



TRAINING UPDATES

Online Modules

Four new modules were recently posted to the Institute website: *Lyme Disease* (October 2011); *Recreational Waters: Swimming Pools* (October 2011); *Dealing with Stress in Disasters* (November 2011) and *Bed Bugs* (November 2011). *Food Protection* is currently being reviewed by the Advisory Committee. The 2009 *Legal Nuts Bolts, Part 2 Online* training files have been retrieved, reformatted and posted on the LPHI website as well.

A standard Table of Content (TOC) has been built into each online module. The TOC will provide a uniform layout for future LPHI online modules. We hope this structure will provide better guidance to future content developers and allow reviewers to easily identify any gaps within the modules.

Foundations 2011

Ten webinars were conducted between October 4th and November 29th. Foundations participants have completed two all day classroom trainings (4 sessions) and 13 webinar sessions over three months. Their final classroom session will be December 13th and 14th. A graduation ceremony will mark the completion of the 2011 Foundations class.

The LPHI Advisory Committee December Meeting is scheduled to follow the graduation ceremony and luncheon on December 14th in Worcester.

Basic and Advanced Risk Communication Trainings

The four training centers (LPHI, DelValle, CEEPET, and PERLC-HSPH) are collaborating on the development of the Basic and Advanced Risk Communication trainings. Representatives from each center and MDPH communications staff met on October 14th. Here is a brief summary of our meeting notes and action items.

Basic Risk Communication - The group agreed to explore the use of an existing online Basic Risk Communication course and not reinvent the wheel. An assessment of six online Risk Communication trainings was completed by group members on November 30th. If an online course is chosen, we will explore with the vendor on how to link the training to our websites.

Advanced Risk Communication - The target audience is the mid-level practitioner (not necessarily the person that goes on camera). The objective would be to 'build out the bench' of individuals knowledgeable about risk communications and able to or assist senior leaders to implement risk communication messaging. The group then attended David Ropeik's Advanced Risk Communication course on November 16th and will reconvene on December 9th to review learnings and insights and next steps.

LPHI FELLOWS PROGRAM

The application period for the Fellows Program was October 1st through November 15th. Seven applications were received by LPHI. All applications will be reviewed by Jennifer Tsoi and Kathleen MacVarish. Selected Fellows will be announced to the Advisory Committee on December 14th.