Meeting Information

The ISRP Americas Section will hold its Technical Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the **Crowne Plaza Inn and Suites South**, in Pittsburgh PA on September 13, 2017. An optional social event will be held at **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** following the meeting. BJ's is in walking distance of the hotel. The topic for the technical meeting is powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) research, standards development efforts, and interventions.

Presentations will include the following topics:

- **PAPRs: Influences that Shape Designs and Performance Requirements**
- **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Framework for Expanding Powered Air-Purifying Respirator Performance Approval Requirements to Better Meet the Needs of Users**
- **Comfort, Communication and Protection Perceptions in PAPR Users in Healthcare**
- **Performance of Powered Air-Purifying Respirators using Simulated Healthcare Worker Exercises**
- **PAPR Batteries and Chargers**
- **Hood Utilization and Device Cleanliness Assessment Among PAPR Users in Healthcare**
- **Comfort and Tolerability Evaluation of Powered Air-Purifying Respirators: Preliminary Findings from a Personal Protective Equipment Readiness Survey for Ebola Virus Disease and Other Contagious Pathogens**
- **Models of small particle capture in fibrous media can provide valuable insight into filter performance**
- **Will Powered Air-Purifying Respirators be Effective to Protect Workers against Engineered Nanoparticles?**
- **Study on the Performance of an Unconventional Half-Mask Breath-Response Powered Air-Purifying Respirator**
- **PAPRs: Proposed Mandatory Warning Alarm Requirement and Test Method**
- **PAPRs: Proposed Optional Communication Performance Requirement and Test Method**
- **Evaluating Respirator Use and Respiratory Protection Programs Among Workers in the Road and Transportation Building Industry**
- **Development of a Manikin-Based Performance Evaluation Method for Loose-Fitting Powered Air-Purifying Respirators**
- **Perceived Exertion Responses from Three Absolute Energy Expenditures While Wearing Tight- and Loose Fitting Powered Air-Purifying Respirators**
- **A Comparison of Two Portable Breathing Recording Devices in a Simulated Healthcare Environment**
- **Respiratory Flow Characteristics of Healthcare Workers: A Field Study**
- **Development of Computational Methods for Evaluating Loose-Fitting Powered Air-Purifying Respirators**
- **Effect of Stockpiling Conditions on Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Work of Breathing for Respiratory Protection Devices: Results for Powered Air-Purifying Respirators and Flow-Related Factors**
Registration

Registration is required for this meeting and includes technical sessions as well as lunch and one complimentary drink at the social event. The registration fee is $99 USD for members and $129 USD for non-members.

Registration deadline is September 6, 2017 and early registration is appreciated!

Venue & Sleeping Rooms

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites, 164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh PA 15241. A limited number of sleeping rooms are being offered on September 12th and 13th, 2017 for $109, including parking, and wireless internet in guest rooms, meeting rooms, and public spaces.

Reservations can be made using this link. Enter your “Check-In” and “Check-Out” dates then click on “Book”. This will take you directly to the reservation site that will has the ISRP special rate pre-loaded. If you prefer to call the hotel, the phone number is (412) 833-5300. The group code is INT. A limited number of rooms at the $109 rate will be available on the 14th as well for those attending the ANSI-accredited USTAG to ISO TC94/SC15 Meeting on September 14, 2017.

ANSI-accredited USTAG to ISO TC94/SC15

The USTAG will host its annual face-to-face meeting on September 14, 2017, also at the Crowne Plaza. Members of the USTAG are encouraged to contact Colleen Miller, hku6@cdc.gov, to RSVP for the meeting. USTAG members can also leave a message on the USTAG message board: https://ustagtoisotc94sc15.basecamphq.com/projects/8927750-ustag-meeting-agendas/posts

Questions

General and Registration Questions: npptleventspublic@cdc.gov
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Important Dates

ISRP Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017
USTAG Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017
Discount Hotel Room Cutoff Date: August 13, 2017
Registration Deadline: September 6, 2017