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Diana Pressmann Named 2005 Safety Professional of the Year
Diana M. Pressmann, CSP, ARM, ALCM, has been named the Society's 2005 Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), an award that pays tribute to an ASSE member whose accomplishments have advanced the safety profession. Pressmann is the first-ever female recipient of the SPY Award.

Culbertson Award: Volunteer Leaders Recognized for Contributions to Safety
Eight ASSE members will be recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts for the Society and the SH&E profession. The Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recognizes individual accomplishments at the national level—both to reward these special efforts and to encourage others to establish higher personal goals in Society activity. This year’s award recipients are: Richard R. Bourlon, P.E., CSP, ALCM; Jeffrey C. Campkin, CSP; Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH; Hector M. Escarcega, CSP, ARM; Mark Friend, Ed.D., CSP; Emory Knowles, CSP, CIH; Cindy Lewis; and Linda G. Rhodes, CSP. The awards will be presented during Safety 2005 in New Orleans.

Joel Haight Named Outstanding Safety Educator
Joel M. Haight, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, CIH, has been named ASSE's 2005 Dr. William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator. The award is presented annually to recognize exemplary achievements in SH&E education. The award is named for William E. Tarrants, a past Society president, ASSE Fellow and noted pioneer in safety education who helped establish the Academic Accreditation Council and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. Recipients are recognized for their work in education within the SH&E field, the Society and the profession. Haight is the fourth recipient of the award, which is sponsored by PPG Industries. The award will be presented during Safety 2005 in New Orleans.

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ASSE Foundation Awards Scholarships
Each year, the ASSE Foundation awards scholarships to help college students as they pursue careers in SH&E. This year, 28 students received scholarships totaling nearly $80,000.

NAOSh Week Participation Up 50 Percent
Each day millions of people go to work and return home safely, in part because of the efforts of many SH&E practitioners who work to identify hazards and prevent injuries in all industries and at all workplaces.

ASSE recently concluded its third annual NAOSH Week, which proved to be the most successful to date. Participation grew by 50 percent over last year, which saw a 30-percent increase over 2003. NAOSH Week strives to increase understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health; demonstrate the positive impact that integrating effective safety and health programs in the workplace and the community has on the economy and business; raise awareness of the role and contribution of SH&E professionals in all areas; and reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs.

In addition, U.S. Senate Resolution 130 designating the week of May 1-7, 2005, as NAOSH Week passed the Senate on April 28, 2005. This congressional resolution also "commends occupational safety, health and environmental professionals for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment."

Professional Development: Manufacturing Symposium
Mark your calendar for ASSE’s 2005 Hot Topic Symposium—Manufacturing Safety Symposium—scheduled for Nov. 17-18 in Atlanta. The symposium will feature key presentations by safety professionals from Coca-Cola Co. and General Motors, in addition to 19 concurrent sessions. For more information, call ASSE’s Customer Service Dept. at (847) 699-2929.

ASSE Testifies on Audits & Closing Conferences
On May 12, Jon Turnipseed, CSP, represented the Society in testimony before the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections of the House Education and Workforce Committee. Turnipseed is a member of ASSE’s Governmental Affairs Committee and is a professional member of the Arrowhead Chapter.

In his testimony, he shared the Society's views on incentives to implement third-party safety and health audits. "ASSE has consistently supported legislative initiatives that would encourage employers to conduct voluntary safety and health audits," Turnipseed said. "ASSE is hopeful that once employers realize the benefits of such evaluative action they would continue to implement this practice voluntarily on a regular basis."

Turnipseed also spoke about the significance of closing conferences in the OSHA inspection process. These conferences are the subject of a pending legislative proposal contained in H.R. 979. The proposed bill would require OSHA to provide the employer with a written statement at the closing conference that provides clear information on inspection results, including each alleged hazard and each citation that would be issued. "The Society believes this legislation will contribute to enhanced safety and health by providing timely notice to employers of any perceived hazards and/or regulatory violations so that they can take prompt and appropriate corrective action," Turnipseed stated. ASSE's official statement is contained in the May 16, 2005, Government Affairs Update.

Member News

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