NUCLEAR SECURITY - EVENTS

Dr. Ira Helfand, co-President of the international Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) & co-founder of PSR - April 2018
Dr. Helfand spoke to an audience of 20 at the UW School of Medicine & Public Health and an audience of 55 in the community about the growing danger of nuclear war and what we can do about it. He accompanied the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Advocacy Team to a meeting with Senator Johnson’s aide Tom Petri. He was interviewed by The Progressive magazine, and the Outrider Foundation.

Lanterns for Peace at Tenney Park - August 2018
The Lanterns for Peace event is held each year on the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. We light lanterns to remember those who lost their lives in the attack and pledge to work so that nuclear weapons will never again be used. Thanks to our organizer, Mary Doherty, and the participation of the Japan-America Student Conference this year, over 200 people attended.

Dr. Bob Dodge, co-chair of PSR Security Committee and Vicki Elson, co-founder of Nuclearban.US
Kick off “Back from the Brink” Campaign – October 2018
PSR Wisconsin is urging the City of Madison to pass a “Back from the Brink” Nuclear Weapon Disarmament/Divestment Resolution. Dr. Bob Dodge and Vicki Elson’s home cities passed similar resolutions this fall. Dr. Dodge focused on the devastating climate effects of nuclear war. Vicki Elson focused on divestment as a way to support the 2017 United Nations Nuclear Weapons Ban. They addressed over 65 people in a series of speaking events and meetings and spoke at a press conference in the Capitol with Resolution co-sponsors: Ecumenical Peace Working Group of Madison, Four Lakes Green Party, Progressive Dane, Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) –Madison.
Press Conference: L to R front: Hannah Fisher, Dace Zeps, Jerry Folk, Amy Schulz. L to R back: Dr. Melissa Stiles, Vicki Elson, Dr. Bob Dodge, Dr. Paula Rogge

Jerry Folk, Ecumenical Peace Working Group
Dace Zeps, Four Lakes Green Party & WILPF - Madison

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ADVOCACY
PSR members joined members of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) for 2 visits with Senator Johnson’s staff and 2 visits with Senator Baldwin’s staff this year. They urged support for Senate Bill 2047: “no preemptive war in North Korea without congressional approval”. They pointed out the medical consequences of nuclear war in the Korean peninsula.

FCNL Team, Dr. Rogge, and Senator Johnson’s aide Tom Petri

Senator Baldwin’s aide Flora Csontos with FCNL member Pam Minden at Lanterns for Peace

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WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK (WEHN)

Making the Connection Conference - March 2018

The annual CME conference for WEHN focused on many aspects of environmental health as well as addressing them in clinical, advocacy, and research settings. Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH, was a pre-conference speaker. There were about 120 people in attendance.

Environmental Health Stories from Wisconsinites – October 2018

An audio exhibit and panel discussion highlighted stories of Wisconsinites and the effect of their environment on their health. The panel included Monica Vohmann, PSR member, and WEHN co-president, Dr. Janean Dilworth-Bart, professor of human development at UW-Madison, and Jimmy Parra, staff attorney at Midwest Environmental Advocates.

WEHN – Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Lecture – Pesticides and Health (March): Dr. Clare Gervais spoke at the Olbrich Garden’s lecture series called Pesticides and Health. There were about 30 people in attendance.
- Sierra Club Panel on Health Effects of Coal (March 21): Dr. Ann Behrmann spoke on a panel discussing the health effects of coal fired power plants and fugitive coal dust. The panel was at Oak Creek Public Library with approximately 100 community members from the south of Milwaukee in attendance.
- Environmental Threats to Your Family’s Health (April 11): Drs. Claire Gervais and Ann Behrmann spoke at this event hosted by the Clean Water Action Council in Green Bay with about 30 people in attendance.
- Presentation – “Reproductive Health and the Environment” (April 24): Dr. Susan Davidson presented “Reproductive Health and the Environment” for the Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care to about 500 attendees.
- “Transdisciplinary and Community-Based Approaches to Understanding Environmental Risk to Children’s Health” – Dr. Susan Davidson participated on a panel at the University of Wisconsin School of Human Ecology where she spoke about the effects of prenatal exposure to toxins. There were approximately 125 participants.
- Presentation – “Coal Pollutants and Kids Health” (May 12): Dr. Claire Gervais spoke at the Sierra Club teach-in rally for a coal-free community about coal pollutants and children’s health to about 60 attendees.
- Grand Rounds – “Reproductive Health and the Environment” (June 13): Dr. Susan Davidson presented information regarding reproductive health and the environment at the Hess Memorial Hospital where there were about 40 participants.
- International Nuclear Abolition Day Lecture (October 1): Dr. Monica Vohmann gave a presentation on the medical effects of nuclear radiation to attendees at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.
- “Mindful Climate Action Presentation” (October): Dr. Bruce Barrett spoke at the UW Health Wellness Symposium at Union South about “Mindful Climate Action”. There were approximately 60 – 80 people in attendance.
- Teaching Session with Medical Students (November 9): Dr. Beth Neary did a teaching session with medical students with Dr. Ann Behrmann. As part of the teaching session, Neary created a 10 minute video for the medical students.
- Residency Training (November 14): WEHN members including Drs. Ann Behrmann, Monica Vohmann, and Claire Gervais presented to residents about environmental health topics and presented sample cases for students.

Media

- “WEHN members including Drs. Ann Behrmann, Monica Vohmann, and Claire Gervais presented to residents about environmental health topics and presented sample cases for students.”
- “Madison can help abolish nuclear weapons” (10/15/18)
- “MGE must take responsibility for its coal use” by Dr. Ann Behrmann
- “Come to environmental health kick-off event Oct. 24” by Drs. Monica Vohmann and Luke Bradbury