Dear Alumni,

In this issue of the alumni newsletter we would like to recognize and congratulate the 13 students in our May 2009 graduating class. Welcome to the alumni ranks!

Our program continues to grow and attract more students, as you can see from the brief overview in the sidebar. Many of these new students learned about the program from current students and alumni of the program. Thank you for promoting the program through your words and actions.

As a result of these newsletters and alumni events of the past year, we have heard back from many of you. The Work Environment faculty, alumni and staff (many of whom are graduates of the program, too) really enjoy your updates and photos. Please continue to send your news through our department administrator Ms. Sokny Long (Sokny.Long@uml.edu).

Best wishes,
Margaret Quinn
Chair, Alumni Outreach

Kudos to our May graduates!

DOCTORAL GRADUATES (left to right)
Mabeth Burgos-Hernandez (Cleaner Production Pollution Prevention)
Jon Boyer (Occupational Ergonomics & Safety)
Greg Morose (Cleaner Production Pollution Prevention); back row
Helen Wellman-Marucci (Occupational Epidemiology); front row
Cheryl West (Work Environment Policy)
Not shown:
Chunfu Liu (Occupational Epidemiology)
Foley (Ergo/Safety) recently received the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) scholarship. It is truly great news for both our students and our department. The scholarship is provided by the ASSE Greater Boston Chapter to students who demonstrate academic excellence in the field of occupational safety & health. Every year there are two recipients, and this year both are from our department. Congratulations!

Professor Laura Punnett recognized in Denmark

Laura Punnett was the honored guest of the National Research Centre for the Working Environment (Copenhagen, Denmark) in January 2009. Of great interest to the Centre were Laura's findings on the connection between people's experiences of stress at their workplace and health issues like smoking, unhealthy diet and lack of exercise.

Laura visited as a member of the international advisory board for the research project "The FINALE project - Frame for interventions for preserved work ability, long term effect." The FINALE project addresses similar issues to those being explored here in Lowell but using different methods. Laura notes "It is interesting for me to compare the different approaches close up. At the same time I get a chance to learn more about health promotion."

Be in touch!

Please tell us your accomplishments, marriage, births, retirement, etc.

Also be sure to send updated contact information to Ms. Sokny Long (sokny_long@uml.edu) and include: Name, Email address, Mailing address, Phone number, Current employer, Current title

Your private contact information will never be published.

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MASTERS GRADUATES (left to right)
Homero Harari (Occupational & Environmental Hygiene)
Rebecca Nadeau (Occupational & Environmental Hygiene)
Lara Blais (Work Environment Policy)
Jim Giordani (Occupational & Environmental Hygiene)
Mary Streeo (Occupational Ergonomics & Safety)
Not shown:
John Martin (Occupational & Environmental Hygiene)
Scott Smith (Occupational & Environmental Hygiene)

Alumni News:

Philip Platcow, MSc 1997, IH

Phil, a graduate of the Industrial Hygiene concentration, was recently honored by receiving the Temple Emeth Brotherhood Man of the Year. Many of you may know Phil as a former classmate, adjunct faculty member, or active member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (past chair and member of national committees). In his work for Stantec Consulting Corporation, Phil addresses both employee health and environmental stewardship.

Congratulations to Phil on this honor!

Jung-Keun Park, ScD 2006, Ergo

Jung-Keun writes from Korea, where he is part of the Occupatinal Safety and Health Research Institute, Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency. One of Jung-Keum's current positions is the national secretary for ISO/TC159 (Ergonomics) within Korea. As head of Korean delegation, he will attend the ISO/TC159 meetings in Beijing next month and will also present a paper there at the International Ergonomics Association meeting.

Best wishes to Jung-Keun!

Congratulations to the recipients of the Department's recognition:

Publication of the Month


