A Message from the President

To SDMPH members, current and past,

We have been an active society for over ten years now but have struggled with attracting and keeping new members. Our most persistent and pressing problem has been a lack of adequate resources to do the things we recognize need to be done. One of these deficiencies has been communication and we are committed to greatly improving our outreach to members. The first concrete step we are taking to address this is the publication of a monthly newsletter, the first edition of which is provided below. Please read and review and provide us your unvarnished critique as to how to make it better.

We are committed to growing our society but can only accomplish this with your active participation and continued support. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please forward them to elinore.tibbetts@sdmph.org.

In closing I want to thank you for all you have done for the Preparedness and Response field.

James J. James, MD, Dr. PH, MHA

In Memoriam

The Society wishes to mark the passing of two of its long-standing members, C. Norman Coleman, MD, and Matt P. Owens, MD.

C. Norman Coleman, MD, passed away after a brief illness on March 1, 2024. His obituary reads in part, “Recognized worldwide for his numerous scientific achievements and leadership roles, Dr. Coleman also was devoted to addressing health disparities to improve the quality of cancer care globally. These efforts led to Dr. Coleman’s founding in 2013 of the International Cancer Expert Corps (ICEC), a nonprofit organization that mentors cancer professionals in low- and middle-income countries and in regions with indigenous populations in upper-income countries.” Read the full obituary here.

Matthew P. Owens, MD, passed away on November 29, 2023, in Redfield, SD. Dr. Owens recognized the need for more people to be trained in early response techniques in rural areas. Partnering with the Department of Labor and SAMSHA, he spearheaded grants that provided funds for training in those areas. Dr. Owens developed the Dakota Responder Training program and, in partnership with Agtegra, has trained over 400 people in Stop the Bleed™ and Narcan and AED use. Read the full obituary here.

SDMPH in the News

A compelling profile of SDMPH member Dr. Frederick “Skip” Burkle was recently published in Forbes. Click here to view.

A paper published in the Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Journal about poison oak and California’s EMTs is quoted in the May 18 issue of The Wall Street Journal magazine. Read the article here.

Society Introduces New Journal Associate Editors

SDMPH is pleased to introduce three new associate editors of the Society’s Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Journal.

Deborah S. Adelman, PhD, RN, NE-BC
Online Presentations Available on YouTube

The Society’s YouTube page features a variety of public health presentations and continues to grow. View presentations from one of our conferences on Climate Change: The Intersection of Disaster Medicine and Public Health here.

CRA Disaster & Emergency Management Conference Features Presentations by SDMPH Members

SDMPH and a number of the Society’s members will participate in the inaugural “CRA Disaster and Emergency Management Conference: Time to Move Forward” July 29-31, 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand. The event will take place at the Chulabhorn Royal Academy.

The conference aims to bring together experts and professionals from diverse backgrounds to discuss pressing issues in disaster management and emergency response, exploring ways to move forward and improve our collective approach to these challenges. This conference will allow participants to discuss domestic and international research and development.

Among the SDMPH members and DMPHP journal editors who are currently scheduled to be keynote presenters are: Amir Khorram-Manesh, MD, Lesley Gray, PhD, Shinichi Egawa, MD, and Krystof Goniewicz, MD.

To register, go to https://cdemforum.cra.ac.th/registration. Deadline for abstract submissions is June 30.
Job Opening

The Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS) Program for Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) in Oak Ridge, TN, is seeking a full-time Staff Physician. Learn more about the position and how to apply [here](http://www.careers-oraucareers.icims.com).

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Become a Member

The SDMPH welcomes new members and looks forward to a strong and enduring partnership. Members will participate in the creation of policies and programs that work toward global health security before, during, and after disasters.

A benefit of membership is a free electronic subscription to Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness (DMPHP), the Society’s official peer-reviewed journal advancing the science and practice of disaster medicine and public health.

Member rates are available for educational programs that offer continuing education. Meetings are held annually.

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