



# Editorial

As our President has said, this is the first all electronic edition of our newsletter. Apart from the beneficial environmental impact of an electronic newsletter, there is a cost saving credit. Using the internet also gives us speed and presents opportunities to readers to interact with the writers. Again, as the President has said, we welcome your comments. Every writer would like to know what his reader thinks and whether his work has met its objectives.

SLP, as an organization, has changed over the past few years. While, in the past, we had many members from the petroleum refining and petro-chemical industries, now our membership is more diverse and we have members from a wider spectrum of industries – from the expected petroleum and petro-chemical companies, to pharmaceutical manufacturers, to environmental companies and now companies from bio-technology/life sciences companies. It is a good question whether these new individual and corporate members are adequately catered for. What do you say? What would you like SLP to do? Let's hear from you.

SLP had its annual general meeting at the end of June. Since 2009 is an in-between year, we only had an election for a new Honorary Treasurer. He is a long-serving Executive Committee Member, Jacob Soh. In order to introduce some new blood into its ranks, Ivan Sin was co-opted into the committee. Ivan is a senior officer from SCDF and we look forward to his contributions. He has already been put to work. He is the writer of the article on the recently conducted course on LOPA. What is LOPA? Read Ivan's article.

At the time of writing this editorial, we are awaiting the responses for the Plant Visit, Technical talk and Dinner that will be hosted by Yokogawa Engineering Asia Pte Ltd at its premises. Yokogawa is a leader in instrumentation and it recently co-facilitated the LOPA course. The event will definitely be an interesting and informative one.

There is one more interesting feature in this electronic newsletter. Two of our members, Tay Cheng Pheng and Teng Chong Seng, have written summaries of interesting articles that they have read in the recent literature and have provided internet links to the host sites. We hope you find these articles and links useful. In fact, we hope you will feel inspired enough to do the same and post your summaries onto our SLP site so that others may benefit. Thanks for your support!

## Happy Reading!