

Candidate for President-Elect

Melvin Kohn, MD, MPH

Dr. Mel Kohn is currently the State Epidemiologist for Oregon. In that capacity he oversees the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, the primary locus for epidemiologic work in Oregon's state health department. His Office has over 200 staff working in the prevention and control of communicable diseases, chronic diseases, and injuries, and also includes a program evaluation unit and the unit that collects vital statistics and health surveys (YRBS, BRFSS) for Oregon. In addition to his work at the state health department, he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Health Foundation, which is a conversion foundation that seeks to improve health and health care in Oregon and Southwest Washington.



Dr. Kohn received his BA in Russian and East European Studies from Yale in 1981, and his MD from Harvard in 1990. After completing a pediatrics residency at Boston Children's Hospital he was an EIS officer assigned to the Louisiana Office of Public Health, working primarily in communicable disease control. After EIS he ran the Injury Research and Prevention Section at the Louisiana Office of Public Health for four years and was also on the Pediatrics faculty at Tulane. In 1997 he earned a Master's of Public Health from Tulane. In 1999 he moved to Oregon, where he was the Deputy State Epidemiologist, before becoming State Epidemiologist in 2000. He is board-certified in Pediatrics, and plans to take the Preventive Medicine Boards this fall.

Dr. Kohn has been very involved with CSTE since attending his first CSTE Annual Meeting while he was an EIS Officer. Since 1998 he has served as CSTE's Lead Consultant on Injury, and since 2004 he has been a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. In these roles he has worked to articulate and respond to the needs of CSTE members, and to provide a strong voice for the unique perspective of state and territorial health departments. In addition to playing an active role in planning the CSTE Annual Meeting each year, he was one of the originators of and a participant in the Injury Surveillance Workgroup process, which has produced four reports on important issues for state-based injury surveillance. He has also been working to facilitate the development and refinement of CSTE surveillance indicators for injury, chronic disease, environmental and occupational health. As Oregon's State Epidemiologist he has testified before the US Senate Special Committee on Aging.

In his work in Oregon and on behalf of CSTE, Dr. Kohn has been a promoter of the value of epidemiology as a key tool for public health, and has worked to promote interchange between epidemiologists working in different subject areas.

He believes that the value of that kind of interchange will only grow as public health practice adapts to new demands placed upon it because of emerging infectious diseases, emergency preparedness, the obesity epidemic, and environmental health threats, among others.

Dr. Kohn is an avid bicycle commuter, who also enjoys hiking, camping, music and cooking. He is married and has two teenaged children.

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Perry Smith, MD

Perry Smith is the Director of the Division of Epidemiology at the New York State Department of Health and the State Epidemiologist. He oversees all the Department's communicable disease surveillance and control efforts. He has worked extensively in HIV/AIDS and general communicable disease epidemiology. He received his MD at the University of Cincinnati and is board certified in Internal Medicine. He practiced medicine in Kentucky for four years before joining the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1985 as an EIS Officer stationed in New York State. He completed his preventive medicine residency in 1988 at CDC.



Dr. Smith is also an Assistant Professor on the faculty of the Department of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health at the State University of New York in Albany, where he has led epidemiology and AIDS courses and regularly supervises masters and doctoral students in epidemiology. He has experience working with young epidemiologists from Eastern Europe and has collaborated on epidemiologic studies in the Czech Republic and Poland. Until 2005 he saw patients in the Albany Medical Center's AIDS Treatment Center, a half day a week.

Dr. Smith has been a CSTE member for over 10 years and currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Since 2004 he has chaired the CSTE Public Health Informatics Team, dealing with such issues as electronic national disease reporting, laboratory reporting, and establishing national reporting standards. He has been active on several other CSTE committees, including the former surveillance workgroup, the ELR and Surveillance Coordination Workgroups and planning committees for the 2006 and 2007 annual CSTE meetings. He has served as CSTE consultant on various issues, drafted and led CSTE position statements, and is on the Board of the National Public Health Data Standards Consortium. Public health epidemiology is facing many changes, especially prompted by technologic advances, and Dr. Smith welcomes the opportunity to continue serving CSTE during this challenging period.

John Horan, MD, MPH

John M. Horan, MD, MPH, is Chief of the Chronic Disease, Injury, and Environmental Epidemiology (CDIEE) Section of the Georgia Division of Public Health. John graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY, in 1974, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine



at the Pennsylvania State Medical Center in Hershey, PA, in 1979. He began his public health career as an EIS Officer at NIOSH in 1979. Following EIS, John joined CDC's Division of Field Services and served two years as New Hampshire State Epidemiologist. From 1984-98 he served as Assistant Director, Division of Field Services (1984-89), and then as State Branch Chief (1990-98) in CDC's Epidemiology Program Office. In those positions he played a central role in assignment and oversight of state-based EIS Officers, and in 1994 he began the process of inviting a CSTE representative to participate in ranking EIS field assignments. From 1998-2002, John worked in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, where he helped form the Injury Surveillance Workgroup that developed the *Consensus Recommendations for Injury Surveillance in State Health Departments*. In 2002-05, he was the Associate Director for Science in CDC's Division of Applied Public Health Training, providing scientific advice and oversight for the EIS and other training programs in the division. During that time he also chaired the working group that developed a draft policy on CDC interactions in states; and he was a member of the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Capacity Building Work Group coordinated by CDC's Division of Adult and Community Health.

John has been a CSTE member since 1985 and has attended all but one annual CSTE Conference since then. In many of those years he also represented his CDC office at one of the annual regional meetings of state epidemiologists in the Northeast, South, Midwest, or West. In 2007, John was appointed as CSTE representative to the BRFSS Working Group.

In his present position as CDIEE Section Chief, John supervises 20 epidemiologists and support staff conducting surveillance and investigation of chronic disease, injury, and environmental risk factors and conditions. The CDIEE section has lead responsibility for Georgia's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, Youth Tobacco Survey, Cancer Registry, Stroke Registry, and Violent Death Reporting System.

Candidate for Chronic Disease / MCH / Oral Health Chair

Youjie Huang, MD, MPH, DrPH

Dr. Youjie Huang is the Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Administrator of Chronic Disease Epidemiology Section at Florida Department of Health. His responsibilities include designing and implementing epidemiologic studies on chronic disease and related behaviors, managing the Florida Cancer Data System, and a number of population-based surveys (BRFSS, PRAMS, YRBS, and FYTS). He serves as a member of many advisory committees in Florida.



Dr. Huang has been working on public health and epidemiology for over 20 years. Before he joined Florida Department of Health in 2002, he was a chronic disease epidemiologist at South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control from 1998 to 2002, and a faculty member with University of South Carolina, School of Public Health and School of Medicine from 1995 to 1998. He was responsible for implementing chronic disease surveillance and study, and conducting epidemiologic researches. He worked on infectious disease epidemiology with Suzhou Center of Disease Control in China from 1982 to 1990.

Dr. Huang is a member of CSTE (since 1999) and a CSTE consultant on cancer. He has attended most of annual CSTE conference since 1999. He is also a member of APHA (since 1994), a member of Science and Epidemiology Committee of National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, and a member of North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (since 2002).

Dr. Huang has served as a P.I., co-P.I., investigator or evaluator for many epidemiologic studies and surveillances funded by CDC, ATSDR, HRSA, and Department of Energy. He made more than 70 presentations at national professional conferences. He is the author or a co-author for 40 papers, and more than 60 epidemiologic reports.

Dr. Huang received his medical degree in preventive medicine in China in 1982, a master degree in infectious disease epidemiology in 1992 and a doctor degree in chronic disease epidemiology in 1995 from School of Public health, University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina.

Rick Kreutzer, MD

Richard Kreutzer, MD, is a public health medical administrator (epidemiologist) and chief of the Environmental Health Investigations Branch, California Department of Health Services. He supervises a broad range of environmental public health activities that are often designed to maximize community participation. These include:

- investigating health impacts from waste sites;
- developing a framework for environmental health tracking (a.k.a. surveillance);
- providing education and outreach about fish and water body contamination;
- investigating cancer clusters and studying environmental carcinogenesis;
- studying adverse reproductive outcomes related to drinking water contamination;
- assessing pesticide exposures from agricultural use or exotic pest eradication;
- assessing exposure to molds and mycotoxins from composting, biosolids, or indoor sites with moisture; and
- building better asthma surveillance in the State.



Dr. Kreutzer is principle investigator for California Breathing, the CDC sponsored project to address asthma from a public health perspective. In this capacity, he supervises implementation of numerous interventions that are part of the California Strategic Plan for Asthma. He is principle investigator for a cooperative agreement with ATSDR/CDC to build state capacity in environmental health and to perform health assessments around contaminating sites. Also, he is principle investigator of a Fogarty International Center grant to work with Shanghai, China Center for Disease Control and Prevention on training in research on environmental and occupational health. He is on the editorial board of the Chinese Journal of Environmental and Occupational Medicine. He is a reviewer for a number of environmental health journals. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, a MD from the University of Pennsylvania, and epidemiological training from UCLA.

Dr. Kreutzer has been a member of CSTE for four years. He has attended three annual meetings of which he helped plan the environmental sections for two.

Candidate for Environmental / Occupational / Injury Chair

Jon Roesler, MS

Jon Roesler is an Epidemiologist Supervisor with the Injury and Violence Prevention Unit at the Minnesota Department of Health in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is the principal investigator for TBI Extended Surveillance (2005-2010), and ED-Treated TBI Surveillance (2005-2010); co-PI for Integrated Injury Prevention and Control (2005-2010), and TBI Service Linkage (2005-2010); and co-investigator and epidemiologist for Surveillance of Sexual Violence (ongoing), and Epidemiology of Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury (ongoing). He is epidemiologist for the ongoing Minnesota TBI/SCI Registry, and the Minnesota Trauma Data Bank; as well as team leader for the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Analysis Team.



Prior to his work in injury and violence epidemiology, Mr. Roesler conducted epidemiologic surveillance and investigations in diabetes, indoor air quality, infectious diseases, and cancer. He has worked as an epidemiologist at both the Minnesota and North Dakota Departments of Health, subsequent to his work as a statistician and research analyst with the University of Minnesota's Division of Epidemiology. Mr. Roesler has served on the board of directors for several nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Roesler has been a member of CSTE since 2005. Along with CSTE member Dr. Mel Kohn of Oregon, Mr. Roesler currently helps to represent CSTE on the national Workgroup for External Cause Coding Improvement (WECCI). He has also served as a CSTE consultant for the CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System. He is also a member of the State and Territorial Injury Program Directors Association (STIPDA).

Mr. Roesler has a B.A. degree in Physiology and Psychology, and an M.S. degree in Environmental Health, from the University of Minnesota. He is currently completing his Ph.D. dissertation in Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota. On a more personal note, Mr. Roesler is a bicycle commuter (and helmet advocate!), as well as a collector of working, vintage, Western Electric telephones.

Martha Stanbury, MSPH

Martha Stanbury is Section Manager in the Division of Environmental Health, Michigan Department of Community Health. She is responsible for federally funded programs in chemicals and public health preparedness, occupational and environmental health surveillance, and the Michigan Hazardous Substances and Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) system. Since coming to the Department in 2001 she has developed the Department's chemical emergencies public health preparedness and response program, revived the Department's occupational health surveillance program, promoted environmental and occupational health issues with local health departments and other state agencies, developed new systems for environmental and occupational disease surveillance, coordinated outbreak investigations of acute illnesses associated with chemical poisoning, collaborated in studies of occupational disease, and initiated a variety of environmental public health intervention projects.



Martha received her Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Missouri Columbia in Community Health Education. She began her public health career at the Environmental Sciences Laboratory, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. She then spent 17 years at the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services where she was Manager for the Occupational Health Surveillance Program and then Public Health Advisor to the State Epidemiologist/Assistant Commissioner, Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health where she worked on a variety of cross-cutting public health issues including bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, cancer control and others.

She is co-author of 25 peer reviewed published papers and over 30 other reports, including MMWR and health department publications and a book chapter. She has been a member of CSTE since 2001 and has been active in the CSTE/States Occupational Health Workgroup.

Candidate for Infectious Disease Chair

Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH

Gail Hansen has served with the Epidemiologic Services Section at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) since October 1996. She started as an assistant state epidemiologist and state public health veterinarian, and served as the deputy state epidemiologist beginning in 2001. She has been the state epidemiologist since 2005 and is the current vice president of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV). Her primary public health career focus has been infectious diseases, but as the state epidemiologist she has been developing an environmental epidemiology program at KDHE.



Gail has been involved with CSTE since her arrival in Kansas in 1996 and has authored or consulted on several CSTE position statements in that time. She has been active in the CSTE/CDC Applied Epidemiology Competencies Development Project and was part of the CDC recreational water illness workshop in 2005. She was an at-large member of the CSTE Executive Committee in 2005-06 and is on the CSTE Surveillance Policy Committee.

She worked as an epidemiologist at the Seattle-King County Health Department, primarily responsible for applied epidemiology research in HIV and AIDS. She was the principal coordinator for a longitudinal cohort study of blood-borne pathogens among injection drug users in King County, Washington and co-investigator of an evaluation study of the needle exchange program in King County, Washington from 1993-1996.

Gail received her master's degree in public health from the University of Washington in 1993 and her veterinary degree (D.V.M.) in 1982 from the University of Minnesota. Prior to coming to Kansas, she worked as a veterinary clinician in private practices in Seattle, New York City, and Greensboro, North Carolina.

Candidate for Infectious Disease Chair

Robert Rolfs, MD

Dr. Rolfs has practiced public health at federal and state levels since 1986. After completing internal medicine training, he began his public health career as a CDC EIS officer in 1986 with the Division of STD/HIV Prevention. He remained with that Division at CDC until 1993, working on a variety of issues including pelvic inflammatory disease, the crack cocaine related syphilis epidemic, and the association between syphilis and HIV. In 1993, he was assigned to the Utah Department of Health. From 1993 to 2001, he worked primarily on chronic disease and injury epidemiology, vital and health statistics, and health assessment. He established and was the first Director of the new Center for Health Data. Since 2001, he has been the State Epidemiologist, responsible for infectious disease and environmental epidemiology, and environmental sanitation. He oversaw surveillance for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, the smallpox vaccination program, and pandemic influenza planning. In September 2006, he retired after 20 years in the USPHS Commissioned Corps and is now a State of Utah employee.



Bob has attended CSTE meetings since the late 1980's and been a member of CSTE since about 1993. He was active on the chronic disease committee from then until 2001, including a one year stint on the Executive Committee (MCH/Chronic Disease committee chair). He was actively involved in a number of initiatives in that area, including development of the Chronic Disease Indicators, Assessment of Chronic Disease Epidemiology Capacity, and Competencies for Chronic Disease Epidemiology. He has served a number of CSTE consultancies most recently representing CSTE on the EpiX Editorial Board, the International Society for Disease Surveillance (ISDS), and is actively involved in an ongoing CSTE/CDC evaluation of influenza surveillance.

Dr. Rolfs sees patients one half day each week at a homeless clinic in Salt Lake City. He enjoys time with his family (wife, two nearly grown children, and dog) and a variety of outdoor activities especially cycling, skiing, and hiking.

Candidate for Member At-Large

Michael Landen, MD, MPH

Michael Landen is the Deputy State Epidemiologist with the New Mexico Department of Health. He graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1986, completed his family medicine residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1989, and completed an MPH at the University of North Carolina in 1993. He has worked as a family physician and clinical director for the Indian Health Service in Arizona and New Mexico, and as a volunteer physician in Belize. In 1995 he began work as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. In 1997 he moved back to New Mexico to work as an epidemiologist with the New Mexico Department of Health first in Las Cruces and then in Santa Fe. His principal areas of professional interest include tribal epidemiology, substance abuse epidemiology, injury and health status disparities.



He has been a CSTE member since 1998 and has been involved in CSTE on the Injury Committee, as co-lead consultant for alcohol epidemiology and now substance abuse epidemiology, and as the lead consultant for tribal epidemiology. He has been cross-cutting chair for the last three Annual Meeting planning committees.

His wife is a nurse practitioner and he has 10 and 13 year old sons. He enjoys hiking, camping, running and coaching soccer.

Candidate for Member At-Large

Thomas Safranek, MD

Dr. Thomas Safranek has been the Nebraska State Epidemiologist since 1990. Prior to that he served on the faculty at Creighton University in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Internal Medicine. He attended medical school and completed his Internal Medicine residency training at Georgetown University. Following that, he served as Chief Medical Resident and Infectious Disease Fellow at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He then participated in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS 1984) at the Centers for Disease Control, where he worked in the Hospital Infections Program.

In his capacity as State Epidemiologist, he oversees epidemiologic investigation and study of a variety of public health problems affecting the state's population. While this activity is centered on communicable diseases, he has worked closely with maternal-child health, chronic disease and injury epidemiology programs. Since 2000, he has devoted substantial efforts to state and national public health informatics initiatives, including NEDSS and HAN. In addition he has worked with a public health unit responsible for addressing the identification and control of bioterrorism in the state.