

No Scents Please

Sensitivity to low levels of toxic chemicals is a serious and growing medical problem, disabling an increasing number of otherwise healthy people/workers. More women than men are affected, with symptoms that may include migraines, asthma attacks, facial swelling, eye irritation, vomiting or chest pains.

Many PSAC members have been unable to attend conferences or conferences in the past, or have struggled and suffered through an event, or have had to leave because conditions became intolerable.

Products such as perfumes, hair sprays, after shave lotions, felt markers, detergents and other cleaning solutions can provoke a mild to serious reaction in some people. All too often, we are not aware of the substances and chemicals being used around us, or the potential effects of scented products (or combination of products) may have. And unfortunately, many of us are unknowingly contributing to the discomfort and illness of others by the choice of product we wear on our clothes and ourselves.

We are asking for your co-operation in creating a "scent-free" learning event. Please avoid the use of scented items, including *scented* soaps, shampoos, hair care products, deodorants, lotions, and shaving products during the Racially Visible Conference.