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Environmental Health Association

Nebraska Environmental Health Association Fall Educational Conference

October 21, 2015, SAC Museum, Ashland, NE

AGENDA

7:45 – 8:30	Registration and Coffee	Atrium
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Theater
8:35 – 9:35	DHHS Childcare Program Update Diane Kvasnicka, DHHS Childcare Licensing	Theater
9:35 – 10:35	Aquatic Toxicology Research Update Dr. Alan Kolok, University of Nebraska Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory	Theater
10:35 – 11:05	Break and Student Poster Session	Atrium
11:05-12:05	Acidified Food Processing Dr. Jayne Stratton, UNL, Food Processing Center	Theater
12:05-1:15	Lunch, NEHA Business Meeting	
1:15-2:15	The Problem with Neonicotinoids Dana Kolpin, USGS	Theater
2:15-3:15	Avian Influenza in Nebraska Tom Jensen, Nebraska Department of Agriculture	Theater
3:15-3:30	Break	Atrium
3:30-4:30	Ebola Bio-containment and Response Katelyn Jelden & Johnathan Nguyen, NE Biocontainment Unit	Theater
4:30-4:45	Closing Comments and Raffle	

REGISTRATION FORM

2015 NEHA Fall Conference Registration

Cost: \$50/attendee prior to October 10th

October 21, Strategic Air and Space Museum, Ashland, NE

NAME: _____ AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Dietary requirements: _____ Meatless Lunch Required? YES _____ NO _____

REGISTRATION FEE is \$50.00 prior to October 10, and \$60.00 if postmarked after October 10th

Please make check payable to **NEHA** and mail to:

Nate Hartman – Treasurer, NEHA, LLCHD, 3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68510

Diane Kvasnicka, Program Manager, DHHS Children's Services Licensing

Diane began working in child care licensing conducting licensing and complaint inspections. She then became a Program Specialist where her focus was the development of licensing regulations and policies. In 2008, Diane left DHHS for the Department of Education Office of Early Childhood where she monitored for rule compliance, grants, and provided resources and technical assistance to approximately 70 districts. In June 2015, she returned to DHHS as the Program Manager for Children's Services Licensing. Diane has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's of Science degree in Family & Consumer Science with an emphasis on child development/early childhood education.

**Alan Kolok, Director, Nebraska Watershed Network, Biology, College of Arts and Sciences, UNO
Interim Director, Center for Environmental Health, and Toxicology, College of Public Health, UNMC**

Alan Kolok's research, education and community engagement activities focus on the fate, transport and biological activity of biologically active compounds in surface waters. His research efforts have focused on using fish as environmental sentinel organisms. He has been actively involved in research in Nebraska and Latin American, including Colombia and Chile. Kolok manages the Elkhorn and Missouri River Research Stations, facilities used to evaluate surface water quality. He received a doctorate degree in Environmental Biology from the University of Colorado, an MS degree in Fisheries and Oceanic Science from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in Zoology from Miami University.

Dr. Jayne Stratton, Research Assoc Professor & Supervisor of UNL Food Processing Center's Laboratory Services

Dr. Stratton has a Ph.D. in Food Science & Technology from UNL. She oversees the UNL Food Processing Center's Laboratory which offers pathogen testing, microbial quality testing, shelf life studies, and contract research. Research interests include rapid detection methods for pathogens, and pathogen reduction strategies. She offers process review for manufacturers of acidified foods and is the Director of UNL's Better Process Control School. She is a member of the International Association for Food Protection, American Society for Microbiology, and AOAC International.

Dana Kolpin, Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey

Mr. Kolpin has been the project chief of the USGS Toxic Program's Emerging Contaminants Project since its inception in 1998. His research interests include the fate and transport of pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other emerging contaminants in the environment. He has published over 100 papers and reports on environmental contaminants. He received his B.S. from Iowa State University and his M.S. from the University of Iowa, both in geology.

Tom Jensen, Chief Administrator, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Tom's responsibilities include administration of the regulatory focus areas, including Animal and Plant Health Protection, and Food Safety and Consumer Protection. He also manages Shared Services, which includes Finance and Personnel, Legal, Data Center, and the department's Laboratory. Tom served as the Emergency Coordinator, with responsibilities in Homeland Security and emergency management. Tom was previously the director of the NDA Laboratory. Prior to this, he was a chemist in the FFAL Laboratory. Tom received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He has a Masters of Public Administration from UNO.

Jonathan Nguyen, General Manager for Environmental Services for Sodexo at Nebraska Medicine.

Jonathan has published peer-reviewed articles by the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit, particularly detailing the unit's perspective on disposal of Ebola Medical Waste. He assists with coordinating disposal of Ebola medical waste for the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit and environmental infection control within the unit. Jonathan received a B.S. in Health Administration and Policy at Creighton University. He maintains the certification of Certified Health Environmental Services Professional (CHESP) through the American Hospital Association.

Katelyn Jelden

Katelyn is a Graduate Research Assistant with the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit and Department of Environmental, Occupational & Agricultural Health in the College of Public Health at UNMC. She received her BS in Biological Sciences from the UNL and is pursuing her Masters of Public Health at UNMC, concentrating in Environmental, Occupational & Agricultural Health. Katelyn's involvement with the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit has focused on environmental infection control and decontamination as well as patient transport in Ebola care.