

Poster Exhibition and Best Practice Award

Information for exhibitors

Congress participants are invited to present their environmental projects at the CleanMed Europe Poster Exhibition. The theme for the poster exhibition is "good environmental practices in health-care".

The CME Poster Exhibition is a place to showcase success stories, exchange ideas and experiences and to promote the ecological transformation of healthcare by providing concrete "good practice" examples.

Win the Best Practice Award!

All projects nominated for the CME Poster Exhibition will be judged for the "Best Practice Award". An international jury will select the best contributions in different categories.



**Best
Practice
Award
2006**



- ▶ Green Cleaning and Disinfection
- ▶ Waste Reduction Projects
- ▶ Improving Waste Management, Alternatives to Waste Incineration
- ▶ Information and Training Activities
- ▶ Environmental Management Systems
- ▶ Sustainable Development
- ▶ Green and Healthy Buildings

These projects should preferably be implemented and evaluated. Environmental research projects in connection with the environmental impacts of healthcare facilities are also welcome.

Projects must be in accordance with Health Care Without Harm's mission and goals:

To transform the health care industry worldwide, without compromising patient safety or care, so that it is ecologically sustainable and no longer a source of harm to public health and the environment.

1. Create markets and policies for safer products, materials and chemicals in health care. Promote safer substitutes, including products that avoid mercury, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic and brominated flame retardants.
2. Eliminate incineration of medical waste, minimize the amount and toxicity of all waste generated and promote safer waste treatment practices.
3. Transform the design, construction and operations of health care facilities to minimize environmental impacts and foster healthy, healing environments.
4. Encourage food purchasing systems that support sustainable food production and distribution, and provide healthy food on-site at health care facilities.
5. Secure a safe and healthy workplace for all health care workers.
6. Ensure patients, workers and communities have full access to information about chemicals used in health care and can participate in decisions about exposures to chemicals.

How to submit a poster

Topics and Criteria

We invite organisations to present projects aiming at reducing the environmental impacts of healthcare facilities. Possible Topics could be:

- ▶ Implementing Green Procurement
- ▶ Environmental Hazards of Pharmaceuticals
- ▶ Phase Out and Substitution of PVC, Mercury and Other Toxics with Safer Alternatives
- ▶ Organic Food Procurement in Hospitals

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Important! The poster exhibition is reserved for health care facilities and not-for-profit entities working on health care issues. Companies wanting to present environmentally sound products or services are most welcome to apply for a space at the **Vendors Exhibition!**

For more information contact:
cleanmedeurope@congrex.se.

Application

■ Application of your project should be sent in electronic form using the **XCHANGE Project Description Form**, which can be downloaded at the CME webpage www.cleanmed.org/europe/2006/posters.html or requested from the contact person mentioned below.

■ To get your project accepted, you must fill in completely the Project Description Form. Examples of project descriptions can be accessed through the XCHANGE Database at <http://www.greeninghealthcare.de/index.php?module=XchangeDb&meid=33>

■ Project description should be easy to understand and should also show a clear environmental benefit. Please indicate measurable aims and results.

■ Email your Project Application in MS Word no later than **February 28, 2006** to cleanmed@inges.at. The organiser will confirm your application receipt..

■ The CME steering committee will accept or reject your application based on your project description. If your project is accepted you will get the technical details for your poster (size, design,..) before March 13, 2006.

■ Application materials become the property of HCWH Europe -- they will not be returned.

■ The applicant agree that its project will be published in the XCHANGE database and related publications (www.greeninghealthcare.net).

Best Practice Award

All accepted posters are automatically included in the Best Practice Award competition.

An international jury will select the Award winners on the basis of the information submitted and additional information given at the poster exhibition.

The experts will, among others, consider the following criteria

- ▶ Accordance with HCHW mission and goals
- ▶ Environmental focus
- ▶ Environmental benefits
- ▶ Pollution prevention approach
- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Degree of implementation in the entire organisation, internal communication
- ▶ Quality of project documentation
- ▶ Other benefits for the organisation

The Best Practice Award ceremony will take place during CleanMed Europe conference.

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