

## Greater Michigan and Detroit PMC/MSCA Co-Sponsor Microbiological Seminar



The Greater Michigan PMC in cooperation with the Detroit Chapter of the PMC continues to work jointly to bring national training seminars to our members, the most recent being the Microbiological Seminar.



The development of a microbiological management plan by every service contractor is imperative. If indoor air quality concerns are not handled properly, they can become a big headache for the contractor and prove very costly. During the session participants were provided with a step-by-step approach for handling IAQ concerns while following current guidelines and recommendations. Some of the topics discussed during this session and which need to be considered in the development of your own company's plan include: the role of executive management, identification of associated costs and establishment of workplace education program, the need to identify a microbiological plan manager and that person's role and responsibilities.

Patrick O'Donnell, (***pictured above***) president of Enviro Team in Pompano Beach, Florida was the instructor for the seminar. His firm specializes in microbiological studies, environmental microbiology laboratory services, material and building products testing, indoor environmental assessments, and training services. He has been involved in the control of microbiological agents in indoor environments since 1973. He is a nationally known lecturer and has presented education seminars and case studies at national, regional, and local indoor air quality conferences.

Other topics reviewed at length included: development of a comprehensive education program for employees which should include a basic understanding of the microbiology, possible health concerns, potential habits where problems can develop and a review of current guidelines and standards; identification of special tools and equipment necessary to protect employees or assist in the detection of problems; legal and insurance concerns, procedures for addressing microbiological concerns including proper documentation, site visits, HVAC system assessment, employee health concerns, and work practices.

All attendees participating in the program received a comprehensive Microbiological Management Plan for the Service Industry.

