

You Never Know It All – March 2014

With over 90 years of combined professional experience in the abatement/restoration/indoor air quality investigation field you might expect the environmental field staff at Wonder Makers to be content to rest on their laurels. In fact, the opposite is true as everyone in the organization involved with field projects, laboratory analysis, and training are constantly upgrading their knowledge.

Earlier this month Michael and Susan Pinto were on both the receiving and sharing end of the knowledge spectrum at the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA) convention in Nashville. While getting a great update on a variety of topics that ranged from the debate over whether negative air machines should be left running during post-remediation evaluation sampling for mold to the latest medical evidence on how allergens create symptoms, the two Wonder Makers representatives also shared their expertise.

Susan shared the podium with Dr. Richard Shaughnessy as they informed attendees about the status of the training and certification program for the new standard related to school cleaning. The president of Wonder Makers detailed the process an individual looking become a cleaning supervisor or school cleaning assessor would go through to become certified by CIRI, the Cleaning Industry Research Institute. (Anyone interested in signing up for a one-day class and organizations that would like to host a class in their area should contact Susan at 269-382-4154 or ssp@wondermakers.com to discuss current class options.)

Michael was also active both behind the scenes and as a presenter at the IAQA annual event. His service on the Board of Directors for the organization continues for another year. In that respect, the other board members voted to put him in charge of the Chapter Relations Committee. In that role Michael is tasked with expanding the number of IAQA chapters across the globe and invigorating the current regional/state extensions of the IAQA. (Anyone interested in learning more about the IAQA chapters and those who would like to consider starting a chapter in their area should feel free to contact Michael in the office 269-382-4154. Follow this link for the press release from the IAQA regarding the election of board members and officers <http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=186458>)

In a more public capacity, Wonder Makers' CEO was a presenter on two topics. Standing-room-only crowds packed the meeting room to hear about hydroxyl radicals and about an innovative way to remove mold from attics and crawlspaces. With the big push by manufacturers to sell hydroxyl radical generators for all manner of restoration work, Michael offered a balanced perspective, describing the science in layperson's terms as well as the benefits and risks of such equipment. He concluded by offering a reasoned approach to the use of these machines with proper safety precautions.

With all of us being in the middle of the information age, we can never afford to stop learning and sharing. Another opportunity to learn the latest about mold comes on April 8 in Orlando, Florida. The Mold Refresher course scheduled at Inline Distributing Company is being held in conjunction with the Restoration Industry Association annual conference. Conference

registration/attendance is not a pre-requisite for attending this informative one-day event, however. Interested individuals should contact Wonder Makers as the class is nearly sold out. See our training page to register:

<https://www.wondermakers.com/Education/TrainingClassCalendarRegistration>