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2019 ISASH Conference in Des Moines: A Fun and Informational Event!

By nearly all accounts the 2019 International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health Conference was an outstanding event! Held at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines, Iowa from June 24-27, 2019, the four-day conference took advantage of its location in Des Moines to highlight the state's agricultural history, agricultural media, and alternative crops such as wine production.

Nearly 200 attendees from 7 countries, 5 Canadian provinces, and 26 states plus the District of Columbia enjoyed the 2019 ISASH Annual Conference. The Iowa State University host committee included Gretchen Mosher, Steve Freeman, and Saxon Ryan. They worked with colleagues at the University of Iowa, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and several ag-safety organizations to plan and execute the conference.

ISASH events kicked off on Monday evening, June 24th with a welcome by Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen at a dinner reception held at Reiman Gardens in Ames. Attendees also had a chance to network with agricultural safety and health colleagues through round table discussions, research presentations, and agricultural-themed tours. Tours sites included the Maytag Blue Cheese Dairy, Jasper Winery, Meredith Publications, John Deere, and Living History Farms. Each evening concluded with a lively gathering in the Hospitality Suite!

Eight students, from across the U.S. received 2019 ISASH conference scholarships. Scholarship recipients are undergraduate or graduate students, studying in the field of agricultural safety and health. Students must submit and have a poster or oral presentation accepted to be eligible for this scholarship. "Graduate scholarships to support attendance at ISASH are one of the best ways to encourage early participation and engagement of young agricultural safety professionals, which is critically important in the long-term sustainability of the field of agricultural safety and health," Dr. Gretchen Mosher, ISASH Professional Improvement Co-Chair.

Corporate sponsors of the event included John Deere, CHS, Quad Bar Industries, and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with several organizational and academic sponsors. Next year's ISASH Conference will be held in Asheville, NC June 22-26, 2020, hosted by the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute.

Learn more about the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health by visiting www.isash.org.