

Editorial

Readers of this publication would know that SLP has had a busy start to 2006.

On January 19th and 20th, we held a 2-day training course on Emergency Response Planning in collaboration with the Institution of Engineers, Singapore. This is not the first time that we have collaborated with other like-minded professional bodies on subjects of common interest. Readers will know that the Institution of Chemical Engineers, UK, is also one of our partners. So is SPRING Singapore (formerly the Productivity and Standards Board). Collaboration with other like-minded professional bodies is a strategy that we have adopted to make the optimum use of scarce SHE resources in Singapore.

In February, we had a very interesting talk on Dust Explosion Protection. If we didn't know before, we now know that people in very many industries should be concerned about this subject. Read the article to find out more!

Our President, in his usual way, has written a thoughtful piece about the new Workplace Safety and Health Act. Every workplace in Singapore is covered in the act. As pointed out in the President's message, the act will present a major challenge to SME's. There is much work for SLP in this area. Can we rise to the challenge?

It will be time soon for our Annual General Meeting. This year our AGM will be held on June 22. AGM's are always important occasions for any self-governing society. For 2006, the AGM is even more important. Firstly, we will be voting for the whole Executive Committee. We do this once every two years. Secondly, not all Exco. members will be available to serve again. New blood will be needed. It is therefore important for all members to think about coming forward and offering themselves for election. SLP is as good as its members want it to be. We have come this far and we are capable of going further. It is not a job to be delegated to others.

This is also the time to renew our memberships. Our Secretariat has sent notices to all members, Individual members should take advantage of the GIRO facility to automate their payments. Corporate nominees should follow up with their accounts department to make payment. Prompt payments will lighten the administrative burden of our Secretariat. It behoves all members to do the right thing and keep their memberships current.

Fortunately, life is not all work. Our Annual Members Night is scheduled for May 27. So mark your diaries. Teng Chong Seng and his committee are planning a night to remember.

See you all at the party!