

SLP Conference 2005 - "New Initiatives In Loss Prevention" September 21 and 22, 2005

The Society organised a conference on "New Initiatives in Loss Prevention" to bring members up to date in developments in environmental protection, occupational safety, loss prevention and SHE management systems.

The conference had key note addresses by two distinguished speakers. Mr. Ho Siong Hin, Director of the Occupational Safety & Health Division of the Ministry of Manpower, gave an update on the successes that the MOM had had in applying the concepts of Learning Organizations in Occupational Safety and Health Management. Mr. Hans Pijnenburg, Manufacturing Manager of ExxonMobil Chemical Operations Private Limited shared Exxon Mobil's SHE philosophy, culture and practices.

Mr. Gregory Poi, a Lecturer with the School of Chemical and Life Science in Singapore Polytechnic, presented a paper on "Biodegradation of Phenolic Wastewater by Biofilm Forming Microorganisms" to efficiently remove organic pollutants.

Our President Richard Gillis welcoming attendees and declaring the conference open

Dr. Raj Srinivasan, Associate Professor of the Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, National University of Singapore, presented "Alarm Management". He shared some new technologies for alarm management that would provide the right information to plant personnel to better handle normal and abnormal situations in a plant.

Mr. John Lockwood, Senior Risk Consultant, International Refinery Services Pte Ltd, and his team spoke on "Fires and Explosions". They discussed the factors that influence the magnitude of explosion overpressures. The talk was illustrated by 3 recent examples of catastrophic explosions in the process industry.

Mr. Richard Gillis, SLP's President presented a paper on the "Global Harmonization System for Classification & Labeling of Chemicals". Richard outlined the scope of GHS and described how the GHS could be implemented in Singapore. He followed up with a GHS workshop on the second day.

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*Audience engrossed -
must be hearing something interesting*



Mr. Chew Khien Kuan, Safety Engineer of ExxonMobil Manufacturing Engineering Singapore, presented a short paper on "Reporting & Disseminating Information on High Learning Value Incidents". Khien Kuan then joined Mr. Ngiam Tong Yuen, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Tay Cheng Pheng, an Executive Committee Member, in a panel discussion on "Going Beyond the Obvious in Incident Investigations". This proved to be a very lively session as members of the audience readily shared their opinions and experience on this topical subject.

This was a good note on which to end Day 1 of the conference.

(Editor's note: This article will be in two parts. Part 1 will cover Day 1 of the conference where formal presentations were made. Part 2 will cover the Workshops on Day 2.)

By Sam Tsen



Key note speakers Mr Ho Siong Hin (3rd from left) and Mr Hans Pijnenburg (4th from left, partly obscured) interacting with attendees before the conference



Coffee break time is always good for networking