

2005 seems to be flying by even faster than the previous year. Chinese New Year has come and gone. We are not too late to send our Chinese friends a wish for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Year of the Rooster.

This year is going to be a very active and busy one for SLP because we are organizing a two-day conference on September 21 and 22, 2005. The theme of the conference is, "New Initiatives in Loss Prevention". Our purpose is to stimulate attendees to look at and think about our safety, health and environmental issues in a new light. Even if we don't fully succeed in this, we believe that the authors would leave you with some ideas that would be immediately useful to you. The authors are very experienced and practical persons. You will be seeing and hearing more about our conference in succeeding issues of this publication. We will also be sending you separate announcements on it. Members and readers in general should mark their calendars and make it a point to attend the conference and workshops.

SLP now has an agreement to jointly conduct training sessions with the Singapore Chapter of the Institution of Chemical Engineers. I Chem E is providing training materials from its headquarters in Britain. SLP is providing the administrative support. The courses are open to members of I Chem E and SLP and to other persons who are interested in Loss Prevention in relation to Safety, Industrial Hygiene/Health and Environmental

Protection. Our course leader is Mr John Lockwood who needs no introduction in Loss Prevention circles. Attendees at his courses will have a chance to interact with him and gain some valuable insights into Safety issues. The first course is on Job Safety Assessment. It is targeted at line managers and supervisors who are responsible for safe operations and who are involved in the preparation and issuance of work permits. The one-day course is set for May 18. You will soon be receiving more details on this subject.

Readers would have seen the announcement about our Annual Members' Night. For those of you who did not attend the celebration in 2004, you have a chance to find out what you missed last year. You need to **book early**. Our celebration for 2005 is on April 16. **Mark your calendars. It's an event not to be missed.**

We have technical talks already lined up for March, May, June and July and a plant visit in April.

You can see we have a very busy and interesting year ahead.

Our President has again written a very insightful letter. It behooves us to use our best judgement at all times and not overly rely on computer software to solve all our control problems. We must understand what we are doing!