Kearney) who collaborated with us to make this recognition possible. We are especially grateful to past Chief Site Assessors Ron Peters and Maureen Hamilton, who worked with TAP member Linda Neimor to draft the new measurement uncertainty and traceability policies and conduct training for the volunteers and assessors, as well as outreach to the laboratories. We thank those six site assessors and eight laboratories who participated in the witnessing process associated with our APLAC/IAAC evaluation. Please join us in thanking and congratulating all the critical players who made this recognition possible.

For more information about the ILAC MRA signing, please contact Cheryl O. Morton at cmorton@aiha.org or (703) 846-0789. To view the ILAC welcome letter, please visit http://www.ilac.org/ilac_welcomes_aiha_lap.html.

Use of the ILAC-MRA Mark

ILAC was created with the aim of facilitating the development and enhancement of governmental trade agreements. ILAC's ultimate goal is the promotion, increased use, and industry and government acceptance of accredited test and calibration results of exported goods. According to the ILAC website, "Such international agreements...are crucial in enabling test data to be accepted between these countries. In effect, each partner in such an arrangement recognizes the other partner's accredited laboratories as if they themselves had undertaken the accreditation of the other partner's laboratories." As also stated on the ILAC website, "in this way, the free-trade goal of 'product tested once and accepted everywhere', can be realized."

Becoming an ILAC Full Member and MRA Signatory means that laboratories accredited by AIHA-LAP, LLC will have access to the ILAC-MRA mark (logo). Through a sub-license agreement, called the Laboratory Combined MRA Mark, the logo is to be used in conjunction with the AIHA-LAP, LLC's current accreditation body "symbol" (logo(s)). Our accredited laboratories will be able to use the Laboratory Combined MRA Mark after written approval is received from AIHA-LAP, LLC. As such, we are currently working on a licensing agreement for any interested laboratory that wishes to use the Laboratory Combined MRA Mark. As an added benefit, AIHA-LAP is conducting communication and outreach on the ILAC MRA on behalf of our accredited laboratories. You can find "Rules

for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark” on the ILAC website at http://www.ilac.org/documents/ILAC_R7_09_2009.pdf.

ELLAP Labs Can Now Register as CPSC Third-Party Laboratories

Now that AIHA-LAP, LLC is a signatory of the ILAC MRA, lead laboratories accredited by AIHA-LAP can apply to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to become third-party laboratories for testing children’s products. Accredited Environmental Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELLAP) laboratories that have added the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) method for lead paint testing, meeting the requirements of 16 CFR Part 1303, are eligible to apply. These laboratories are listed under the Lead in Paint category with method CPSC-CH-E1003-09 (Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Lead (Pb) in Paint and Other Similar Surface Coatings), and their scopes of accreditation specifically list 16 CFR Part 1303.

Eligible lead laboratories can register as CPSIA third-party laboratories by going to <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/labregistry/>, where AIHA-LAP is listed on the application as an accreditation body. You will need to have a copy of your AIHA-LAP accreditation certificate and scope table ready to upload when you apply. Before you proceed, please go to our website first at www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org to ensure that the CPSIA method is listed on your ELLAP scope page.

Should you have questions about the CPSIA third-party laboratory registration process or require additional information, please contact Margie Breida at (703) 846-0713 or at mbreida@aiha.org or Cheryl O. Morton at cmorton@gmail.com or (703) 846-0789.

New Volunteers and Leaders Selected

AAB Members

Three members will be leaving the Analytical Accreditation Board (AAB) at the end of 2010: Past Chair **Pamela Kastle**, CIH (University Hygienic Laboratory at University of Iowa); **Tianbao Bai**, PhD, CIH (Carolina Environmental Inc.); and **Edward Stuber**, CIH (Galson Laboratories). The AAB and AIHA-LAP, LLC appreciate the leadership, commitment, and dedication these individuals have demonstrated during their terms.

The AAB Nominating and Appointment Committee recommended the following applicants for appointment. These individuals were approved by the AAB at its meeting on Oct. 9, 2010. AIHA-LAP, LLC welcomes the newly appointed members for the January 1, 2011–December 31, 2013 term:

- **Elizabeth Bair**
Affiliation: University of South Carolina (University/Academic)
Program expertise: IHLAP, ELLAP
Category: Laboratory Data Producer, User

- **Jason Dobranic, PhD** (reappointment)
Affiliation: EMSL Analytical, Inc. (Commercial Laboratory)
Program expertise: EMLAP, FOODLAP
Category: Laboratory Data Producer

- **Frank Ehrenfeld**
Affiliation: International Asbestos Testing Laboratories (Commercial Laboratory)
Program expertise: IHLAP, ELLAP
Category: Laboratory Data Producer
- **Kaleb Grittner**, CIH, ROH, CRSP
Affiliation: Province of Saskatchewan (Government)
Program expertise: IHLAP
Category: Laboratory Data User, Producer, and Regulator of the Industry

Christine Powell (Wisconsin Occupational Health Laboratory) will serve as the new AAB Chairperson beginning on Jan. 1, 2010, replacing **Dave Sandusky**, CIH (Forensic Analytical Laboratories, Inc.). **Allen Iske**, PhD, CIH, CSP (University of Central Missouri) will serve as the group's next Vice Chairperson.

TAP Members

Several Technical Advisory Group (TAP) members are also leaving their posts at the end of 2010 are: **Bair, Ehrenfeld and Grittner** (who were appointed to AAB); **Janice Cleaveland**; and **Sharon Harney**, PhD. (Forensic Analytical laboratories, Inc.). **Jennifer Shim** decided to end her service after 2 years due to a change in profession. These dedicated laboratory professionals have made significant contributions to TAP and AIHA-LAP, LLC over the past several years. Without the dedicated support of volunteers, AIHA-LAP, LLC could not achieve its mission of establishing and maintaining the highest possible standards in laboratory accreditation.

The TAP Appointment Committee conducted a similar process and recommended the following TAP members for appointment. These individuals were also approved by the AAB at its Oct. 9, 2010, meeting for the January 1, 2011–December 31, 2013, term:

Bharati Lakshmi, PhD
Marine Chemist Service, Inc.
Program expertise: IHLAP, ELLAP, EMLAP

L. Claire McDonald
SanAir Technologies Laboratory
Program expertise: EMLAP

Linda Neimor (reappointment)
ALS Laboratory Group – Environmental Division (Canada)
Program expertise: EMLAP

Edward Sobek, PhD (reappointment)
Assured Biotechnology Corporation
Program expertise: EMLAP

Congratulations to newly appointed volunteers! An orientation and training session will be held in early 2011.

We thank the AAB Nominating and Appointment Committee (led by Pamela Kostle, CIH) and the TAP Appointment Committee (led by Christine Powell) for their time and efforts in selecting and recommending candidates for appointment. We also thank all of the

highly qualified individuals who took the time to submit applications for the AAB and TAP.

We encourage all laboratory professionals to consider applying for a volunteer position next year. Visit www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org/Pages/VolunteerLeadership.aspx to view the entire list of AAB and TAP members and review the current issues in which the volunteers are now involved (task forces). Applications and governance documents are also posted. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margie Breida at mbreida@aiha.org.

Reminder about Significant Changes

Per Policy 3.8.1, accredited laboratories are reminded that they are required to report significant changes within 20 business days of the change. The following changes need to be reported to AIHA-LAP, LLC staff:

- Personnel changes that include technical manager and quality manager. Check Policy 2A.5 and the specifics of your accreditation program to ensure that these positions fulfill the qualifications outlined.
- Facility location and/or ownership—not only is it required by Policy 3.8.1, but your accreditation covers only the laboratory as named on the certificate of accreditation and the facility address as listed.

Help us keep you current. If your laboratory is not receiving invoices, e-mail announcements, or reaccreditation correspondence, please contact us to verify your address and primary/billing contact. If you have any questions regarding significant changes, please contact Chris Sacdalan at csacdalan@aiha.org.

AIHA-LAP, LLC Co-Sponsors NACLA Course ISO / IEC 17025 Training – Internal Auditor and Independent Contractor Training / Uncertainty of Measurement Overview

AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC will be cosponsoring the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation training to be held Nov. 29 and 30, 2010, including "ISO/IEC 17025 Training - Internal Auditor and Independent Contractor Training/Uncertainty of Measurement Overview." This NACLA course is co-sponsored in agreement with Laboratory Accreditation Bureau.

This two-day seminar will be held at Holiday Inn-Harbourside, Indian Rocks Beach, FL, for \$700 for NACLA/ACIL members and \$795 for non-members. The fee includes breakfast and lunch on the two training days, as well as training materials. Participants will need to bring a copy of ISO/IEC 17025:2005. Computers recommended (not required) for Measurement Uncertainty Overview Workshop. NACLA has negotiated the room rate down to a very reasonable rate of \$99 nightly rate plus taxes/fees. Just mention your attendance at the course for the special rate.

Please forward this training information to colleagues, customers and others who may benefit from these outstanding courses. You can request or find additional information at the NACLA website at <http://www.nacla.net> or via the NACLA link on the AIHA-LAP website at <http://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org/ProgramRecognition/Pages/default.aspx>.

Newly Accredited Laboratories

Congratulations to the following laboratories accredited May–August 2010.

Lab ID	June 2010 AAB Ballot Labs List	Location	Program(s)
100124	The Hartford Loss Control Laboratory	Hartford, CT	IHLAP
100134	ChemScope, Inc.	North Haven, CT	IHLAP
100194	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Cinnaminson, NJ	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP
100269	KAM Consultants Corporation	Long Island City, NY	IHLAP ELLAP
100621	SC Dept. of Health & Environmental Control	Columbia, SC	IHLAP ELLAP
100797	TOSHA Laboratory	Murfreesboro, TN	IHLAP
101581	ATK Thiokol Environmental Laboratory	Corrine, UT	IHLAP
101629	Forensic Analytical Specialties, Inc.	Rancho Dominguez, CA	IHLAP EMLAP
101634	EMS Laboratories, Inc.	Pasadena, CA	IHLAP ELLAP
101762	Forensic Analytical Specialties, Inc.	Hayward, CA	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP
102186	City of Milwaukee Health Department	Milwaukee, WI	ELLAP
165118	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Wallingford, CT	EMLAP
192283	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Charlotte, NC	EMLAP

Lab ID	July 2010 AAB Ballot Labs List	Location	Program(s)
100921	ALS Laboratory Group, Environmental Division (Cincinnati)	Cincinnati, OH	IHLAP ELLAP
100944	Marion County Health Department	Indianapolis, IN	IHLAP ELLAP FoodLAP
101145	Abbott Laboratories Global EHS Laboratory	Abbott Park, IL	IHLAP
101347	EEG, Inc.	Russellville, AR	IHLAP
101533	Reservoirs Environmental, Inc.	Denver, CO	FoodLAP ELLAP
101557	FRS Geotech, Inc.	Denver, CO	IHLAP EMLAP
101729	SRI International	Menlo Park, CA	IHLAP
101913	IRSST	Montreal, QC, Canada	IHLAP

102564	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Kernersville, NC	ELLAP
102581	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	New York, NY	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP
159383	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Baton Rouge, LA	ELLAP
171117	Sporometrics	Toronto, ON, Canada	EMLAP
188863	Hayes Microbial Consulting	Midlothian, VA	EMLAP
189946	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Centennial, CO	EMLAP

Lab ID	August 2010 AAB Ballot Labs List	Location	Program(s)
100470	AMA Analytical Services, Inc.	Lanham, MD	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP
101004	Dow Corning Corporation	Auburn, MI	IHLAP
101066	ACL Industrial Toxicology Laboratory	West Allis, WI	IHLAP ELLAP
101661	Columbia Analytical Services, Inc.	Simi Valley, CA	IHLAP
101748	EMSL Analytical, Inc	San Leandro, CA	EMLAP
101926	Xstrata Copper Canada, Horne Smelter Environmental & IH Laboratory	Rouyn-Noranda, PQ, Canada	IHLAP
102021	City of Houston DHHS Laboratory	Houston, TX	ELLAP
102187	ACM Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc.	South Bend, IN	EMLAP
102620	Long Beach Public Health	Long Beach, CA	ELLAP
102797	Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc.	Oak Ridge, TN	IHLAP
102992	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Chicago, IL	ELLAP EMLAP
163061	CASSEN Testing Laboratories	Toronto, ON, Canada	IHLAP
163162	EMSL Analytical, Inc.	Minneapolis, MN	ELLAP
193355	Beijing Municipal Institute of Labour Protection	Beijing, China	IHLAP