

2006 SLP Members' Night celebrated with a Chinese Dumpling Festival theme

Every year our Members' Night gets better. This was the case for 2006.

On 27th May 2006, Saturday, at 2.00 PM at Jurong Country Club, a group of enthusiastic organizing committee members started to decorate the Albizia Room -- red curtains on stage, miniature Prosperity red lanterns galore --to give it a Chinese feel. Members' Night 2006 was to have a Chinese Dumpling Festival theme.

When evening came, well-dressed and charming ladies and smart and happy gentlemen began to arrive. The atmosphere was ideal for chatting with friends and business associates. There were joyous sounds everywhere. In keeping with the theme, we could describe it as *hen re nao*. Fresh and hot *dian xin* and delicious Italian dips were served by lovely waitresses and waiters. The atmosphere was enhanced by the sound of a live traditional 3-piece Chinese ensemble consisting of the *Yangqin*, *Erhu* and *Dizi*. Other than Chinese music, the musicians demonstrated their versatility by playing western tunes as well. Guest were entertained to popular tunes like Always on my mind, Eternal Flame and Queen of Hearts. How's that for an experience?

The ladies were especially interested in a demonstration of how Chinese opera actresses put on their make-up. Guests

had a close-up look at the many stages of the process -- hair-do, facial make-up, colorful lip-sticks and fragrant facial powders.

All these were only the introduction.

Guests were seated by 7.15 PM. Teng Chong Seng, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, then began the event proper. He acknowledged and thanked the sponsors of the event (see the sponsor list at the end of this article), the organizing committee, musicians, opera artistes and our guests. Ngiam Tong Yuen, Honorary Secretary, welcomed the guests on behalf of Richard Gillis, our President, who was on a business trip.

Dinner was then served. Apart from other delicacies, guests enjoyed the traditional *zong* (glutinous rice dumpling). Dinner was topped off with a cake from the Fullerton Hotel.

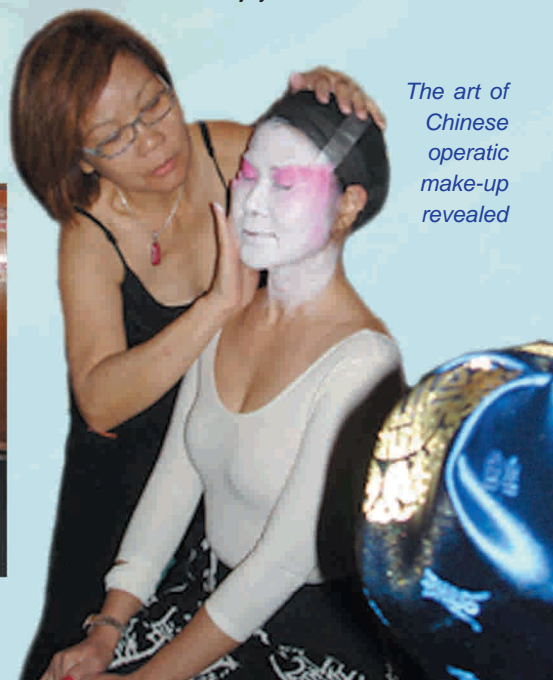
More entertainment was provided during dinner by the performance of episodes from two famous Cantonese operas. Dennis Tay provided a synopsis of each episode before they were performed. This added to the enjoyment.



Lillian hard at work registering guests as they arrive



A night to remember for Mr and Mrs Tong Kam Fei



The art of Chinese operatic make-up revealed



What's a party for if it is not to be with friends

Still more Chinese culture. Mr Simon Wee, an expert *Taichi* practitioner, explained the benefits of taichi and demonstrated some taichi moves to the accompaniment of soothing music.

The evening would not be complete without party games. A tall story contest on the origin of the dumpling festival provided many laughs. Whoever said that SHE professionals are not creative and cannot think out of the box? Pity the box makers. They should have been present during this contest and be permanently disabused of this idea. Prof. Liew Ah Choy was the best story teller of all.

For creativeness and originality, the next game even topped the one on story telling. The organizers had participants on stage to wrap as many dumplings as they could in the time allowed. But what about the props? We could use real bamboo leaves and plastic strings for tying the finished dumpling. And the rice? We used plastic pellets. There was no house-keeping problem if the participants spilled the pellets and there was no wastage of rice. Tay Cheng Pheng was the champion. He beat a number of ladies to the title. His secret – he had learnt how to wrap dumplings as a child from his mother. SLP members have many hidden talents.

The best dressed lady and gentleman were Mrs Khoo and Mr John Lockwood (more about him later). Guest were asked wear Chinese costumes for the evening. Mrs Khoo won with a *qipao*. John wore a traditional Chinese suit.

*Right picture:
Who will Jason
choose?*

*Below picture:
SLP members and
guests enjoying
Chinese opera*



SLP took advantage of this happy occasion to present Mr John Lockwood with an Honorary Fellowship. In accepting this award, John joined only three other people who have been so honored – Professors Trevor Kletz, Dan Crowl and Ching Chi Ban. See the separate article on this award for more details.

All good things must come to an end. It came all too soon for the guests that evening. To help them remember the occasion, each couple were given a cloth bag and other gifts from the sponsors. These sponsors were BS&B Safety System, Dow Chemicals Pacific, Pfizer Asia Pacific, Singapore Refinery Company and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Thank you all very much.

A special thanks must be given to Mr Simon Wee for the taichi demonstration.

Everyone went home happy and looking forward to the next party!

(Editor's note: As was said at the beginning, each Members' Night gets better. What will the Organizing Committee for the event in 2007 do? We must heartily thank the Organizing Committee for 2006 for such an enjoyable event. They were: Teng Chong Seng (Chairman), Jacob Soh, Dennis Tay, Johnny Tng, James Samuel, Hor Nam Chook, Tong Kam Fei, Jason Oh and Lylian Law. Once again, thank you all very much.)

By: Teng Chong Seng



Jacob impressing his guests with his silk jacket

Editorial

SLP has just undergone a leadership change. Ong See Hee is now President. He succeeds Richard Gillis who served 3 terms of 2-years, a total of 6 years, as President and many more years before that as a member of the Executive Committee. Richard has kindly agreed to remain on the committee as an Advisor.

SLP is fortunate in having a number of stalwarts who have served it for so many years since its founding. This service has largely been unrecognised. In order to correct this situation, Exco. recently established a scheme to recognise members who have rendered significant service to our society. With this done, we were happy to recognise Andy Choi at our Annual General Meeting on June 22. Congratulations, Andy! You have set a very high standard for the rest of us to emulate.

At the AGM this year, we elected the whole Executive Committee as opposed to only electing the Honorary Treasurer. For the first time in many years, we had an election for the Committee Member positions. This is a good development for SLP. We are happy to report that two new members were elected to the Exco. They are Dennis Tay and Praveen Arora. We have already assigned them roles in the Technical sub-committee. Members should feed their ideas on technical activities – technical talks, training courses, seminars, workshops, technical visits and conferences -- to these two gentlemen. We look forward to exciting events on the technical front!

Teng Chong Seng is our new Honorary Treasurer. Members will remember that he was co-opted into the committee last year. He is also head of the Membership sub-committee. He is looking for other members to join him. Volunteers are welcome. In the words of Andy Choi, "Younger members should come forward and serve. They will not regret this decision. The benefits they will gain by serving on SLP's Exco. and sub-committees far outweigh any sacrifice of time that they will make." Take it from a veteran!

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.

Richard Gillis giving the glad news to members about SLP's performance in 2005/6



15th Annual General Meeting

It seems such a short while ago that a small group of SHE professionals in the oil, chemical and process industries got together and formed SLP. This year SLP is into its 16th year – the second half of its second decade. Yet a good number of these veterans are still active members and are contributing their share to running SLP and its technical and professional growth.

2006 has been special in several ways. Firstly we honored one of our distinguished founder members, John Lockwood, at our Members' Night on May 27. He joined three other people (Professors Trevor Kletz, Dan Crowl and Ching Chi Bun, who incidentally is our Founder President) in becoming an Honorary Fellow. The Honorary Fellow list is exclusive indeed.

Secondly, we recognised Andy Choi at the AGM by giving him the first SLP Recognition Award for members who have contributed significantly to SLP. Andy is an SLP pioneer. In his acceptance speech, Andy said that he had enjoyed and benefitted greatly from his association with SLP. As a member he had gained from SLP's technical activities – technical talks, plant visits, training courses, seminars and conferences. He had also had many opportunities to exercise his leadership qualities by serving on the Executive Committee and its sub-committees. He was especially proud of being a member of the organising committee for the 1st. International Conference on Loss Prevention. This set the benchmark for subsequent conferences. He was glad to see so many younger members at the AGM. He encouraged them to come forward and serve in sub-committees and eventually the

Executive Committee. He would do it again. The benefits far outweigh any sacrifice of time and effort that he had put in.

Thirdly, the AGM marked the stepping down of Richard Gillis, another SLP pioneer. He served 6 years (3 terms) as our President. Prior to being President he also served in the Executive Committee and its sub-committees. Like Andy, Richard was on the organising committee for the 1st International Conference. Richard not only contributed to the management of SLP, he was a regular contributor to our technical activities – speaker for technical talks, workshop leader, paper author and others. Fortunately, Richard has agreed to remain on the Executive Committee as an Advisor.

At the AGM on June 22, members voted for the whole Executive Committee. This happens every two years. Another interesting event this year was that an election was held for the Committee Member positions. This is a good development because it shows that more members are coming forward to serve. Our

leadership renewal is going at a good pace. Three executive committee members are new.

The Executive Committee for 2006/8 is shown below:

President:

Ong See Hee

Vice President:

Tay Cheng Pheng

Hon. Secretary:

Ngiam Tong Yuen

Hon. Treasurer:

Teng Chong Seng (for one year only)

Committee Members

Reginald Tan	Praveen Arora
Lam Kit Wing	Jacob Soh
Sam Tsen	Dennis Tay

Two Honorary Auditors were also elected. They are Michael Yan and Ngiam Bo Han.

At the Executive Committee meeting on July 27, the committee unanimously co-opted Richard Gillis and Gregory Poi into the committee.

Apart from the special items described above, the AGM also dealt with normal business. A piece of good news from this is that SLP managed to achieve a small surplus for 2005/6. This arose from the successful training courses that were held during the year. This happy state can only continue if SLP is able to put on training courses, seminars and workshops that are relevant to practicing professionals.

SLP, as always, is as good as its members want it to be. So the ball is back where it always should be, at the members' feet. Let's take it and play.

By Ngiam Tong Yuen

Richard enjoying a well earned dinner



Election 2006 - Richard and Tong Yuen counting votes



Members enjoying each others company while enjoying dinner



Honorary Fellowship for John Lockwood

We chose our Members' Night on May 27 to honour John Lockwood, a founder member of SLP and a stalwart ever since. The Society describes an Honorary Fellow as someone who "has made a significant contribution to the Society. (He) is a distinguished and eminent person whose membership adds prestige to or advances the interest of the Society".

In the words of the citation, "...John Lockwood meets these requirements handsomely and (the Executive Committee) unanimously agreed to confer the honour of Honorary Fellow to John Lockwood. ...SLP has been frugal in awarding this honour. John joins a small group of Honorary Fellows – Professors Trevor Kletz, Dan Crowl and Ching Chi Bun..."

John was one of the founding members of SLP. Prior to the inception of SLP as a registered society, it was an ad hoc group comprising SHE professionals from the oil and chemical industries, academia, and senior officers from the regulatory agencies such as the Ministries of Manpower and the Environment. The purpose of the group was to organise the first-of-its-kind international conference on loss prevention in the Oil, Chemical and Process Industries that that was held in Singapore in October 1989. The international conference was so successful that the organizing committee decided to formalise the group to further promote loss prevention in these industries. A pro-tem committee was formed and subsequently registered the Society in 1991.

John served on the Executive Committee for 4 years in the formative days of the Society and has held the post of Honorary Auditor. He has supported SLP over the years in writing papers for our conferences and being the instructor for a number of our training courses. He has never stinted in passing on his knowledge and experience.

In the area of loss prevention John has been extremely active over a long time. He spent the majority of his professional career with BP. John started in BP Chemicals in Hull, England where his first safety assignment was in 1977. Since then John has worked in the safety area for BP Oil, initially in the United Kingdom. He

subsequently moved to Singapore to be the Safety & Loss Prevention Manager for the Singapore Refining Company.

John then moved to the USA and was the refining safety consultant for BP. He was responsible for achieving consistent safe work practices across five U.S. refineries. John was a member of the API and CCPS (AIChE) process safety committees during his time in the USA.

He was a founding member of the Singapore Oil and Petrochemical Industries' Technical and Safety Committee. He was loaned to the Committee by BP as Project Coordinator for the study into the design of tankage, tank operations/maintenance and associated fire fighting systems. He liaised with industry, government agencies, and consultants on this study.

After his retirement from BP, John moved into consulting and was the Vice President for EQE International Asia Pacific which was subsequently renamed ABS Consulting following a takeover. John was also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and taught several modules of the Master of Science course in Safety, Health and Environmental Technology for many years.

He is now Senior Consultant (Risk and HSE) with International Refinery Services.

John received the award from Ngiam Tong Yuen, Honorary Secretary, who was standing in for Richard Gillis who was on a business trip.

In his acceptance speech, John said that he felt honored to receive the Honorary Fellowship. He would always have a special place in his heart for SLP. A society like SLP was needed to further the cause of safety, health and environmental protection in Singapore. He would continue to serve SLP.

By Ngiam Tong Yuen

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to:

Ordinary Member

Mr. Leong Weng Fei --- graduated from the National University of Singapore with a B. Eng. (Hons.) Mech.Eng. in 2001 and a M.Sc (SHE Technology) in 2004. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He worked as a Programme Manager with the Office of Safety, Health and Environment, National University of Singapore for four years. He subsequently worked as EHS Consultant and Trainer for Chemcare Asia Consultants for two years. Currently he is the Managing Consultant for CFS Associates Pte. Ltd which organises technical and QEHS training in the region.

Mr. Soh Hong Kuan --- graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic with a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering in 1998 and a B. Sc. in Safety Science from the University of New South Wales in 2000. He has both local and overseas working experience. He was the Construction HSE Manager for a Shanghai Petro-Chemical Company. Currently he is the HSE Manager with Jacobs Engineering Singapore Pte. Ltd.

We look forward to meeting and interacting with these members at our activities. We have no doubt that they will not only gain some new knowledge and insights, they will also contribute their share to the sum of SHE knowledge in Singapore.

A Great Welcome to All.



Andy Choi SLP Recognition Award

Until recently, SLP had only one way to recognise members and others who had contributed significantly to the aims and work of the society. This recognition is in the form of the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the Society. Since the Honorary Fellowship is a singular honour, SLP's Executive Committee has kept the Honorary Fellowship quite exclusive. This is as it should be.



Well done Andy

However, in a review of the recognition of SLP members, the Executive Committee decided that it was appropriate to provide a more general scheme to recognise significant contributions from members. The guidelines for this recognition are:

- (1) Any SLP member who is deemed by the Executive Committee to have significantly contributed to the success of the Society may be officially recognised.
- (2) Significant contributions include but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) Played a major and leading role in establishing the Society;
 - (b) Held office (i.e. President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer) for at least 5 years in total
 - (c) Led any subcommittees (e.g. Social, Technical, etc.) of the Executive Committee of the Society for at least 5 years in total
 - (d) Led any projects or initiatives to promote the objectives of the Society with official recognition from local regulatory agencies and international safety, health, environment and loss prevention institutions

Since this is an important event for the member concerned and SLP, we would choose a high visibility occasion to make the presentation. Thus, it was that the first such award was made on June 22 at our Annual General Meeting.

Andy Choi, a founder member and significant contributor to the SLP in its early years and long after, became the first winner of the award.

In presenting the award, Richard Gillis, our President, said that Andy amply met the criteria. He added that Andy was part of the pro tem committee that preceded the formation of the Society and served the pro tem committee as Treasurer. Andy was on SLP's Executive Committee as Vice President (3 years), Treasurer (one year), Assistant Treasurer (one year), and Executive Member (6 years) over a period of 12 years. Andy also served as an Honorary Auditor twice when not on the Executive Committee. He was on the organizing committees for our major international conferences. As all of us know, Andy was the leader for organising social events such as the Members' Night for many years.

He graduated as a Chemical Engineer. He was Engineering Director at GSK for many years before retiring and joining Wyeth where he also served as Engineering Director. Andy has now retired from Wyeth.



Wise words from Andy - - come forward and serve!



Congratulations Andy - - you've set a high benchmark

He would do it all again. He urged younger members to come forward and serve. SLP offered many opportunities for members to hone their leadership skills, to network with fellow professionals and to keep upto to date with technical developments.

Andy, thanks for your support and congratulations for winning the award.

By Richard Gillis

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