

IN MEMORIAM

CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) was saddened to learn of the passing of CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky (retired, U.S. Public Health Service [USPHS]) on November 10, 2020. He devoted his life to public and environment health, both internationally and domestically. He was the recipient of the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, the Davis Calvin Wagner Sanitarian Award in 1992 from the American Academy of Sanitarians, and the Walter S. Mangold Award in 1995 from NEHA.

CAPT Chelikowsky's career in environmental public health began in the Peace Corps, where he volunteered in Sarawak, Malaysia, focusing on sanitation and communicable diseases. Recruited by the U.S. Agency for International Development, he worked as a technical advisor in environmental health in southern Thailand. He then returned to the U.S. and earned a master of public health degree from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. In 1972, he was commissioned in USPHS and assigned to Crown Point, New Mexico, with the Indian Health Service (IHS).

In March 1978, CAPT Chelikowsky was detailed to the University of Hawaii and assigned to the Ministry of Health in Jakarta, Indonesia. As part of a three-person team, he developed a competency-based environmental health curriculum, train-the-trainer programs, and a how-to field manual. Upon completion of the project, CAPT Chelikowsky was assigned to IHS headquarters. From 1980–2004, he was the IHS emergency preparedness coordinator. In addition to his key role in the development of the Federal Response Plan, he was also responsible for the deployment of IHS personnel to nearly every disaster that occurred during this time period.

From November 1984–May 1999, CAPT Chelikowsky concurrently assumed the duties of chief of the Environmental Management Branch, as well as becoming deputy director of the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering in July 1995. He was also acting office director for 5 years until his retirement in 2007.

CAPT Chelikowsky served on the Sanitarian Professional Advisory Committee as the executive secretary for 7 years and chair for 1 year. In June 1989, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop appointed him chief professional officer for the sanitarian category, a post he held until January 1994. In 1998, CAPT Chelikowsky was detailed half time to the Office of the Surgeon General to assist with the transition to a new surgeon general.

After his retirement from USPHS, CAPT Chelikowsky became a public health consultant. He worked for the IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. He also volunteered his time to the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation (COF) for the Advancement of Public Health. He lent his expertise to COF efforts to promote training.

CAPT Chelikowsky was a COF trustee. He served four terms on the Commissioned Officers Association Board of Directors and four terms as regional vice-president on the NEHA Board of Directors. In addition, he served three terms on the NSF International

Council of Public Health Consultants, including one term as chairman. He also held leadership positions in the American Academy of Sanitarians.

Donations can be made to the COF Annual Fund in memory of Bruce Chelikowsky online at <https://phscof.org/donate.html> or by mail at PHS/COF, P.O. Box 189, Cheltenham, Maryland, 20623-0189.

Source: Obituary provided by Ti Chelikowsky.

Lisa Conti

NEHA was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lisa Conti on November 6, 2020. Dr. Conti dedicated her career to One Health—the connection between the health of humans, animals, and the environment. She provided leadership and made unparalleled contributions to the national and international One Health movement.

Dr. Conti served as the deputy commissioner and chief science officer of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, overseeing the divisions of Food Safety, Agriculture Environmental Services, Aquaculture, Animal Industry, and Plant Industry. Prior to working with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, she worked for 23 years with the Florida Department of Health as division director of environmental health, state public health veterinarian, and state HIV/AIDS surveillance coordinator.

She authored numerous journal articles on One Health, public health, HIV/AIDS surveillance, and vectorborne and zoonotic diseases. She was the coeditor and cowriter of *Human-Animal Medicine: Clinical Approaches to Zoonoses, Toxicants, and Other Shared Health Risks*, a landmark One Health textbook.

Dr. Conti served on the National Institutes of Health's National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council. She was a member of the One Health Initiative pro bono team. She was a founding member and chair of the State Environmental Health Directors with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers. She was also a founding member of the Florida Rabies Control and Prevention Advisory Committee, sat on the Rabies Compendium Committee of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, served on the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Council on Public Relations representing public health, was an executive board member of the Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA), and established and chaired the FVMA One Health Committee from 1995–2013.

She was an affiliate with the Yale University School of Medicine on human–animal medicine projects; an adjunct professor at Florida State University; a courtesy associate professor at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Infectious Diseases and Pathology; and taught anatomy and physiology at Tallahassee Community College.

She earned her doctor of veterinary medical degree from the University of Florida, a master of public health from the University of South Florida, and a bachelor of science from the Univer-

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sity of Miami. She was a recipient of the Florida Public Health Woman of the Year Award, the AVMA Public Service Award, and the 2017 American Veterinary Epidemiology Society Gold Headed Cane Award.

Donations can be made to the Lisa Conti One Health Fund established by the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine at www.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/025089-lisa-conti-one-health.

Source: One Health Initiative, www.onehealthinitiative.com.

Morgan T. Monroe, Sr.

NEHA was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Morgan T. Monroe, Sr., in fall 2020. Dr. Morgan served as president of NEHA from 1974–1975 and was the recipient of the Walter S. Mangold Award, NEHA's highest honor, in 1979.

Dr. Monroe received an associate degree from Mars Hill College, a bachelor degree from East Tennessee State College, a master of science in public health from the University of North Carolina, and doctor of public health from Tulane University. He served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Dr. Morgan was employed at East Tennessee State University (ESTU) from 1963 until he retired in 1999. He was the founding professor and chairman of the Department of Environmental Health. He developed the first bachelor and master of science in environmental health degrees to be professionally accredited in the U.S. He was very proud of the fact that he recruited students from 56 countries, as well as from all across the U.S. He also developed contracts to recruit U.S. Army students to receive environmental health bachelor degrees allowing many U.S. Army health science officers to be ETSU graduates.

Dr. Morgan served as consultant to several organizations: the National Academy of Science, National Institutes of Health, American Medical Association, Agency for International Development, Caribbean Community, and World Health Organization. He was also consultant to several universities to help develop environmental health departments. For several years, he served as a member of the Public Health Review Committee of the National Institutes of Health to conduct site visits of schools of public

health to determine qualification for public health traineeships and special project grants. He also served on a committee tasked with the reorganization of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which enable the agency to better meet the needs of the U.S. for environmental protection.

Dr. Morgan was the author of the textbook, *Environmental Health*, that was used as support text at several universities in the U.S. and foreign countries, as well as a recommended study reference for NEHA's Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian credential. He also presented research and position papers at many local, state, national, and international organizations.

Dr. Morgan had been retired almost 20 years and during that period of time he was an environmental health consultant to the Jimmy Carter Center and the Agency for the International Development. He enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, and attending Central Community Christian Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the ETSU Dr. M.T. Morgan, Sr. Scholarship for Environmental Health, Department of Environmental Health, P.O. Box 70682, Johnson City, Tennessee, 37614.

Source: *Johnson City Press*, https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/obituary/dr-monroe-talton-m-t-morgan-sr/article_1a2807ce-0f23-11eb-98f0-e3ab1bc823cb.html.

NEHA extends its deepest sympathies to the families, friends, and colleagues of these environmental public health professionals. Each had a profound impact on our profession and will be greatly missed. 🙏

Editor's Note: If you would like to share information about the passing of an environmental health professional to be mentioned in a future In Memoriam, please contact Kristen Ruby-Cisneros at kruby@neha.org. The *Journal* will publish the In Memoriam section twice a year in the June and December issues, or in other issues as determined appropriate.

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