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## WELCOME FROM ISASH PRESIDENT, GLORIA BROCK



### Greetings ISASH members,

It's hard to believe that it's already been a few months since we met in Oregon. Thank you to those who took the time to fill out the conference survey and give us such wonderful feedback. If you did not get a chance to fill it out, or have more suggestions for next year's conference please reach out to me at any time - brockgloriai@johndeere.com. The Northeast Center for Occupational Health

and Safety in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is already hard at work planning our 2025 Conference. I have no doubt that it will be very educational and informative and Portland, Maine will be a spectacular place to visit.

The Long Range Planning committee will be sending a survey to membership this fall. We would like your ideas and feedback on the future of ISASH and how it can continue to benefit the Ag Safety & Health Community so please be on the lookout for that.

Thank you,

Gloria Brock

**ISASH President** 

# SAVE THE DATE – 2025 ISASH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS SET FOR PORTLAND, MAINE!

The 2025 ISASH Conference will be held in Portland, Maine from June 23-26, hosted at the Holiday Inn by the Bay!



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#### **MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **RETIREMENTS**

ISASH salutes these individuals in their contributions to ag safety and health. Best wishes in this next chapter and all future endeavors.

- Dean Anderson, Agricultural Initiatives at Workplace Safety & Prevention Services
- Robin Tutor, North Carolina Agromedicine Center
- Mike DeSpain, Global Crop Harvesting at John Deere

#### **AWARDS/HONORS**

ISASH congratulates these members on their recent success and accomplishments.

- Alyssa Spence received her Ph.D. in December of 2023. Doctor of Education in Agricultural and Extension Education from North Carolina State Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences. Alyssa is the associate director of the North Carolina Agromedicine Center.
- **Gretchen Mosher** has been promoted to professor of Iowa State University Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, effective August 16, 2024.

#### **PASSINGS**

ISASH extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

 Nancy Hetzel passed away at her home in Charles Town, West Virginia on June 28, 2024) - Nancy served as ISASH treasurer for 15 years, contributing her time, expertise, and dedication to the organization's mission, along with her husband, long-time ISASH member, Glen Hetzel.

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#### **MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP**

We're excited to invite you to join our members-only Facebook group! This space is dedicated to the ISASH community, where you can connect with fellow members, share announcements, stay up-to-date on ISASH happenings, and participate in special discussions.

To join, simply click the "Join Group" button and answer a few quick questions to verify your membership. We look forward to seeing you there!

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#### 2024 ISASH CONFERENCE RECAP



Thank you everyone who joined us in Portland, Oregon at the 2024 Conference! This year's conference marked a record high turnout of 160 attendees from six different countries.

ISASH was proud to offer valuable content through exciting plenary sessions, collaborative presentations, and ample networking opportunities. Plus, a huge round of applause for Dr. Michael Yost and his powerful Keynote Address, "Seeds of Change: The Promise and Challenges of Precision Agriculture," igniting discussions on the future of agricultural safety.

Hands-on workshops on suicide prevention, dealing with opioid overdoses, farm emergencies, and the innovative Total Worker Health® approach equipped attendees with the tools to enhance safety in agricultural settings.

ISASH extends another congratulations for our 19 scholarship winners from 12 different institutions who showcased their research at the 2024 Conference. These bright minds represented institutions like the University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Louisville, Colorado State University, and more!

ISASH is proud to present the award winners at the 2024 Awards Banquet, and a special thank you to the ISASH Endowment Committee for making it all happen! This year's winners included:

- Maynard Coe Professional Achievement Award: Murray Madsen, Coon Rapids, Minnesota
- Practitioner Achievement Award: AgriSafe Network, represented by Tara Haskins, DNP, MSN, RN, AHN-BC, Total Farmer Health Director, and Natalie Roy, MPH, Chief Executive Officer.

• Research Achievement Award: Richard Franklin, James Cook University, Australia.

Read more about each award and this year's recipients here.

The 2024 conference was made possible through the generous support of sponsors. A special thank you to the following:

Gold Sponsors: CS-CASH, NC Agromedicine Institute, CHS

**Silver Sponsors**: AgriSafe Network, National Children's Center (NCCRAHS), WCAHS-Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety

**Bronze Sponsors**: Oregon Health & Science University (Oregon Healthy Workforce Center), Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, Northeast Center of Occupational Health & Safety, PNASH, UMASH, SAY Project, Penn State NSTMOP, Oxbo Hay & Forage Division

**Friends of ISASH**: Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, Ag Health & Safety Alliance, ASHCA, AgInjuryNews.org

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#### **COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT**

#### PR Committee

#### Co-Chairs:

- Jana Davidson of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (jdavidson@progressiveag.org)
- Jenna Gibbs of the Ag Health & Safety Alliance (<u>jennagibbs@aghealthandsafetv.com</u>)

Our goal for 2024-2025 is to enhance the professional image of ISASH through the development and dissemination of resource materials and information via communications with media, agribusinesses, and other organizations and individuals interested in agricultural safety and health.

Interested in joining? The PR committee is always open to new committee members. Reach out to one of the co-chairs for meeting dates and times.

#### **CALL FOR WINTER 2024 ISASH NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Do you have news to share? The ISASH Public Relations Committee, in collaboration with ASG, is seeking items for upcoming ISASH newsletters. Information needed includes:

- ISASH committee and interest group updates and announcements
- Details on upcoming agriculture safety and health meetings and conferences (dates, locations, and registration links)
- Comings (new faces/hires)
- Goings (retirements and passing of current/former ISASH members)
- ISASH member awards and achievements
- Peer-reviewed, published journal articles (please include clickable links)