



KEYNOTE SESSION

Sunday, June 21 • 10:15-11:30am

SUSTAINABILITY: A CRUCIAL NEW ROLE IN THE EVER EVOLVING PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

At last year's AEC & Exhibition, NEHA used a keynote panel to launch a critical discussion across the profession that we titled: "Who Are We and Who Do We Want To Be?!" At this year's AEC & Exhibition, NEHA's keynote session will emphatically respond to that question with a stirring presentation to be delivered by Dr. Howard Frumkin. Dr. Frumkin is the Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Dr. Frumkin's keynote will focus on the evolving role of environmental health in the larger issues of global warming, sustainability, and built environments.

It is NEHA's judgment that the profession of environmental health is evolving and changing in response to the economic crisis engulfing our nation, the emergence of performance standards for environmental health and changing priorities that are impacting our field of practice. In response, NEHA is making the effort to understand these changes so that we can prepare the profession for its future roles.

To that end, NEHA is honored to have CDC leader, Dr. Howard Frumkin, MD, MPH, DrPH, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Frumkin is passionate about environmental health and the role it needs to play in emerging topics such as sustainability. His presentation style fuses his passions with strikingly vivid teachings. His audiences can expect to become highly informed, deeply

grounded, and ready to take up the cause. Such is NEHA's goal in making this gifted speaker and leader the keynote presenter for this year's conference.

Dr. Frumkin will make the case for environmental health's involvement in sustainability. He will explore how we can assist communities and governments develop far reaching and long-term strategies designed to ward off prolonged climate change and achieve sustainable ways of living with and within the natural environment. The presentation will discuss everything from the health implications of global warming to the health consequences of how our built communities function. Most importantly, it will map out an important new avenue for positive growth for the environmental health profession.

Prior to his current position at NCEH/ATSDR, Dr. Frumkin was the Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. He is also an internist, an environmental and occupational medicine specialist, and an epidemiologist. He serves, and has served, on numerous prestigious environmental health committees and has been a consultant to several top corporations and unions. Dr. Frumkin was named Environmental Professional of the Year by the Georgia Environmental Council in 2004, and is a national leader in the area of the built environment and health. He is the author or co-author of over 100 scientific journal articles and chapters, and has written numerous books. Dr. Frumkin's education includes a BA from Brown University, an MD from the University of Pennsylvania, an MPH and PhD from Harvard, internal medicine training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Cambridge Hospital, and occupational medicine training at Harvard. He is board-certified in both internal medicine and occupational medicine, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.