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AWARD CATEGORIES AND NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 21

We are excited to honor our membership again this year with our awards ceremony at our Annual Conference Banquet. In addition to the Maynard Coe Award for Professional Achievement, the ISASH Research Achievement Award and the ISASH Practitioner Achievement Award, we are excited to announce the inaugural year of two new awards:

The Jim Williams Early Career Achievement Award and the Outstanding Poster Award.

Read more about the awards [here](#)!

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WELCOME FROM ISASH PRESIDENT, GLORIA BROCK



Dear ISASH Members,

I hope this message finds you well and energized as we move into another season of meaningful work. As I reflect on the incredible community we've built, I continue to be amazed and inspired by the dedication I see each and every day. Even in times of uncertainty—when many of our professional paths feel less defined—I see you showing up, collaborating, and doing the important work of making agriculture safer and healthier for all. That is no small feat, and it deserves to be recognized.

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our phenomenal annual conference planning team. Planning a national event is never easy, and doing so in the midst of shifting realities requires not only skill but also a remarkable level of flexibility and care. Thanks to their hard work, we're thrilled to encourage you to attend our upcoming annual conference in beautiful Portland, Maine, taking place June 23–25, 2025.

This year's conference will look a little different. With budget consciousness in mind, and anticipating that some of us may be unable to attend, we've thoughtfully pared down certain aspects to focus on what matters most: connection, collaboration, and community. Despite the adjustments, we're confident this gathering will be a rich experience—full of valuable discussions, shared learning, and yes, plenty of fun.

I'm so looking forward to seeing many of you in Portland. Whether it's your first time attending or your tenth, I know this year's conference will offer meaningful opportunities to network, recharge, and be reminded of why this work matters.

Thank you for being part of ISASH.

Gloria Brock

President, ISASH

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2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: PORTLAND, MAINE!

What's New and What's Staying:

- **Monday:** The **Boat Tour & Lobster Bake** is still on—and now includes educational content highlighting **agricultural safety and health**, offering both insight and connection in a relaxed setting.
- **Tuesday:** A full day of **concurrent sessions, lunch**, and our **Poster Reception** in the evening.
- **Wednesday:** Now a **full day** of programming, featuring a **Plenary Session, concurrent sessions**, and our **Banquet Luncheon**, which is **now included in your registration fee** at no additional cost. *(If you previously paid separately for the banquet, we will be reaching out to you directly to issue a refund.)*
- **Thursday:** Please note - All Thursday programming, including off-site tours, has been **cancelled** due to reduced presenter availability.

To register today [click here](#).

[BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM TODAY!](#) The reservation deadline is **May 22**.



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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to offer the ISASH International Travel Scholarship to support individuals who are dedicated to the advancement of agricultural safety and health worldwide. This scholarship aims to assist in covering travel expenses for applicants wishing to attend the ISASH Annual Conference.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 21.

Read more [here](#).

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ISASH INTEREST GROUP SUCCESSFUL HOSTED AN IDEAS EXCHANGE WEBINAR ON APRIL 23

On April 23, 2025, ISASH's Family, Farmstead, & Leisure Time Interest Group hosted an Ideas Exchange Webinar. The webinar theme was, *Partners, Caregivers, and Champions: Women's Impact on Agricultural Health and Safety* and featured three amazing panelists including Florence Becot, Ph.D., Nationwide Insurance Early Career Professor Agricultural Safety and Health Program Lead at Penn State University; Sandra Contzen, Ph.D., Professor for Rural Sociology at the Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences in Switzerland; and Linda Emanuel, BSN, RN, Agricultural Producer and Agricultural Health Liaison with AgriSafe.

During the webinar, the presenters shared what motivates them to work in agricultural safety and health. They went on to share how their research or outreach work aims at shedding light on vital role woman play in the agriculture industry, what they know about that role, and any current gaps in meeting their safety and health needs. The panel also took a closer look at on why women are often viewed as the safety and health champions on farms and discussed changes or advancements they would you like to see in the agricultural industry to further empower and support women in their diverse roles.

[Click here to view a recording of the webinar.](#)

The Family, Farmstead and Leisure Time Interest Group was created to address activities and issues associated with farm and home structures, livestock production and handling facilities, agricultural farmstead equipment, farm chemical use and disposal, on-the-job and off-the-job (including

recreational) activities for those living and/or working in rural areas. If you are interested in joining this interest group, please contact chair, Jana Davidson at jdavidson@progressiveag.org or co-chair, McKayla Robinette at robinettem23@ecu.edu.

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MEMBER UPDATES

There are big milestones and achievements happening in the lives of ISASH members! Join us in celebrating this member and their life event.

- The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandy Miller to the position of Executive Director. ([press release](#))




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CALL FOR FALL 2025 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

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- 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)

Please send all content and member updates to info@isash.org.