

**Western Regional Epidemiology Network (WREN)  
25th Annual Conference Announcement**



**Save the dates: May 17 through May 19, 2007 in Ashland, Oregon**

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**WREN** is made up of Western state and local health department staff on the "front lines" of environmental, occupational, and injury epidemiology, toxicology, exposure assessment, and emergency preparedness. The annual conference serves as a forum to share experiences, present our findings, and discuss our work. The presentations are less formal than at most scientific meetings and offer a greater opportunity to exchange ideas with your counterparts in other agencies.

**Call for Abstracts**

We invite presentations from health professionals working in federal, state, and local agencies in the Western United States and Canada in the fields of environmental, occupational, and injury epidemiology, toxicology, and exposure assessment. Please send a title and brief description (<300 words) of your proposed talk to [abstracts@WRENConference.org](mailto:abstracts@WRENConference.org). The deadline for submitting proposed talks is March 16, 2007. Talks will be scheduled for 15-20 minutes, followed by 10-15 minute discussion.

**Activities**

Wednesday evening, May 16 -- Welcoming reception hosted by the Environmental Health Investigations Branch of the California Department of Health Services, this year's organizers.

Thursday May 17, Friday May 18, and the morning of Saturday May 19 -- Conference Sessions held jointly Thursday evening May 17-- Dinner (no-host) at the Arbor House restaurant in nearby Talent, OR. Dinner reservations will be taken the morning of May 17.

**Conference location**

Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way, Ashland, OR 97520 (541-488-0231). The Community Center is centrally located in town, near the Plaza and across from Lithia Park.

**Accommodations**

Conference attendees will make their own hotel arrangements. A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the Plaza Inn and Suites at Ashland Creek (1-888-488-0358; [www.plazainnashland.com](http://www.plazainnashland.com)), 98 Central Ave, Ashland, OR 97520, at \$68 + tax per night. The rooms will be held only through April 15, 2007, and you must mention the WREN Conference. For information on other places to stay, contact the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at 541-482-3486, or [www.ashlandchamber.com](http://www.ashlandchamber.com).

**Fee**

A nominal fee will be charged (usually about \$35 per person depending on the attendance) to cover the cost of the conference room and refreshments. More details will follow as we assess the registration.

**Registration**

If you do not submit an abstract, but still plan to attend, please pre-register by sending an email to [register@WRENConference.org](mailto:register@WRENConference.org). You may register at the conference, but pre-registering helps us plan.

**Other**

Ashland is famous for its repertory theaters. You can get ticket information from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival box office at 541-482-4331, or online at [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org). Information on other activities in the area can be found at [www.osfashland.org/visit/](http://www.osfashland.org/visit/) and at [www.ashlandchamber.com](http://www.ashlandchamber.com).

In April, we will be sending further information and a schedule of the presentations.

For more information, including agendas and photos from previous WREN Conferences, please see our website at [www.WRENConference.org](http://www.WRENConference.org). For general questions, please email us at [information@wrenconference.org](mailto:information@wrenconference.org).

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