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Section 2 - Summary of 2014-15 Progress

The most important event occurring within the TPG during this time period was receiving the official notification from ABET that the MPH-IH program received accreditation.

One highlight of the year occurred when one of our trainees presented their Master's research report (An evaluation of the success of Ergonomic Interventions in UofA offices) at the AIHA Local Section's annual PDC day. The presentation was selected as the best student paper at the conference, and the student received a cash award for the best paper designation. This paper was then presented at the annual AIHCE where her paper won the Erwin Tichauer Award presented by the AIHA Ergonomics Committee. She is now working for a consulting firm.

Another interesting highlight is the activity of a couple of the trainees who have been working with high school students in the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Gila River Indian Community to raise their awareness about both OSH and EOH issues in general and more specifically the career opportunities that exist in these professional areas.

On the academic side, the program is adding a new course, "Industrial Hygiene Field Studies", in which the students will, over the semester, provide OSH assistance to two small businesses in the greater Tucson area. They will act as consultants (with faculty oversight) to these businesses assessing Industrial Hygiene Issues, and suggesting controls for situations where over exposures are identified. The first business is a foundry which specializes in non-ferrous castings.

The Program has continued its OSH research work with both the local firefighting services and the southwestern US mining communities.