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Safety 2005: New Orleans
Safety 2005, slated to run June 12-15 in New Orleans, will feature more than 200 sessions on the latest in SH&E. Among the highlights are six new sessions—three in Spanish—to help employers and the Latino workforce improve communications and training aimed at reducing workplace injuries and illnesses. Online registration for the PDC is open, with early registration discounts available through April 1, 2005.

NAOSH Week to Run May 1-7
North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week 2005 will be observed May 1-7. NAOSH Week is an annual special emphasis campaign to focus attention on the importance of working safely, and on the role SH&E professionals play in keeping people safe and helping businesses deliver world-class results. To request a kit that contains information to help members organize NAOSH Week events and activities, contact ASSE's Diane Hurms at dhurms@asse.org.

Washington Group International Creates ASSE Foundation Scholarship
The Washington Group International Inc. recently donated $5,500 to the ASSE Foundation to create the Washington Group International Safety Scholarship. The scholarship will fund an annual $3,500 award to an undergraduate pursuing a safety and health degree with an emphasis in construction. The first scholarship will be awarded June at ASSE's Safety 2005 in New Orleans.

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ASSE Issues Position Statement on Representing SH&E in Government Affairs
ASSE's Governmental Affairs Committee has developed a position statement that explains why and how the Society strives to gain recognition of its members in legislation and regulations. The statement includes a preferred legislative approach to SH&E recognition—already in law in New Jersey—that emphasizes the qualifications of an SH&E certification through proper accreditation instead of the certification itself.

Bechtel & Liberty Renew Scholarships
Bechtel Foundation and Liberty Mutual Group each recently donated $10,000 to the ASSE Foundation to support occupational safety and health through higher education scholarships. The Bechtel donation will fund the Bechtel Foundation Scholarship Program for Safety and Health, which annually awards a $3,000 scholarship to an undergraduate pursuing a career in construction safety and health. The Liberty Mutual donation is earmarked to fund the first national Future Safety Leaders Conference for ASSE student members, which will be held in November 2005.

Society Elections
Election 2005 is upon us. Candidate bios were included in the February issue of Professional Safety and are available at http://www.asse.org/frelect05.htm, as are their platform statements. Votes for new officers must be cast between March 1 and April 1.

Member News

ASSE Members Elected to 2005 BCSP Board of Directors
Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) recently elected three ASSE members to its board of directors. Thomas F. Brenahan, CSP, was elected BCSP president, while David F. Coble, M.S., CSP, and Samuel J. Gualandro, CSP, were elected directors-at-large.

Cucichis Focuses on Homeland Security
Dian Cucich, Ph.D., CHMM, a member of ASSE's New Jersey Chapter and director of operations for Emillott, an SH&E consulting firm headquartered in Chatham, NJ, was recently certified in Homeland Security Level 3. In addition, she has been named the first responder team leader and PA3 team coordinator of the Northeast PA Preparedness and Response (N3P3) teams. As team coordinator, Cucich organizes all 14 PA3 divisions for response and works with the State Emergency Response Commission, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Dept. of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency. She has more than 18 years’ experience in environmental, occupational safety and health program development, implementation and training for chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical, engineering, hazardous waste and emergency response operations.

Manzella Appointed VP for RR Donnelley & Sons
Michael D. Manzella, CSP, a professional member of the Three Rivers Chapter, has been appointed vice president SH&E for RR Donnelley & Sons, a full-service print provider in Chicago. In this position, Manzella will lead the organization’s SH&E, loss prevention, security and workers’ compensation efforts.

Manzella earned a B.S. in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University and masters’ degrees in Industrial Safety Management and Environmental Management from Northern Illinois University and University of Illinois Institute of Technology, respectively.

Ohio Chapter Celebrates 60 Years
In honor of its 60th anniversary, ASSE's Central Ohio Chapter will host special guest speaker Dr. Kathy Sullivan at its May meeting. Sullivan is president and CEO of COSI Columbus, a former NASA astronaut and the first American woman to walk in space. She is a veteran of three shuttle missions and a 2004 inductee to the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Sullivan pioneered the original Challenger Center program model and has been an advisor on numerous exhibits and multimedia projects for groups including National Geographic, the Smithsonian Institution and public television. For more information on the event, contact John Prince at (740) 587-5646.

Youth Rules Rally & Job Fair April 2
ASSE's Gulf Coast Chapter is helping OSHA spread the word about workplace safety for young workers. The Youth Rules Rally and Job Fair is scheduled for April 2 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The free event provides a way for teenagers 14 to 18 to obtain summer and post-high school employment, gather job search tips and learn how to identify potential on-the-job safety risks. For sponsorship information, contact ASSE's Cindy Lewis at youthrules2005@yahoo.com. For more information on young worker safety, download ASSE's free "Workplace Safety Guide for New Workers" brochure.

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