Welcome to the new Society Update. ASSE’s e-newsletter provides the latest Society news, activities, upcoming events and notable member achievements.

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Top Stories
Roger Brauer Named ASSE Fellow
Roger E. Brauer, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, executive director of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, is the Society’s 183rd fellow. The Fellow is the highest honor that a professional member of ASSE can receive. It reflects peer recognition for showing excellence in the field of safety, honors dedication to advancing the SH&E profession and acknowledges significant contributions to the Society. In an interview with Roger Brauer, reflected on his award, "Is this a good profession or what?"

ASSE Honors Safety Professional & Safety Educator of the Year
During its annual meeting at ASSE’s Safety 2004 Professional Development Conference, James D. Smith, M.S., CSP, received the Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award, and Paul G. Specht, Ph.D., CSP, received the William E. Tarrant Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year Award. The SPY Award recognizes a member’s outstanding performance in establishing and maintaining Society programs. The Educator of the Year Award honors high-quality teaching. SH&E research and publication activity; support of ASSE student sections; and university contributions. Smith is director of research services for Arthur M. Gallagher in Boca Raton, Florida. Paul G. Specht is a professor of occupational safety and environmental health at Millersville (PA) University.

Culbertson Award: Volunteer Leaders Recognized for Contributions to Society
Nine ASSE members were recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts for ASSE and the SH&E profession. Recognized this year were: Charles V. Culbertson Award in 2004 were: Judy L. Freeman; Danny C. Hill, CSP; Jack E. Hirschman Jr.; Donald S. Jones Jr.; P.E.; CSP, MBA; Mary Ann Latto, CSP, CHS; Michael A. Messner, CSP, CPS, CSMM; Frederick A. Miller, CSP; Richard F. Moscati, CSP; and Diana M. Pressman, CSP, ARM, CPCI, AICM.

ASSE Regions & Practice Specialties Name Safety Professionals of the Year
Each of the ASSE eight regions and 11 of the Society’s 13 practice specialties named safety professionals of the year. These individuals were honored during award ceremonies at ASSE’s Safety 2004 POC in Las Vegas, NV.

Skipper Kendrick Presents Five President’s Awards
ASSE 2003-04 President Skipper Kendrick recognized three individuals whose service positively impacted the Society and its members. Recipients were: John Henschel, executive director of Basin Petroleum Co.; John Henschel, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA; and Rick Pollock, CSP, President, Comprehensive Loss Management Inc. and chair of ASSE’s POC Planning Committee. Kendrick also acknowledged the support and contributions of two groups: the EHS staff at Bell Helicopter, where Kendrick is manager of industrial safety and hygiene; and ASSE staff.

Murray State Named ASSE’s Top Student Section
The ASSE Student Section at Murray (KY) State University (MSU) has received the 2004 Outstanding Student Section Award. The award, sponsored by ASSE and Mine Safety Appliances Co., recognizes the student section that develops community, campus and research activities which promote safety and health. Among its many activities, the MSU Student Section hosted its fourth annual 2004 Choices event and sponsored a Student Mentor Day.

Riley Bechtel Named Honorary Member, Participates in Executive Summit
Riley Bechtel, chairman and CEO of Bechtel Group Inc., has accepted an honorary ASSE membership from ASSE President Skipper Kendrick during Safety 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. Following the award presentation, Bechtel participated in the Society’s first Executive Summit, which brought together four corporate leaders to share their views on the business impact of safety, maintaining a safety culture and building visibility for the contributions of the SH&E profession. Professional Paper Awards Recognize Best Professional Safety Articles
Three papers received the Paper Award at the Professional Safety Journal, ASSE’s monthly journal. First-place recipient Joel M. Haight, P.E., CSP, CHS, wrote “Human Error and the Challenges of an Aging Workforce (December 2003); second-place recipient Joseph L. Killips penned “Biological Safety: Protecting Drivers and the Bottom Line” (October 2003). Third-place recipient Kenneth E. Ryan, CSP, authored “Industrial Property Liability Risk Control: Seven Keys to Success” (February 2003). Each author received a commemorative plaque and honorarium.

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ASSE Launches Nextsteps Career Site
ASSE officially unveiled its new career website—Nextsteps—during Safety 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. The interactive site is open to all jobseekers and employers. Jobseekers can post a resume, search jobs and sign up for e-mail notifications when job openings are posted. Employers can search resumes and post their jobs on the Jobline service previously available only through the Members Only section of the ASSE website.

NAOSH Week Continues to Grow
North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week was again a huge success for ASSE and the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering. NAOSH Week 2004 kicked off with a news conference at Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry, home to the Old Old #17 coal mine exhibit, the museum’s oldest and most popular exhibit. Other activities included a career fair hosted by the members of the Women’s Safety Committee in the “Give ‘em a Break!” coal mine reception, which featured the National Work Zone Memorials; the second annual NAOSH Week Kids Poster Contest; and proclamations from three states and four cities.

New Section Formed in Ecuador
ASSE has formed an Ecuador Section to provide SH&E professionals in that country with expanded educational opportunities and access to an international network of SH&E professionals.

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Member Notes
Emily Knowles, CSP, CHS, appointed to National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) Marcy Thompson, CSP, RN, CHN, appointed to Rhode Island Mercury Commission Jim Burtner, CSP, CH, appointed to Joint Industry Mutual as loss prevention consultant. Five ASSE members appointed to OSHA’s Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH).

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll
The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.

In Memoriam
The Society remembers those members who passed away in recent months.

Long-Service Recognition
ASSE recognizes members with 25, 35, 40, and 50 years of service to ASSE.

Correction - April 2004
A story in the April 2004 issue of Society Update ("Tapp Named to List of Top 40 Professionals Under Age 40,") pg. 4, incorrectly named Linda Tapp’s chapter affiliation. Tapp is a professional member of the Penn-Jersey Chapter, not the Philadelphia Chapter as stated. Society Update regrets the error.

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