

President's Message



Ong See Hee

President

I am honoured to be elected as the President of the Society at the recent AGM. I plan to continue the efforts of the Immediate Past President, Richard Gillis, in pursuing the objectives of the Society for the benefit of its members and the community at large. I had initially turned down the proposal by our Executive Committee members to succeed Richard. Some of you would know that he intends to retire from his company at the end of this year. He wants to spend more time with his family in Australia. I declined the proposal primarily due to my extensive business travelling but decided to accept it after much persuasion from the members of the Executive Committee including Richard. I was also persuaded by my strong desire to see the Society grow stronger and moving forward. I owe it to my fellow Executive Committee members with whom I have been working for the past many years to keep the Society moving. I know I will have the strong support of the Executive Committee. Members will be glad to know that Richard Gillis has kindly accepted our invitation to be advisor. Richard's presence in the Executive Committee will add value to the programs we are planning. Mr Gegory Poi, a member of the previous Executive Committee and Lecturer in Environmental Biotechnology at the Singapore Polytechnic, has also graciously accepted our invitation to be co-opted into the Executive Committee.

The Society is now better known as a professional society for SHE practitioners than it was when it was formed in 1991. We have members from that founder group who are still serving the Executive Committee in various positions. The Society has conducted a number of high standard international and local conferences, workshops and training for its members and non-members from various industries. Members are also sitting on various SPRING Singapore committees on Singapore Standards and Codes of Practice.

The challenge for the Society is to maintain its status as a premier professional society in loss prevention in the oil, chemical and process industries in Singapore. The Executive Committee will continue to do its best to roll out loss prevention and related programs for members with the aim to attract more corporate and individual members.

In closing, I would like to thank members who have sacrificed their family and personal time in the interest of SLP. They have made what SLP is to-day -- a truly unique Society in Singapore.