



**M. Patricia Buley, IOM, ICE-CCP
IHMM Director of Certification and Accreditation**

Patricia has more than 25 years of experience in association management, creating and managing certification programs, and standardized test development. Patricia is currently responsible for the leadership of the certification examination programs at the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM). Patricia manages and conducts accreditation activities, writes policies and procedures, trains staff on the standards, authors, and updates the Candidate Handbook and the Management Systems Manual. She fills out the applications for accreditation and compiles the documentation for the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), ISO/IEC 17024:2012, Second Edition: Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons and for the Council of Engineering & Scientific Specialty Board (CESB). Patricia oversees the test development activities and is the staff liaison to six examination and recertification committees that work with psychometricians on job task analysis, blueprint development, item writing, and standard-setting to determine the cut score. Patricia manages IHMM's computer-based vendor to ensure the proper and secure delivery of examinations at test centers and remote online live proctored exams. During her 12-year tenure at IHMM, Patricia has worked in different capacities and was appointed as the Acting Executive Director for one year (April 2016-March 2017). She was recognized by the IHMM Board of Directors for outstanding service and dedicated leadership to the Institute.

Before 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 received a partial scholarship for two years, and is a CAE candidate. As a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.) Examination Committee in 2021, Patricia contributed to developing the first I.C.E. Certified Credentialing Professional beta exam. She has earned the ICE-CCP credential. Patricia volunteered on the Certification Network Group Steering Committee for five years before being appointed to the Certification Network Group (CNG) Board of Directors in 2020. The CNG Board of Directors develops and initiates opportunities for credentialing professionals to learn, network, and share best practices in the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas. In 2021, Patricia was appointed as Vice-President of CESB. She is a member of the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.). In her spare time, Patricia enjoys spending time with family, hiking, kayaking, traveling, and playing Chess.