

## **M. Patricia Buley, IOM**

M. Patricia Buley is the Director of Certification and Accreditation at the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) responsible for the management and leadership of the development and maintenance of the certification examination programs. Patricia conducts accreditation activities including training staff on the standards, writes policies and procedures, develops and maintains the Candidate Handbook and the Management

Systems Manual, fills out the application form and compiles submittal package for assessment to obtain and maintain ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024, the International Standard for Personnel Certification Programs and the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) accredited programs that provide credentials to hazardous materials and dangerous goods professionals. Patricia manages IHMM's test development activities and is the staff liaison to the examination and recertification committees that works with the subject matter experts (SMEs) and psychometricians on job/task analysis, blueprint development, item writing and other activities. During her 10-year tenure at IHMM, Patricia worked in different capacities and was the Acting Executive Director for one-year (April 2016-March 2017) and was recognized for outstanding service and dedicated leadership to the Institute.

Before joining the IHMM, Patricia worked at the American Chemistry Council for 13 years. She worked seven years at CHEMTREC which serves as a round-the-clock resource for obtaining immediate critical response information for incidents involving hazardous materials and dangerous goods. She pioneered CHEMTREC's translation services program.

Patricia received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and Latin American Studies from George Mason University. She is bilingual in Spanish. Patricia graduated from the Institute for Organizational Management (IOM) and was a recipient of partial scholarship for two years and is a CAE candidate. She is active in several professional associations, including Certification Network Group Steering Committee, CESB, ICE and ASAE.

In her spare time, Patricia enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons, hiking, kayaking, traveling and playing Chess.