ACGIH® Herbert Stokinger Lecture

“Fifty Years of Chasing Paracelsus”

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The Dose Makes the Poison – perfect TLVs® and BEIs®, like the ‘Will-o-the-Wisp’ or the Pot-of-Gold at the end of the rainbow cannot ever be achieved, but they continue as vertebrae of a backbone that is the successful practice of global industrial hygiene, toxicology and occupational medicine protecting the health and safety of workers.

This presentation is not on a new chemical or physical agent TLV®, a BEI®, an IH or environmental safeguard, but rather, is a 50 year summary of my shortening memory and nostalgia of attempts and successes by so many individuals and events striving to attain the Pot-of-Gold.