

WREN 16th Annual Conference
Western Regional Epidemiology Network
Western Regional Applied Toxicologists
May 14, 15, 16, 1998
Ashland, Oregon

Thursday, May 14, Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way, Ashland

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

9:30 **Duncan Gilroy**, Oregon Health Division
A Toxic Blue-Green Algal Bloom in an Oregon Coastal Lake

10:00 **Jeff Jacobs**, California Department of Health Services
Serious Mushroom Poisonings in California, 1990-1995

10:30 *Break*

11:00 **Denise Laflamme**, Washington Department of Health
Recycling of Hazardous Wastes in Fertilizers: Potential Human Exposures and
Washington State's New Fertilizer Regulations

11:30 to 1:00 **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:00 **Joan Rothlein**, Oregon Health Sciences University
Migrant Farmworker Housing and Other Factors Affecting Studies of Pesticide
Contamination

1:30 **Louise Mehler**, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
Inter-Agency Coordination and Cooperation: Open Discussion of Opportunities and
Pitfalls

2:00 **Eric Ossiander**, Washington Department of Health
The Use of Creel Surveys for Estimating Sports Fish Consumption

2:30 *Break*

2:45 **Dave McBride**, Washington Department of Health
Overview of Environmental Endocrine Disrupters and their Public Health Implications

3:15 **Elizabeth Esseks and Lucy Harter**, Oregon Health Sciences University
Hazardous Substance Surveillance in Washington and Oregon: Describing
Transportation Events from 1995 and 1996

7:00PM—*Dinner at Arbor House Restaurant, Talent OR (Optional)*

Friday, May 15, Pioneer Hall

- 9:00 **Cheryl Berry**, Oregon State University, Dept. of Public Health
Asthma Prevalence in School Children in Lane County, Oregon
- 9:30 **Julie Von Behren and Martha Harnly**, California Department of Health Services
Childhood Asthma at the California/Mexico Border: Trends in Hospitalizations and Air Quality
- 10:00 *Break*
- 10:15 **Harriet Amman**, Washington Department of Health
H₂S: Does Familiarity Breed Contempt?
- 10:45 **Steven Macdonald**, Washington Department of Health
Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations: A Preliminary Analysis of the Occurrence of Sentinel Health Events
- 11:15 **Chi Kao**, University of California at San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging
Geographic Variation in Mortality from Cardiovascular Disease in California Cities
- 11:45 to 1:15 *Lunch (on your own)*

Geographic Analysis as a Tool

- 1:15 **Richard Hoskins**, Washington Department of Health
Using GIS to Prioritize Efforts in Tobacco Control for Communities in Washington State
- 1:45 **Eric Elkin**, California Department of Health Services
Pilot Study of Using GIS to Assess Pesticide Exposures in a Case-Control Study of Childhood Cancer
- 2:15 **Richard Hoskins**, Washington Department of Health
Assessment of Environmental Equity in the Urban Counties of Washington Using a Geographic Information System
- 2:45 *Break*
- 3:00 **Stephen Whittaker**, Washington State Department of Labor & Industries
Characterizing the Chemical, Microbial, and Toxicological Properties of Metalworking Fluids
- 3:30 **Kammy Johnson**, Washington Department of Health
A Cluster of Tuberculosis Cases among Medical Waste Workers

Saturday, May 16, Pioneer Hall

- 9:00 **Jason Van Court**, California Department of Health Services
Residential Firearm Homicides in California
- 9:30 **Laura Lund**, California Department of Health Services
Intimate Partner Homicides in California, 1990-1995
- 10:00 *Break*
- 10:15 **Jennifer Harper**, California Department of Health Services
Personal Flotation Device Use among Recreational Users of an Urban River
- 10:45 **Peter Roeper**, Prevention Research Center
The Changing Epidemiological Patterns of Youth Drinking and Driving
- 11:15 **Conference Wrap-up and Planning for next year**