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**RIMS NEWS  
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**THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER**

**Advancing the Risk Management Profession**



***Houston Chapter***

***Risk Manager of the Year 2003***

**Mr. Andrew D. Estrada,  
Vice President, Safety & Risk Management  
Comfort Systems USA**

You will not want to miss Andy's presentation to the Houston Chapter of RIMS on February 18th. His behavior-based philosophical style is innovative and understandable. Andy sees the world and the safety process as it should be rather than resigning himself and the safety program to traditional paradigms and stereotypes.

Andy graduated from the UT-Pan American in 1976 with a double major in Chemistry and Biology. After working in a laboratory for a couple of years, the oil boom brought him to Houston. He worked at the Charter Oil Company - Houston Refinery for 6 years before switching to the contractor side of the business. He has the interesting distinction of working for 4 different "consolidators": BFI, Allwaste, Corporate Express Delivery, and Comfort Systems USA. In fact integrating formerly independent companies into a corporate risk management/loss control program has become his career specialty.

Andy has acquired broad experience in human

resources, loss control, and risk management in addition to safety and occupational health during his 28-year career. He has served as a guest instructor at the Texas A&M Industrial Fire School and has taught risk management courses for the Houston Community College and the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. He is a Professional Member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

**New Members**

*We are very pleased to announce our new members for January 2004:*

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## From the President's Desk

*Hello everyone,*

I am so excited about Andrew D. Estrada (aka Andy) speaking at our luncheon this month!

Andy is an excellent speaker and an excellent choice for Risk Manager of the Year 2003. We are honored to have him as our guest speaker. He has a formidable work history and his accomplishments include documented reduction of program costs and increased success through safety.

My very favorite part of his program is his emphasis on safety and how critical the interaction between risk management and safety is to an organization. His organization's safety record is almost 60% BELOW industry average. Andy's proven success in reducing accident frequency and correspondingly decreasing the total cost of risk is quite an achievement!

Please be sure to join us and invite your staff and safety personnel to hear Andy's presentation of his program and what he's done to make such significant strides within his organization.

I'll see you there,

*Colleen*



## Education Corner

### **RIMS Member Children's Scholarship**

Deadline Feb 17th!

Deputy Members get your applications in!

### **UH - Gamma Iota Sigma**

We received a nice Thank You letter from Gamma Iota Sigma for our recent donation of \$2,000. This money is going to help the UH fraternity continue its mission of getting students interested in Risk and Insurance Management careers.

### **Did You Know?**

The ARM 56 class that started January 27th has 11 students. In 2003, our chapter sponsored an ARM 54 and an ARM 55 class that benefited 32 professionals with their Risk Management education.

### **Door Prize & Speaker Evaluation Winners...**

The \$20 door prize was won by DeKeitra Fitzgerald.

The \$20.00 for the speaker evaluation was won by Colleen Cummings. You have to be present to win.

Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now sent out by e-mail.

If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Victor Pivetta, Membership Director. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).

All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Monica Olis.

## **Houston Area Job(s) Listing for February 2004**

**Company:** Risk Consulting & Advisory Services Practice  
**Position Title:** Managers  
**Location:** Houston Texas

**Company:** Risk Consulting & Advisory Services Practice  
**Position Title:** Consultant  
**Location:** Houston Texas

**Company:** John L. Wortham & Son, L.P.  
**Position Title:** Casualty/Technician Broker  
**Location:** Houston Texas

**Company:** Ken Kern Search Consultants  
**Position Title:** Risk Manager  
**Location:** Houston Texas

Listing descriptions and contact information can be found at The Houston RIMS website:

<http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSCChapter.cfm?CID=328>

For further information regarding positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Marsha Phillips, Director - Job Placement (832)351-7149

[email:marsha.d.phillips@jacobs.com](mailto:marsha.d.phillips@jacobs.com)

For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Jennifer Berman at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292

[email: jberman@rims.org](mailto:jberman@rims.org)

Also, look online at the Houston Chronicle's classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management at:

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classified>

or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site:

<http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds>

# RIMS Society News

## *RIMS 2004 Annual Conference & Exhibition*

San Diego, California April 18-22, 2004

**The early bird registration fee cut off date is February 20, 2004.**



### ***RIMS Fellow Workshops***

The Society has some great workshops which will benefit risk management professionals and others who want to update their knowledge on current thinking in Risk Management.

#### *What is a RIMS Fellow?*

A risk professional who has met the following requirements:

- Completed an established risk management program.
- Continually updates his or her industry knowledge.
- Contributes to the profession.
- Demonstrates a high level of ethical behavior.

#### *What are the benefits of the holder of RIMS Fellow?*

- Resume Enhancement: Formal training to strengthen your professional resume.
- Competitiveness: Our formal training gives you a competitive advantage over colleagues.
- Credential. Add the RF next to your name. Verification that you have achieved the skills and knowledge needed to identify and manage operational, financial, external, and other risks in your organization.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2004 RIMS Workshops and Courses. For details, visit:

<http://www.rims.org/education>

You can also find this link on the Houston Chapter's Web page. Just go to [rims.org](http://rims.org)>Chapter>Chaper Websites>Houston>RIMS Fellowship Workshops.

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## Houston Chapter of RIMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

### 2004

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

Presentation by 2003

Risk Manager of the Year

Andrew Estrada

Recognition of Past Presidents

March 17, 2004

April

No meeting due to  
Annual RIMS Conference  
in San Diego, CA

May 19, 2004

June 16, 2004

July 21, 2004

August 18, 2004

September 15, 2004

October

Houston Chapter RIMS Fall Conference

November 17, 2004

December 15, 2004

Check the website:

[www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org) > chapters > chapter web sites > Houston.

Watch for event information.

## Reservation Deadline

is **Friday, February 13, 2004 at 4pm.**

Please send your response by e-mail to [jlyon@contactpsc.com](mailto:jlyon@contactpsc.com) or fax the notice to 713.625.7087.

The Luncheon Registration form is available on the chapter web site at [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org)

choose “chapters” then “chapter web sites” then “Houston” look for the “Monthly Meeting Notice” on the list to the left.

## MEETING PLACE

**Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel.**

6701 Main @ Holcomb, Houston, TX 77030.

Phone # 713.797.1110

Parking is available in the hotel garage for \$3.00. Bring your parking ticket to the registration table for a validation sticker.

Parking is also available on the surface lot to the south of the hotel

