ASSOCIATION NEWS

2020 IAHCSMM CONFERENCE & EXPO LOCATION CHANGE

Due to circumstances beyond IAHCSMM’s control, the 2020 Annual Conference & Expo, which was originally set for May 3-6 at Fort Lauderdale’s Broward Country Convention Center, has now been relocated to Chicago from April 25-29.

Significant changes to the Broward County Convention Center’s construction schedule forced the city to cancel all of the center’s 2020 bookings, and IAHCSMM had to seek an immediate alternate location. We were fortunate to find availability at Chicago’s renowned McCormick Place convention center – an expansive, state-of-the-art facility that can easily accommodate our full range of Conference & Expo offerings and IAHCSMM’s many attendees.

The theme for the 2020 IAHCSMM Annual Conference & Expo is “Bringing It Home” – a double meaning since Chicago is home to IAHCSMM headquarters, and attendees will be able to bring back to their departments at home the knowledge, skills and best practices gleaned from the Conference. The last time an IAHCSMM Conference was held in the Windy City was 1985, so we’re excited to bring the event back to our own backyard and treat attendees to all that vibrant, beautiful Chicago has to offer.

More information about the 2020 Conference & Expo will be made available in the coming weeks.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE CIS PILOT EXAM

Following last year’s release of IAHCSMM’s new Instrument Resource Manual, the Association is excited to release the accompanying revised Certified Instrument Specialist (CIS) exam this year. In June, a pilot test will be held, at a discounted rate, for the updated instrument specialist exam. Exam update details and the application for the pilot test are available under the “Certification” section of IAHCSMM’s website (www.iahcsmm.org).

Note: The current edition of the CIS exam will be available for testing until May 31, 2019; following the June pilot exam, there will be a CIS testing blackout until September of 2019.

IAHCSMM WEBINARS SUPPORT CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

IAHCSMM is making it easier than ever to obtain continuing education (CE) credits. All on-demand webinars (17 total at the time of this publishing) are free for IAHCSMM members and individual lesson plans can be purchased at a low, members-only rate. If you’re not already an IAHCSMM member, join now so you can take advantage of significant member benefits such as these! Visit www.iahcsmm.org and begin fulfilling your CE requirements today.

CONNECT WITH IAHCSMM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

If you don’t already follow IAHCSMM on social media, now is a great time to start for access to insightful industry articles and Association updates, updates on the IAHCSMM Education Team’s whereabouts at various seminars, and our weekly Q&A with the IAHCSMM Education team on Facebook. This helpful resource was introduced in March and has been an easy way to get your burning Central Service/Sterile Processing questions answered, along with resources to support the answers. Follow IAHCSMM today to stay in-the-know!

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TRIPLE CROWN & GOLDEN CROWN RECIPIENTS
As anyone who has obtained CRCST certification can attest, the pursuit and achievement of the credential is a challenging but greatly rewarding endeavor. Certified professionals who then seek to attain additional certifications with IAHCSMM, such as the CIS, CER or CHL, truly demonstrate a continued commitment to their own education and development, as well as to the profession. Although not an official designation, IAHCSMM refers to those who have achieved CRCST, CIS and CHL certification as holding “Triple Crown” status, and those who have achieved CRCST, CIS, CER and CHL certification as holding the “Golden Crown.”

Whether an individual is new to the field or a veteran, they can set their sights on certification and help to set (and exceed) the gold standard for the profession.

IAHCSMM would like to acknowledge the following certificants achieved Triple Crown status in January and February 2019:

- Brigitte Akwei  
- David Atchison  
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- Deborah Blanchard  
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- Tyler Sather  
- Uchenna Uka-Ike