



## ISPAC 2013 Highlights

**180 attendees from 25 countries meet up at the conference.**

It was a great pleasure to host the [2013 International Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds \(ISPAC 2013\)](#) conference September 8-12, 2013 at Oregon State University.

Dr. Danielle Carlin, NIEHS Program Administrator, presented the Opening Plenary: *"Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons: a National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences Perspective"*. In addition to attending the full conference, she had a special evening with our Trainees.

"ISPAC 2013 was a great chance to bring together PAH researchers from throughout the world and to share what the OSU SRP researchers have been working on in the field of PAH research" shared Dr. Staci L. Massey Simonich, ISPAC Co-Chair and leader of [Project 5](#).

[View photos and learn more](#) about our participation at ISPAC 2013.



Dr. Dave Williams (right), Center Director, presented Dr. Bill Baird (Co-leader, [Project 1](#)) an award in honoring his four decades of leadership and mentorship in the area of PAH toxicology. The special session honoring Dr. Baird's contributions was a highlight.

## Reducing Exposure & Preserving Cultural Traditions

**Read the latest news from the Community Engagement Core.**

The Community Engagement Core (CEC) is fortunate to have an established partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR).

The recently produced [CTUIR - OSU 2012-2013 Newsletter](#) shares the background, summary, and findings of a collaborative research project to understand polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) exposure related to smoked salmon.

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Traditional tipi for smoking salmon.

## Moving Research Out of the Lab and Into the World

**Trainee Erin Madeen shares her experience at the UC Davis Entrepreneurship Academy.**

The UC Davis Entrepreneurship Academy was a unique learning experience that teaches the basics of intellectual property as well as marketing and launching a new business.

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Erin Madeen in action at the Academy

## Building Capacity for Communicating Science Online

**Naomi Hirsch, RTC Coordinator, shares her journey and projects using social media for the Center.**

NIEHS-funded Centers are experimenting and beginning to leverage social media platforms to promote research and activities, expand networks and partnerships, improve relationships with stakeholders, and foster community engagement.

We've come a long way in the last couple of years.

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Sometimes choices on how best to use social media feels like a scientific experiment.

## Alumni Update from Carlos Manzano

This year Carlos Manzano received his PhD from the Simonich lab (Project 5), and moved on from the OSU Superfund Research Center. Manzano's PhD thesis helped him get his current position. He is now holding a postdoctoral Visiting Fellowship in Canadian Laboratories, working in the Canada Centre for Inland Waters as part of the Aquatics Contaminants Research Division of Environment Canada, located in Burlington, Ontario.

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Carlos Manzano

## News Highlights

- [How Tiny Fish Could Reveal Effects of Chemical Exposure](#) (Yale e360)
- [Zebrafish developmental assays test the safety of new chemicals](#) and [NTP talk explores zebrafish as a vertebrate model in toxicity screening](#) (NIEHS Environmental Factor, September 2013)

More about this research on our blog post: [Zebrafish Assays Test Safety of Green Chemistry](#)



## Publication Highlight

[An Analytical Investigation of 24 Oxygenated-PAHs \(OPAHs\) using Liquid and Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry.](#)

O'Connell S, Haigh, T, Wilson GR, Anderson K.

J. Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry, September 2013. Open Access.

## Upcoming Events

**Postponed Webinar** with OSU Trainee Andy Larkin:

**"Using GIS Tools to Analyze, Compute, and Predict Pollution: Session I - Community Engagement"**

Stay up to date on the reschedule date from the [SRP Risk eLearning webpage](#).

[SRP Annual Meeting](#) - October 15-17, 2013, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[SETAC North America 34th Annual Meeting](#) - November 17-21, 2013, Nashville, TN

**The OSU Superfund Research Center** was established in 2009 and brings together a multidisciplinary team with years of experience in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and environmental health issues.

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