



SCHPCA

South Carolina Health Professionals for Climate Action

Dear South Carolina Health Professionals for Climate Action members!

This is our **first** monthly email blast! You can look forward to a monthly email from us with upcoming events, ways to get involved and great educational material!

Volunteer Opportunities

Carolinas Heat Health Coalition: A coalition that brings together a diversity of organizations and individuals from different sectors in NC and SC to share knowledge about and develop ways to improve heat-health awareness, heat warning systems, and heat-illness prevention measures. Members include representatives from agriculture, athletics, community planning, health and human services, the Department of Labor, DoD, and parks and recreation, among others. **They are looking for a representative from SC Health Professionals for Climate Action. If you are interested, please email info@shealthclimate.org and we will connect you with the organization and get you more information.**

SC Energy Office: The SC Energy Office is embarking on an **Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative**. They are looking for a representative from SC Health Professionals for Climate Action. The stakeholder group meets twice a year with the possibility that a working group could meet monthly. **If you are interested, please email info@shealthclimate.org and we will connect you with the organization and get you more information.**

Educational Opportunities



Health in Virginia's Changing Climate

• 2021 WEBINAR SERIES •

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action offer a monthly webinar about climate and health. Sign up here to join live! Their website also has recordings of past webinars here. CME credit is available for attending the webinars. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Webinar

Medication Disposal: Starting the Conversation

Sustainable Pharmacy Project

Thursday, February 18th, 2021 12:30-1:30pm (ET)

Join VCCA for a presentation from Sustainable Pharmacy Project to learn about how research into medication disposal practices has highlighted key areas of improvement in the effort of reducing the impact of pharmaceuticals on the environment. Lack of patient education on proper disposal and ineffective advertising of disposal services have contributed to a major question mark in what happens after the medication leaves the pharmacy. Through awareness, it allows us to create a new conversation between patients and providers.



[SC Interfaith Power & Light](#): Educating and engaging people of faith to work together for a just and sustainable future. SCIPL offers programs and resources for advocacy, action, energy conservation, education, networking, and worship.

SC Interfaith Power & Light and **SC Health Professionals for Climate Action** are teaming up for a 6 part webinar series on climate and health! SCIPL's target audience is the faith community so we will ground the talks in an understanding of stewardship and care for all people. **The kick-off event is February 23rd at 6:30 pm.** [Register here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

2021 Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference

Carolinas Integrated Sciences & Assessments team conducts applied research in NC and SC that incorporates climate information into water, health and coastal management and decision making.

SAVE THE DATE: May 10-12

Durham Convention Center, Durham, NC

More information [here](#)

What We're Reading/Listening To/Watching

Podcast: **The Climate Question** by the BBC World Service. This is a weekly, free podcast with a new in-depth climate topic with each episode. Recent topics have included: "Does Africa have a voice on climate?" and "How can we live with the SUV?" Each episode is about 20 - 25 minutes long, perfect for a car ride.

YouTube Video: [13 Misconceptions About Global Warming](#) by Veritasium. A funny, engaging, fast look at the most common misconceptions about global warming.

Book: [The Story of More](#) by Hope Jahren. Really interesting read that is generally about how we consume and waste too much of everything. Very objective with a lot of data, but still easy and fun to read.

REMINDER: SC Health Professionals for Climate Action is an affiliate of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health. All SCHPCA members and supporters are encouraged to sign up as a medical advocate and log recent activities relating to climate and health!

Know of an upcoming event? Please email us at info@shealthclimate.org

If you're interested in being a part of our health professional coalition, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@shealthclimate.org or visit www.shealthclimate.org.