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AOHP Hosts 36th Annual National Education Conference

PITTSBURGH – More than 300 health professionals and nearly 40 vendors attended the 36th Annual National Conference of the Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) - *Keeping Up with Changes* - held September 6-9 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver, CO. This event included 16 pre-conference workshops, 15 general sessions and 24 breakout sessions offering the most up-to-date knowledge to advance occupational health practice.

The keynote for the four-day conference was Inspirational Speaker Tricia Downing, a competitive cyclist who was hit by a car while on a training ride on September 17, 2000 and paralyzed from the chest down. She reemerged on the sports scene as a wheelchair athlete just five months after being discharged from the hospital and is now recognized as a pioneer in the sport of women's paratriathlon (triathlon for wheelchair athletes). Through her presentation *Discover Your Inner Champion*, Downing encouraged participants to reach further, take smarter risks and persevere in the face of heartache, challenge and change.

The AOHP Annual National Conference is one of the country's largest conferences for occupational health professionals in healthcare and includes a diverse audience of participants from nearly every state in the nation, as well as international members. The conference features dynamic educational programming and the exchange of successful research and innovative practices, in addition to an exhibition, opportunities for networking and the ability for attendees to earn continuing education hours in a wide variety of content areas. The conference addresses AOHP's mission to provide members with opportunities for professional growth through education.

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AOHP is a national association representing thousands of healthcare workers. Its vision is to be internationally recognized as the leading resource provider for occupational health professionals in healthcare. Led by an experienced and dedicated group of occupational health professionals, AOHP promotes health, safety and well-being for healthcare personnel through: advocating for employee health and safety; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations.

The AOHP 2018 National Conference is scheduled for September 5-8 at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa in Glendale, AZ. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities will become available in the spring of 2018. Registration opens in early summer. Anyone interested in sponsorship opportunities or registration information should contact AOHP Headquarters at 800.362.4347 or e-mail info@aohp.org.

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