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RECERTIFICATION REMINDER...

All CHMMs who were **certified or last recertified in 2003** are due to submit their recertification documentation covering the years 2004-2008 to the Institute office **TODAY!**

Don't lose your credential. *Recertify on time!*

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IHMM EARNS ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 ACCREDITATION

CHMM® and CHMP™ Credentials Achieve Global Recognition

The credential holders, the Board of Directors and staff of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) are celebrating the recent accreditation of the CHMM and CHMP credentials by the American National Standards Institute

(ANSI) under ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024, the international standard for personnel certification programs. The prestigious ANSI accreditation is the culmination of a complex process initiated by the Board of Directors several years ago to strengthen the CHMM and CHMP credentials, especially at the international level.

Accreditation by ANSI ensures employers, regulators, and the public that those professionals holding IHMM credentials have demonstrated the knowledge and ability to implement best practices, processes, and procedures for the management of hazardous materials. Properly certified professionals provide assurance that the potential danger of hazardous materials--biological, chemical, or physical agents which could cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment, either by themselves or through interaction with other factors--is minimized through managing their proper and secure manufacturing, storage, handling, transportation, disposal, and clean-up.

"Earning ANSI accreditation demonstrates the Institute's ongoing commitment to setting globally accepted standards for professional competency and quality in the EHS&S industry," said Elizabeth Pfeiffer, IHMM Board of Directors Chair. "This accomplishment is the direct result of IHMM's elected leadership's commitment to enhancing the value of IHMM credentials and vision of achieving independent global validation of IHMM's certification programs. It is also a testament to IHMM's staff who implemented the enhancements to the certification programs that were necessary to ensure conformance to the rigorous ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 standard and to successfully complete the accreditation process."



IHMM staff (left to right)

Mary Reeves, Kim Smith, Sarah Fishman, Betty Fishman, James Gaidry, Toby Kahn, Lin Brown, and Sarah Daza

25th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

IHMM will be holding a celebration of the Institute's 25th Anniversary at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the Tower Club in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. Seating is very limited and will be filled on a **"first come, first served"** basis. Please contact Monique Jackson at the IHMM office at mjackson@ihmm.org or 301-984-8969, ext. 10, to R.S.V.P. if you are interested in participating in this celebration.

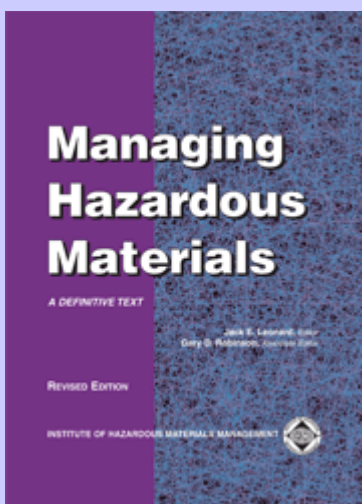
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Business Development Committee Formed

IHMM's Board of Directors has established a Business Development Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to develop, evaluate, and prioritize opportunities to expand the Institute's certification programs both within the United States as well as internationally. Please contact James Gaidry, IHMM Executive Director, at jgaidry@ihmm.org if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

2010 FEES ANNOUNCED

Over the past few years, the Institute has made many significant investments to expand the visibility, improve the recognition, and increase the value of your credential. Major projects recently completed by the Institute include the successful attainment of ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation, development of the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) credential, upgrading of our certificant management system, expansion of our marketing activities, and increasing the security and expanding the availability of our exams.

It has been over five years since the last increase in the Institute's fees. To ensure that your credential is properly valued when compared to other certification programs and to provide funding for additional investments that will further increase your credential's value--including expanding international recognition, development of other certifications, and efforts that gain additional visibility, recognition, and acknowledgement of your credential--the Institute has announced new fees which will be effective January 1, 2010, for the CHMM and CHMP credentials.

The annual certification maintenance fee, which is required annually to maintain your credential, will be increasing to \$95 per year. However, the Institute is offering current certificants an opportunity to prepay the annual fee which will be due next year at the current rate of \$70. Certificants will be receiving additional information in the mail on how you can take advantage

of this offer. Please contact the IHMM office at 301/984-8969 if you have any questions.

[Go here for a complete list of the Institute's fees.](#)

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