

projects have been placed in the spotlight. Concurrently, the range of textiles accorded conservation attention has expanded to include functional artifacts, such as furnishing fabrics and relics or memorabilia such as flags. Historically, flags were used until they were worn out, but several successful flag preservation projects have recently been completed, with the result that flags are now viewed as symbols worthy of public preservation and presentation. —Deborah Trupin, Textile Conservator, New York State Bureau of Historic Sites, Peebles Island, N.Y.; Suzanne Thomassen-Krauss, Textile Conservator, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Jane Merritt, Textile Conservator, Division of Conservation, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, W.V.

Health and Safety News

Internet Health and Safety Resources

Ease of access to the Internet has created an ever-expanding number of sites for health and safety information. Up-to-date regulatory information and research trends can at times be more readily retrieved on an agency's web site than from the printed media. The committee has recently explored some sites that seem particularly useful. Full descriptions of these and many other resources will be included in the soon-to-be-issued Health and Safety Committee's Technical Resource Guide. We would appreciate tips on any other web sites that you have found helpful. NOTE: We will try to include this on the AIC web site, but for those of you reading this in print, please save!

General Interest

- Occ-Env-Med resources at Duke University Medical Center <http://occ-env-med.mc.duke.edu/oem/index2.htm>

- Arts, Crafts, and Theater Safety (ACTS) <http://www.caseweb.com/acts/> e-mail: ACTS@CaseWeb.com
- Center for Safety in the Arts <http://artswire.org:70/1/csa> e-mail: csa@artswire.org
- "Elements" Health & Safety Page, published through the University of Delaware <http://www.b72.com>
- University of Delaware health and safety plans <http://www.udel.edu/OHS/>
- Conservation OnLine (CoOL) Health and Safety section <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/health/>
- Christie Communications' Safety Related Internet Resources <http://www.mrg.ab.ca/christie/safelist.htm>
- New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Hazardous Substances Fact Sheets <http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/rtkweb/rtkhsfs.htm>
- Lab Safety Supply Co.'s "EZfacts" can be ordered by fax or online <http://www.labsafety.com/techhelpctr/thcezfacts/ezfintro.htm>

Many for-fee publishers of health and safety information on CD-ROM or online are not listed here to avoid the appearance of endorsement. However, one service worth mentioning, is accessible through university or medical school libraries, and soon may expand its public domain databases:

MEDLARS, TOXNET, and Grateful Med Databases, managed through the National Library of Medicine at (888) 346-3656.

Professional Organizations

- American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists <http://www.ACGIH.org>
- American National Standards Institute <http://www.ansi.org>
- Association of Occupational

and Environmental Clinics <http://152.3.65.120/oem/aoec.htm>

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) <http://www.nfpa.org>
- National Safety Council <http://www.nsc.org>
- Radiation Safety and Health Physics Homepage <http://www.sph.umich.edu/group/eih/UMSCHPS/index.html>
- Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) <http://www.SEInet.org>

Government Agencies

- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) <http://www.iarc.fr>
- U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) <http://www.osha.gov>

(Consult web site for locations of individual area offices and consultation offices; standards and standards interpretation; and "OCIS", a detailed database on chemical hazard information)

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <http://www.epa.gov>

(Consult web site for more hotlines on specific environmental topics)

Other Useful Sites

- IRIS, the EPA's database on environmental toxicity of various chemicals <http://epa.gov/ngispgm3/iris1>
- National Pesticide Telecommunications Network <http://ace.orst.edu/info/ntp>
- U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) Code of Federal Regulations (Daily Federal Registers) <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Important DHHS agencies include:

1. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
<http://atsdr1.atsdr.cdc.gov>: 8080
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov>
 - a. National Center for Environmental Health (access through CDC)
 - b. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>
3. National Institutes of Health
<http://www.nih.gov>
 - a. National Cancer Institute
<http://www.nci.nih.gov>
 - b. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
<http://ehis.niehs.nih.gov>
 - c. National Toxicology Program (see above site)
4. National Library of Medicine
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

DHHS programs can be accessed through their individually listed web sites, or through the DHHS Home Page (<http://www.hhs.gov>), click on "About HHS", then "HHS Agencies on Internet". —Kathryn A. Makos, CIH,MPH, AIC Health & Safety Committee Industrial Hygienist, Smithsonian Institution; makoska@ic.si.edu

NOTICE TO ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES:

To qualify for a respirator fit-test at the conference, you must provide a physician's statement attesting to your ability to wear a negative-pressure respirator. Questions? Call Hilary Kaplan, Health & Safety Committee Chair, [REDACTED]

FUNDING DEADLINES

AUGUST 1

Fulbright Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars

AUGUST 3

National Endowment for the Arts, Heritage and Preservation. For projects starting no earlier than April 1, 1999

SEPTEMBER 14

National Endowment for the Arts, Education and Access. For projects starting no earlier than April 1, 1999

OCTOBER 1

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends. Tenure must cover two full and uninterrupted months between May 1 and September 30, 1999

NO DEADLINES

GETTY GRANT PROGRAM: Conservation Training Grants (Training of Mid-career Professional Conservators and Training Programs); Conservation Survey Grants; Conservation Treatment Grant

KEEPERS PRESERVATION EDUCATION FUND: Students enrolled full- or part-time in institutions of higher learning are eligible. Examples of previously funded preservation activities are: attendance at meetings, special book purchases, domestic and foreign study travel, publications, and tuition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDING:

American Academy in Rome, (212) 751-7200; fax: (212) 751-220
American Association of Museums (AAM), Museum Assessment Programs (MAP), (202) 289-9118.
Council for International Exchange of Scholars, (202) 686-7877
Getty Grant Program (GGP), (310) 440-7320; (310) 440-7703
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), (202) 606-8536
Keepers Preservation Education Fund, (703) 548-5477
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), (202) 682-5442
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Public Programs, (202) 606-8267; Division of Preservation and Access, (202) 606-8570, fax: (202) 606-8639
National Historical Society, (703) 779-8338; fax: (703) 779-8342
Heritage Preservation (formerly NIC), (202) 625-1495
Smithsonian Institution, Museum Studies Program (202) 357-3101; fax: (202) 357-3346
William Morris Society, (202) 745-1927; biblio@aol.com
Wolfsonian, (305) 535-2626; fax: (305) 531-2133
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, (202) 357-2871; wcfellow@siwm.si.edu