

Departmental Chair

Environmental Health Department, School of Public Health, Boston University

The Boston University School of Public Health is seeking a chairperson for its environmental health department. This dynamic and diverse department offers both masters and doctoral level degrees, and it is committed to expanding its 15-person faculty. The successful candidate for this position should have attained the rank of professor or associate professor or be in a senior leadership position if applying from a governmental or nongovernmental institution. The candidate should have a distinguished record of scholarship in his or her subdiscipline and commitment to excellence in both research and education. A proved ability to attract external funding and a commitment to the effective administration of a strong and growing academic department are important. Scientists or educators from laboratory sciences, epidemiology, and social sciences are encouraged to apply.

The Boston University School of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Health are receptive to candidates interested in expanding the department into new areas of inquiry that complement the ongoing efforts of the departmental faculty. Current departmental activities include a large superfund basic research program, and ongoing research programs in environmental epidemiology, immunotoxicology, urban environmental health, occupational safety and health, and environmental health policy. Interdepartmental collaborations within the Boston University School of Public Health and collaboration with the Boston University School of Medicine faculty are strongly encouraged and logistically feasible.

Please send a curriculum vitae and letter of interest by 1 June 2002 to:

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Absence from work and occupational health

12–15 September 2002, Gentofte (Denmark)

The first international course on absence from work and occupational health will be held in Gentofte (Copenhagen), Denmark, on 12–15 September 2002 by The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA). The course is aimed at providing the participants with a better understanding at several levels of the conditions that influence absence and early retirement. Furthermore, it is important to develop new ideas about how the reduction of absence could be combined with health promotion and the prevention of

early retirement. Both researchers and practitioners are invited to attend.

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Ventilation design

16–20 September 2002, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

The international short course Ventilation Design will be held on 16–20 September 2002 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The course is meant to help the participants learn to assess the performance of industrial ventilation systems and produce a legal record of that performance; design a simple local exhaust ventilation system, predict its running costs and “trouble shoot” problems in existing systems; and recognize the need for removing pollutants from the extracted air before discharging it and selecting the best air cleaning principles for doing so. The target group for the course includes occupational hygienists, safety engineers, and all others who require more knowledge on the measures available for reducing worker exposure to air pollutants.

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Biological agents: exposure assessment and health risk evaluation

23–26 September 2002, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

The international short course Biological Agents: Exposure Assessment and Health Risk Evaluation will be held on 23–26 September 2002 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The objective of the course is to give participants an overview of the knowledge on exposure to and risk assessment for bioaerosol exposure in domestic and occupational environments. Ways in which measurement strategies and risk assessment methodologies can be applied in different settings will be introduced. The course is meant for occupational and environmental hygienists,

occupational and environmental physicians, and researchers in the fields of exposure and health risk assessment.

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Computer work

7–11 October 2002, Gentofte (Denmark)

The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) will hold its first international course on computer work in Gentofte (Copenhagen), Denmark, on 7–11 October 2002. The course is aimed at providing the participants with knowledge on the state of the art of musculoskeletal symptoms resulting from computer work. The participants will become acquainted with methods and problems in the assessment of workload and will learn about the current status and limitations of the knowledge on the mechanisms of work-related health problems. Occupational health professionals, professionals involved in work and health issues, researchers, and graduate students in occupational health are invited to attend.

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Occupational ergonomics: preventing musculoskeletal disorders and facilitating return to work

21–25 October 2002, University of Bologna (Italy)

The second international course on occupational ergonomics: preventing musculoskeletal disorders and facilitating return to work will be held at the University of Bologna, in Italy, on 21–25 October 2002 by The Nordic Institute for Advanced Train-

ing in Occupational Health (NIVA). The course will focus on work-related back and upper-limb musculoskeletal disorders. It will provide the participants with up-to-date knowledge on the evidence of the work-relatedness of musculoskeletal disorders, workplace surveillance of ergonomic hazards and musculoskeletal disorders, biomechanics and psychophysics in manual work, the role of standards and ergonomic intervention in the prevention and management of musculoskeletal disorders, and the implementation and cost-benefit of ergonomic intervention. Experienced occupational health professionals and researchers involved in the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders and the management of afflicted workers are invited to attend.

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10th congress on occupational health services

13–16 November 2002, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

The 10th Congress On Occupational Health Services will be held on 3–16 November 2002 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, under the sponsorship of the ICOH Scientific Committee on Health Services, Research and Evaluation in Occupational Health. It is being organized by the the Coronal Institute, the Department of Social Medicine of the VU Medical Centre, The Netherlands School of Occupational Health, and the Dutch Association of Occupational and Industrial Medicine. Each day of the actual conference will revolve around one of the following themes: What do our clients expect from us?, What do occupational health services have to offer?, Occupational health services: do they work? In addition, the following preconference workshops will be held on the 13th of November: Practicing Evidence-Based Medicine in Occupational Health, Practice Guidelines for Occupational Health, Scientific and Practical Evaluation of Occupational Health Services, and Service and Product Development.

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