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Webinar on Respiratory Protection for Workers without Respiratory Protection Programs

Speaker and Moderator Biographies

Speakers

Pamela Falk, M.P.H., C.I.C., FSHEA, FAPIC, has worked in the infection control field for more than 40 years, and is currently the President of Pamela S Falk Consulting. She is a fellow of APIC and SHEA. She has experience in university and community acute care and ambulatory healthcare settings. She holds a Master of Public Health in Infectious Diseases Epidemiology from the University of Michigan, and is certified in Infection Control. She has authored many papers, and presented nationally at APIC, SHEA, and the AMA. Pam was the APIC representative during the creation of the CDC/Johns Hopkins instructional video for donning and doffing for Ebola, edited the voice over copy, and is seen in sections of the video. She edits sections of the TJC /OSHA Course Review and Updates for Elsevier publishing. Pam is an APIC Consultant. Pam is the Education Chair of the Atlanta APIC chapter. She is the creator of The Don and Doff Fashion Show at the 2015 and 2016 National APIC Live show and created Battles of the IP (Jeopardy) game at the 2017 and 2018 National APIC Live show. She also created the section of the APIC skills lab "Outpatient Infection Prevention". Pam is a member of the APIC National Education Committee. Most recently Pam has been working with long term care facilities and ambulatory care sites on issues related to COVID-19. Her focus has been on hand hygiene, proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE), including extended use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfection of the environment. Pam lends her experience of COVID-19 to the national APIC COVIC-19 task force.

Daniel Glucksman is the Public Affairs Director at the International Safety Equipment Association. He is known as a strategic and goal-oriented association professional, who has taken ISEA's government relations programs to new levels. He provides ISEA member companies with actionable insights on federal policies allowing these employers to grow revenue and minimize risk. He has led several Congressional and regulatory visits for manufacturing executives to achieve strategic objectives. His event management and planning skills have led to successful annual meetings and executive summits. In addition, His team-oriented approach has led to successful events. He has expanded stakeholder engagement through coalition participation and direct outreach. These activities have led to strategic alliances that move the association forward.

Alexis Guild, M.P.P., has been with Farmworker Justice since 2011. In her role as Director of Health Policy and Programs, she coordinates FJ's health promotion projects and health policy advocacy. She works with advocacy organizations, community/migrant health centers, farmworker community-based organizations, and legal services organizations to ensure health care access for farmworkers and their families across the United States. Alexis co-authored "Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Implementation and Impact of the Affordable Care Act in U.S. Farmworker Communities" published in the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (2016); and "The Neighbors who Feed Us: Farmworkers and Government Policy – Challenges and Solutions" published in the Harvard Law and Policy Review (2018). Alexis has extensive experience in public health and community organizing. She worked on political

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campaigns and grassroots organizations. She also served as a Health Education Volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Guatemala. She graduated from Wellesley College and has a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan. Alexis lives in Oakland, California.

John Howard, M.D., M.P.H., J.D., L.L.M., M.B.A., serves as the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Administrator of the World Trade Center Health Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. He first served as Director of NIOSH from 2002 through 2008, and again from 2009 to 2015. He was re-appointed to a third six-year term in 2015 and a fourth six-year term in 2021. Prior to his appointment as Director of NIOSH, Dr. Howard served as Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the California Department of Industrial Relations, Labor and Workforce Development Agency, from 1991 through 2002. Dr. Howard received his Doctor of Medicine from Loyola University of Chicago, his Master of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, his Doctor of Law from the University of California at Los Angeles, and his Master of Law in Administrative Law and his Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Howard is board-certified in internal medicine and occupational medicine. He is admitted to the practice of medicine and law in the State of California and in the District of Columbia, and he is a member U.S. Supreme Court bar. He has written numerous articles on occupational health law and policy and serves as a professorial lecturer in environmental and occupational health in the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Levinson, M.P.H., is Deputy Director for OSHA's Directorate of Standards and Guidance. Prior to that he was the Director of OSHA's Office of Biological Hazards. Mr. Levinson works on safety and health management systems, emergency response and preparedness, infectious disease, and protective clothing and equipment issues. Prior to joining the agency, he worked on emergency responder health and safety matters at the International Association of Fire Fighters and on safety and environmental compliance at Anheuser-Busch's brewery in Cartersville, Georgia. Mr. Levinson received his master's degree in public health from the Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and is a graduate of the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.

Kenneth Martinez, C.I.H., M.S., is an expert in bioaerosols and emergency management/response has numerous leadership roles both within and outside the government sector, nationally and internationally. Between 2003 and 2007, he served as the CDC lead on environmental issues for the federal BioWatch Program, ultimately serving as the Chair for the Environmental Sampling Work Group from 2005-2007. As a CDC expert, he provided testimony before a congressional sub-committee on Capitol Hill. He also worked with international partners as a member of the Global Health Security Advisory Group, an international collaboration of the ministries of health of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. Since 2001, he served in numerous field leadership roles, including: the WTC collapse, anthrax, SARS, multi-drug resistant TB, Gulf Coast hurricane emergency responses, the H1N1 pandemic, and the Gulf oil spill. These activities led, in 2004, to a move to the NIOSH Emergency Preparedness and Response Office where he served as the acting Associate Director during 2006. His duties included preparing for, coordinating NIOSH involvement, and

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participating in CDC emergency responses. From 2007-2010, he was the Deputy Director for the NIOSH Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations, and Field Studies (DSHEFS). From 2010-2018, he served as a contractor management consultant to DHS and FDA. He currently serves as the Chief Science Officer for a non-profit organization, the Integrated Bioscience and the Built Environment Consortium (IBEC).

L. Kaili McCray, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.H.E., is a Program Lead within the Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire providing leadership and coordination on all aspects of wildland firefighter medical standards, safety, and health. Kaili is also active in the interagency wildland fire community serving as Chair of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, Emergency Medical Committee which is focused on providing national leadership in incident emergency medical services for wildland fire personnel. During the COVID-19 Pandemic Kaili was instrumental in helping to establish The Wildland Fire COVID-19 Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT). The MPHAT advises the Federal Fire Management Board on all aspects of COVID-19 prevention and mitigation. Kaili Chairs the MPHAT which is made up of interagency Medical Officers, CDC/NIOSH, researchers, and other pertinent subject matter experts. The MPHAT remains essential in coordinating, adapting, and providing consistent interagency guidance and policy on COVID-19 to protect firefighter safety and health. Kaili came to the field of wildland fire in 2010 after 10 years as a state public health Program Manager and Public Health Advisor with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Jim Remington is a project analyst for the Worker Education and Training Branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Elizabeth Royal is the Assistant Director for Healthcare Workforce Strategy at Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Prior to her current position, she was a Manager of Vaccine Outreach and Education at SEIU and a Political Coordinator at the organization for 18 years. Ms. Royal received her Master's degree in sociology from Vanderbilt University in 2003.

Micki Siegel de Hernández, M.P.H., is the National Deputy Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the Communications Workers of America (CWA) since July 2019. Prior to her current position she was the health and safety director for CWA's District 1 in the northeast region beginning in 1999 and has worked in the field of occupational safety and health for over 30 years. CWA represents an extremely diverse group of workers in both the public and private sectors, including telecommunications and information technology, manufacturing, health care, broadcast and cable television, news media, education, airlines, state and local government, law enforcement, and other fields. Micki works with CWA's diverse membership in sectors and districts across the country providing health and safety related technical assistance, program and strategic planning, and training to improve workplace conditions and prevent member injuries and deaths. During her tenure at CWA, Micki has led the CWA's health and safety response to several major disasters including the 9/11 attacks and its aftermath, Superstorm Sandy, the prior SARS and H1N1 pandemics, and now the COVID-19 pandemic. Micki has been involved in 9/11-related health and advocacy since 9/11 to the present. She has been serving as the Chair of the Federal WTC Health Program (WTCHP) Responder Steering Committee (RSC) since

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February 2018 after serving as a labor representative on the RSC since its inception and has served on the WTC Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) established under the Zadroga Act.

Nicolas Smit is the Executive Director of the American Mask Manufacturer's Association. He has spent the pandemic helping people understand the importance of using better masks, has helped get better masks donated to people in need around the world, and has helped politicians around the world understand the importance of better masks including getting the government of Ontario and Canada to recommend elastomeric respirators as N95 alternatives. Mr. Smit is now working with politicians, government agencies, corporations and other non profits in the U.S. to help solve key pandemic issues including trying to get free masks for everyone. He has been a major advocate for a layered approach to safety. In his spare time, Mr. Smit helps the World Health Network, MaskTogetherAmerica, Clean Air Crew and many other groups around pandemic issues and he is also the Vice Chair for the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance.

Moderators and Facilitator

Jonathan Samet, M.D., M.S., (Committee Chair), a pulmonary physician and epidemiologist, is Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. Previously, he was the Distinguished Professor and Flora L. Thornton Chair for the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. His research has focused on the health risks of inhaled pollutants in outdoor air and also indoor pollutants including secondhand smoke and radon. He has also investigated the occurrence and causes of cancer and respiratory diseases, emphasizing the risks of active and passive smoking. He has served on and chaired numerous committees of the National Research Council and National Academy of Medicine, including chairing the Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology. For several decades, he has been involved in global health, focusing on tobacco control, air pollution, and chronic disease prevention. He has been chair of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee of the EPA and the FDA's Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee. Dr. Samet has served as Editor and Author for Reports of the Surgeon General on Smoking and Health since 1984, receiving the Surgeon General's Medallion in 1990 and 2006 for these contributions. Dr. Samet received the 2004 Prince Mahidol Award for Global Health awarded by the King of Thailand, the Edward Livingston Trudeau Medal from the American Thoracic Society/American Lung Association, the Luther Terry Award for Distinguished Career from the American Cancer Society, and the Fries Prize for Health. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 1997 and received the David Rall Medal in 2015.

Bruce Lippy, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, FAIHA is the former Director of Nanomaterials Research at CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training and president of The Lippy Group, LLC. Dr. Lippy started his career in industrial hygiene working with Maryland Occupational Safety and Health in 1978. He has a Ph.D. in policy from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and Certified Safety Professional and was recently designated a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. As an Associate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, he teaches a graduate course on occupational injury prevention. He is a member of the National Response

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Team and has supported the protection of responders during 9-11, the anthrax attacks, Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill. He has recently performed safety culture audits for large construction projects, including the first nuclear power unit to be built in the U.S. in decades. He served on a National Academies of Science committee on the use of elastomeric respirators in health care and continues to advise management of the Department of Energy's chemical waste storage facilities in Hanford, Washington about proper respiratory protection for the workers at the facilities.

Daniel K. Shipp was president of the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), the association for manufacturers and distributors of personal protective equipment and clothing, from 1993 until his retirement in 2017. As the chief staff officer of ISEA, Shipp represented US safety equipment manufacturers before Congress and US regulatory agencies, as well as global industry and government forums. He has served as a member of the National Academies Committee on Personal Protective Equipment (COPPE), the Board of the Americas Section of the International Society for Respiratory Protection, and the Board of Directors of the National Safety Council, as well as the NIOSH NPPTL PPE Conformity Assessment Working Group. He was a member of the planning committee for the National Academies August 2020 workshop on current issues in assessment of respiratory protective devices.

Rosemary K. Sokas, M.D., M.O.H., M.Sc. is Professor of Human Science and Professor of Family Medicine at Georgetown University. She is an internist who provided primary care in safety net health centers in Las Marias, Puerto Rico and Bronx, New York, and subsequently specialized in occupational health and public health, serving as the Director of the Office of Occupational Medicine at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and as Associate Director for Science at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)/CDC. She has held academic positions at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Studies, and the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. Her research and career focus on occupational and environmental health for high risk, low-wage vulnerable populations. Her publications address the role primary care providers play in addressing the prevention needs of under-served working populations, and etiologic and intervention studies targeting hazards faced by construction workers, healthcare workers, immigrant day labor and home care workers, including the impact of contingent work and the need for supply chain and other policy interventions.

Amy Schlotthauer, M.P.H., is a consultant at LAR Consulting who uses her skills in evaluation, meeting facilitation, qualitative interviewing, and systems thinking to creatively solve problems that cross-sector collaborations often face. She enjoys figuring out how people who are different can work together towards improving health outcomes. She has a Master's degree in Public Health from Emory University and is certified in ToP Facilitation Methods.