

## WREN 2000 AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th

6:30 to 8:30 pm Evening welcoming reception hosted by the Washington State of Dept. of Health at the Stratford Inn, 555 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland

### THURSDAY, MAY 18th

8:30 am Welcoming Remarks

9:00-9:30 An assessment of commercial laboratories performing hair mineral analyses - *Sharon Seidel, CA Dept. of Health Services*

9:30-10:00 Development and uses for a reference manual of health-based exposure levels for indoor air contaminants - *Rachel Broadwin, CA Dept. of Health Services*

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 Scientists funded by perchlorate Industry reveal null findings again - *Martin Hill, CA Dept. of Health Services*

11:00-11:30 Fish consumption survey of the Suquamish Indian tribe of the Port Madison Indian Reservation - *Denise Laflamme, WA Dept. of Health*

11:30-12:00 San Francisco Bay seafood consumption study - *Alyce Ujihara, CA Dept. of Health Services*

12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:00 Washington state population life tables: Eliminating certain causes of death, 1989-1999 - *Alex Klementiev, Tacoma-Pierce County (WA) Health Department*

2:00-2:30 Identifying the most hazardous chemicals in Washington workplaces - *Steve Whittaker, WA Dept. of Labor & Industries*

### THURSDAY, MAY 18th (Continued)

2:30-3:00 Use of methyl methacrylate in nail care salons in Oregon - *Michael Heumann, OR Health Division*

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-4:00 Health effects of n-Hexane exposure among auto mechanics - *Jim Cone, CA Dept. of Health Services*

4:00-4:30 An association between workers' symptoms and the use of theatrical fog/smoke at an opera company - *Emily Wersinger, CA Dept. of Health Services*

7:00 pm A WREN tradition! Group dinner at the Arbor House, in neighboring Talent, OR

### FRIDAY, MAY 19th

8:30-9:00 The changing sex ratio in California births, 1960-1996 - *Dan Smith, CA Dept. of Health Services*

9:00-9:30 Genetic kidney cancer susceptibility *Jan Semenza, Portland State University*

9:30-10:00 Informing California policies on the power grid and in schools through decision analysis - *Raymond Neutra, CA Dept. of Health Services*

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 The state of firearm injury surveillance in California - *Jason Van Court, CA Dept. of Health Services*

11:00-11:30 Firearm-related mortality and handgun purchases in California, 1980-1998 - *Kirsten Knutson, CA Dept. of Health Services*

### FRIDAY, MAY 19th (Continued)

11:30-12:00 Spatial analysis of firearm homicide and socioeconomic indicators in Los Angeles County - *Svetlana Smorodinsky, CA Dept. of Health Services*

12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:00 Can Oregon's new graduated driver's licensing law save children's lives? - *June Bancroft, OR Health Division*

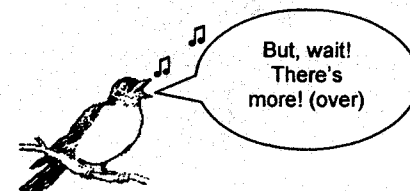
2:00-2:30 Beating the "Scourge of the Woods." How a public health agency, a heli-logging firm and a skin protective products manufacturer teamed up to prevent poison oak in loggers - *Marilyn Scott, OR Health Division*

2:30-3:00 Partnerships for prevention: Creating win-win relationships with private workers' compensation insurance companies - *Michael Heumann, OR Health Division*

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-4:00 Lead Exposures During Bridge Rehabilitation Work: Teasing Out the Work Factor/Lead Intake Relationship *Kathleen Vork, CA Dept. of Health Services*

4:00-4:45 Multi-agency collaboration during an interstate bridge painting project: challenges to preventing lead overexposure - *Sharon Drozdowsky, WA Dept. of Labor & Industries; Marilyn Scott, OR Health Division*



## SATURDAY, MAY 20th

- 8:30-9:00** Fingersticks and spit: A statewide childhood health and lead poisoning survey- *Eric Ossiander, WA Dept. of Health*
- 9:00-9:30** Active asthma among adult Oregonians: Prevalence in the general and Medicaid populations, 1999 – *Lynn Marshall, OR Health Division*
- 9:30-10:00** Break
- 10:00-10:30** Survey of asthma surveillance data users – Washington State, 1999 – *Steve Macdonald, WA Dept. of Health*
- 10:30-11:00** Where is the PC? An evaluation of pesticide poisoning reporting source – *Catherine Thomsen, OR Health Division*
- 11:00-11:30** Oregon HSEES: Happily honing hazard observations – *Theodora Tsongas, OR Health Division*
- 11:30- 12:00** Conference Wrap-up and planning for WREN 2001

### CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is not mandatory or binding. However, for planning purposes, if you plan to attend this year's WREN conference, it would be helpful if you could mail or FAX the enclosed form to:

Patti Waller, WA Dept. of Health  
1610 NE 150<sup>th</sup> St.  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
FAX: 206-361-2930

### CONFERENCE COSTS

Conference costs are divided among WREN participants and payable at the conference. The cost per person is usually \$15 to \$20.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Regrettably, no continuing education credits will be available this year.

### CONFERENCE FACILITY

The conference will be held at:

Ashland Community Center  
59 Winburn Way  
(across from Lithia Park)  
Ph.: 541-488-0231

Anyone needing special accommodations should call (206) 361-2914 before April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### LODGING

A block of rooms has been reserved for WREN participants at the Stratford Inn in Ashland (1-800-547-4741). **Please note:** As of March 31, 2000 all rooms reserved for WREN attendees at the Stratford Inn were booked!!! Fortunately, there are many other lodging options in Ashland. Please contact the Ashland Chamber of Commerce (541-482-3486) for a brochure of other accommodations and area activities, including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, or go on-line at

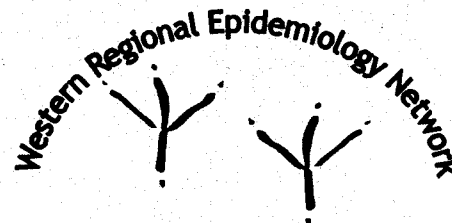
<http://www.ashlandchamber.com>

### WELCOMING RECEPTION

Greet old friends and meet new ones! Please join us at the Stratford Inn for a welcoming reception hosted by the Washington State Department of Health.

Date: Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm  
Where: Stratford Inn  
555 Siskiyou Boulevard  
Ashland, Oregon

(There will be signs in the lobby directing you to the reception area.)



# WREN 2000



## Western Regional Epidemiology Network

*WREN is an informal gathering of state and local health department staff on the "front lines" of environmental, occupational, chronic disease and injury epidemiology. Now in its 18th year, the annual conference serves as a forum for sharing our experiences and findings, and discussing our on-going work.*

**May 18-20, 2000  
Ashland, Oregon**

Hosted this year by the  
Washington State Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology

