

Dangerous Goods Instructors' Symposium



Dangerous Goods Instructors' Symposium IV—Closing the Knowledge Gap

September 23 – 25, 2009

Embassy Suites, Lakefront, Chicago. Registration opens at noon Wednesday.

The fourth Dangerous Goods Instructor's Symposium continues the symposium's focus on Professional Development and continues its theme of upgrading skills, knowledge and professionalism. Once again, we invite you to roll up your sleeves, sharpen your red pencil and turn up the brightness on the laptop to confront the most important issues facing our profession.

Program Highlights (subject to change and speaker availability)

Wednesday, September 23 – Professional Development #1

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
8:00 a.m. (0800)			DGTA Course Work
12:00 p.m. (1200)	Registration Opens		

Building Bricks Workshops

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (1330 – 1500)	Dangerous Goods Training Tactical and Strategic Planning	DOT PHMSA	Training remains a key component and high priority in achieving safety through regulatory compliance. This workshop will focus on developing concrete steps for implementing the DGAC/PHMSA Training Guidelines.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (1500 – 1530)	Coffee		
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (1530 – 1730)	Preparing for the Revised Packing Instructions	DGIS Packing Instruction Team	An in-depth review of the 2011 revisions to the ICAO Packing Instructions, the biggest change to the Technical Instructions ever. With the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel meeting in October, what feedback do instructors have for the regulators? (Space limited)
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (1530 – 1730)	Question Writing for Dangerous Goods Instructors	Adult Educator	What makes a good question? How many do you need? This workshop will explore the answer to the question of the question!

Thursday, September 24, Morning "Mind the Gap"

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
8:30 a.m. (0830)	Welcome	Neil McCulloch Labelmaster	I'm a hazmat professional.
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (0830 – 1030)	Trainers at the Table—A Regulator's Guide	ICAO DGP Secretary UN Committee Chairman	Training implications of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Meeting agenda. (Homework required.) Highlights of the UN Subcommittee of Experts program.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (1030 – 1100)	Coffee		
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (1100 – 1130)	Mil-spec Training—Simplifying the Business	Military Training Coordinator	Training is the keystone to shipping. Knowing your products is critical.

"Training the World"

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. (1130 – 1150)	SMS (Safety Management System) and Training—A Canadian Paradigm	Canadian Transport Specialist	Update and prognosis on the Canadian dangerous goods shipping scene.
11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. (1150 – 1210)	Training/Enforcement Partnering	Mexican Expert	Latin America's peculiar challenges.
12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. (1210 – 1230)	Training the World	Indian Air Mode Expert	India's building block approach.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (1230 – 1400)	Networking Lunch		

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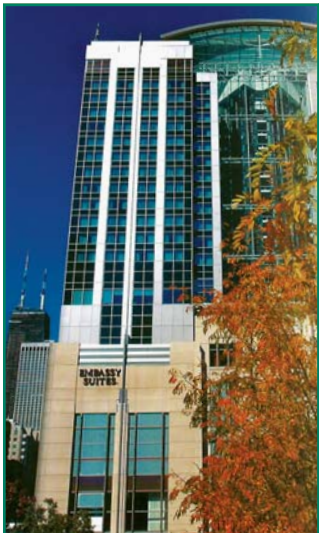
Thursday, September 24, Afternoon
Bridge Building 101

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (1400 – 1430)	Hotline Hotties—Tales from the Edge	Transportation Integrator	Mining the hotline will help you build training programs that address the critical gaps in the field application of the regulations.
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (1430 – 1500)	Language Factors—Do You Speak Hazmat?	Adult Education Specialist	Being trilingual as a safety skill.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (1500 – 1530)	Human Factors	Transportation Training Specialist	My way or the highway? Better is “their way.”
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (1530 – 1600)	Coffee		
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (1600 – 1700)	Question Writing Workshop	Symposium Delegates	The sound of one hand clapping—the upside and downside of getting it right.

5:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (1730 – 1900)
Labelmaster® Reception

Friday, September 25
Foundation and Empire

Time	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter	Description
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (0830 – 0930)	Pre- and Post-Incident	Chemtrec	Anatomy of an incident and training factors arising.
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (0930 – 1000)	Modal Focus—Rail, the Freight Container, the Ultimate Overpack	Rail Mode Specialist	Do you train intermodally? Here's why you should.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (1000 – 1030)	Assessing the Assessment	Education Expert	You've written the questions. You've trained the students. They've taken the exam. They all passed. Now what?
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (1030 – 1100)	Coffee		
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (1100 – 1130)	New Technologies Forum: Assessing the Risk and Lithium Batteries	PHMSA	With many new technologies in the pipeline, how are the transport risks assessed in a timely manner? Should Class 9 have divisions? Class 10? A review of the latest lithium battery requirements—has the problem been solved?
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (1130 – 1200)	Practical Packing Instruction	Packaging Specialist	A clear language approach to writing package closure instructions and how to interpret and use them.
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. (1200 – 1230)	Open Forum and Wrap		What's in store for 2010?



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