



Words from the President

Dear ISIAQ Members,



The new year has arrived!! May 2019 be full of joy and fruitful in your professional and private lives.

January is usually a month for making fresh resolutions and decisions. However, the new ISIAQ Board of Directors made their promises in September and is working hard to follow the recommendations you expressed in the membership survey.

This year, two great events are taking place:

[ISIAQ-ISES joint conference in Kaunas, Lithuania in August](#)
and
[HB 2019-Asia and Pacific Rim in October](#)

The organization of these events is moving forward and we will send you regular updates.

In-person meetings and conferences are still our priority and we will soon open the calls to host conferences in 2021 and 2022. In the meantime, I hope that most of you have visited our new improved website. We continue to develop it with the aim of offering more member benefits, especially in the area of online education. On November 14, 2018, the STC 11 sponsored a webinar, "[Standards and Regulations Influencing Indoor Chemical Pollutants in Europe and North America](#)," which was attended by approximately 100 participants. Be on the lookout for an upcoming announcement about another STC11 webinar being planned for February 13. Our thanks go to Professor Ying XU for organizing these sessions.

Finally, we are planning to increase the visibility of ISIAQ and are becoming more active on Twitter. We added the Twitter feed on our [website](#), Click on the [Twitter icon](#) there to view ISIAQ tweets. Our plan for 2019 is to use the twitter option regularly and announce our activities. Active Twitter users can add #ISIAQ or @ISIAQ in your tweets if you think the message will be interesting for the members of our society. We can of course retweet it in that case.

All the best for incoming year,

Marzenna Dudzinska, ISIAQ President

ISES-ISIAQ 2019 Conference “The Built, Natural, and Social Environments: Impacts on Exposures, Health and Well-Being,” August 18 – 22, 2019, Kaunas, Lithuania



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The International Societies of Exposure Science (ISES) and Indoor Air Quality and Climate (ISIAQ) proudly announce their joint conference to be held next August in Kaunas, Lithuania. **The Abstract submission site opens on January 25, 2019.**

The topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to:

- Sources and emissions
- Concentrations, exposure, hazard, and risk assessment
- Exposure assessment methods, models, simulation
- Health, individuals, biomonitoring, and biological response
- Comfort, productivity, community health and wellbeing
- Advancing research/knowledge in an imperfect world: strategies, sampling, statistics
- Exposure control strategies, practices
- Perception, communication, policy

Kaunas, European Capital of Culture 2022, is the second largest city in Lithuania, balancing a contemporary European point of view and authentic Baltic values. It is also an important crossroads between the Baltic countries, Scandinavia, Central and Eastern Europe for both traveling by land and air.

The conference will take place in Zalgirio Arena, which is one of the biggest multifunctional arenas in the Baltic region, located on Nemunas island, in the center of Kaunas, within walking distance of most hotels.

Please click [here](#) for more information about Kaunas, Lithuania and how to get there.

Follow the conference on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Don't forget to check the [web site](#) for periodic updates and announcements.

Publications: Two New Reports from the Danish EPA

Since 2001, the Danish Environmental Agency has been publishing periodic reports on consumer products, their composition and their emission in the indoor environment. Two new reports were recently released. The first report dealt with **fragrances and other organic substances in squishy toys**. Twelve toys were analyzed. Screening analyses of content as well as emission showed several problematic substances, such as N,N-dimethylformamide and various fragrances and amines. The second report is about **chemical substances in products used for "do-it-yourself" projects** in the home. Nine products were considered for the risk

assessment, including 5 paint/lacquer products, 1 wax product, 1 wood product, 1 joint foam product and white spirit.

For more information, read the [Report on Squishy Toys](#) and the [Report on Construction/Handy-work at Home](#).

Post-doc Positions

Berkeley Lab, USA, is looking at two post-docs at LBNL to do research on high performance homes, retrofits, and metrics of IAQ and health impact. One position is with the residential group and the second other is with the Indoor Environment group and is more IAQ focused.

Moreover, postdoctoral scholar positions are open within [SinBerBEST project](#). SinBerBEST is a large joint research project between UC Berkeley, National University of Singapore, and Nanyang Technological University, aiming to improve energy efficiency, sustainability and indoor environmental quality in buildings in tropical climates. The successful candidates will join a team of researchers funded for 10 years (2012-2022) by Singapore's National Research Foundation.

For more information and to apply:

<https://lbl.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/postdoctoral-scholar-whole-building-systems-1374>

<https://lbl.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/postdoctoral-scholar-indoor-environment-group-1352>

<https://goo.gl/forms/Cz6DedCN7EC1etVJ3> for SinBerBEST (you need a Gmail account)

Announcement: European Workshop on Low-Level Exposure from Consumer Products, May 20-22, 2019, Brussels, Belgium

This workshop is organized by The Toxicology Forum and intends to progress towards a framework to assess the safety of chemicals exposure from consumer products. Both experimental-analytical and computational approaches, and how their respective exposure data are realistic and relevant for safety assessments, will be in scope.

The workshop is split into five themes:

- **Theme #1: Advances in Analytical Methods: How to Detect and Quantify Relevant Low-Level Chemical Exposure from All Routes?**
- **Theme #2: Experimental and/or Modeling Approaches?**
- **Theme #3: Global Databases for Exposure Information**
- **Theme #4: Guidance for Practitioners, Recommendations for Policy Work and Public Communication**
- **Theme #5: Towards a Risk Assessment Best Practice Framework**

For more information and to submit an abstract before February 15th, 2019, visit the website:

<https://dialogue.toxforum.org/exposure> or [contact Kevin Merritt](#) at The Toxicology Forum.