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The focus of the forum is “Bridge Building . . . Research to Practice.” The event will provide updated information on agricultural and rural safety and health practices and strengthen the collaboration between researchers, practitioners, health care professionals, and producers.

The forum will include presentations on successful research-to-practice programs in agricultural safety and health; ideas to overcome challenges in translating research to practice; and workforce training and culturally appropriate work environments for new employees. Other topics include farm stress and depression; injury prevention; pesticide exposure; and farm safety for children, women, and senior farmers.

John Howard, M.D., director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will give the keynote address, “Occupational Safety and Health Challenges for the 21st Century,” on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Paul James, M.D., professor and head of the University of Iowa Department of Family Medicine, will present “Creating Opportunities for Health in Rural Communities through Collaboration” on Friday, Oct. 28.

Friday's agenda also will feature a panel session titled, “Listening to the Farmer’s Viewpoint,” with agricultural producers from the Midwest.

A limited number of free registrations and $75 stipends are available for farmers attending one or both days. Visit the I-CASH Web site (www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash/) for an agenda and additional details. Conference registration materials are posted on the Web site, or are available by contacting Eileen Fisher at eileen-fisher@uiowa.edu.