Top Stories

Loose Lips Win Big Tips
ASSE’s 2005-06 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign is underway. It is a great opportunity to introduce a colleague to the benefits and services provided by ASSE. This year, cash prizes will be awarded to those who recruit the most new, full ASSE members. In addition, the ASSE region and chapter with the largest percentage increase of new members will win cash prizes.

First-Ever NAOSH Champion Award
ASSE recently presented the first-ever NAOSH Champion Award to 10 Society members for their efforts to promote the importance of workplace safety. From PPE safety fashion shows to staff/CEO seminars on safety, ASSE members held events in hundreds of cities and companies nationwide to promote being safe at work during NAOSH Week May 1-7, 2005.

ASSE Member Creates New Scholarship
Gulf Coast Chapter professional member Rixio Medina, CSP, of Houston, has established the Medina Scholarship for Hispanics in Safety through the ASSE Foundation to address the needs of the growing Hispanic workforce. Medina is vice president of health, safety and environmental protection for CITGO Petroleum Corp. in Houston. He donated $6,000 toward the new fund, which will help address some of the challenges facing the SH&E profession, as noted in the findings from an ASSE Council on Practices and Standards Technical Report titled “The Impact of Multi-Language Worksites on SH&E Professionals.” CITGO contributed a matching donation.

Foundation Chair Kenneth Brock, CSP, says, “The ASSE Foundation appreciates the efforts of Rixio Medina and CITGO in providing funding for this new scholarship for Hispanic students in safety, and we look forward to awarding the first scholarship next spring.”

Medina says, “Multi-language workplaces present a challenge that is growing in complexity, and this new scholarship will support the need for more Spanish-speaking safety and health professionals in the U.S. The scholarship will encourage Hispanic students who are striving toward a career dedicated to preventing workplace injuries and illnesses, and ensuring the safety and health of fellow workers.”

More News

Safety 2005 Concurrent Sessions on CD/Tape
Did you miss Safety 2005 in New Orleans? You can still benefit from more than 200 sessions covering a wide range of topics such as safety management, industrial hygiene, construction, ergonomics, healthcare and international issues. The concurrent educational sessions at Safety 2005 are now available on CD-ROM or cassette tape.

South Carolina Chapter Seatbelt Law Efforts Lauded
ASSE’s South Carolina Chapter was recently commended for its ongoing efforts to help secure passage of that state’s new primary seatbelt law. “For more than 20 years, the safety community in South Carolina has been encouraging members of the General Assembly to pass a primary safety belt law,” says Teresa Wilson, director of safety for South Carolina Dept. of Transportation, in a letter to South Carolina Chapter President Wilma Magyar. “Your group’s concentrated efforts this year were instrumental in securing passage.”

The new law, which takes effect in December, imposes a $25 fine for not wearing a seatbelt. South Carolina joins 22 other states and the District of Columbia in having standard or primary enforcement of seatbelt laws. South Carolina has one of the nation’s lowest seatbelt usage rates—67 percent.

“Please commend your members on their outstanding legislative effort,” Wilson adds. “They literally put their caring and their commitment to safety into action. It is because of efforts such as this that lives will be saved on South Carolina’s roads.”

Member & Chapter News

Member Finds Asbestos on Beach
Jeffery C. Camps, CSP, OBEA, REP, a professional member of ASSE’s Northeastern Illinois Chapter and Administrator of the Society’s Environmental Practice Specialty, was recently featured in a Suburban Chicago News article after finding several pieces of asbestos-containing material on the lakefront in Waukegan, IL. Click here to read the article.

Valley Coastal Chapter Organizes Beach Clean Up
A volunteer effort led by ASSE’s Valley Coastal Chapter recently helped to gather more than 858 gallons of trash from San Buenaventura Beach in southern California. During a two-hour walk on the beach, Valley Coastal members and friends filled more than 26 33-gallon trash bags. While most of the trash consisted of cigarette butts, bottles and cans, the group reported a large amount of microtrash, which cannot be picked up by hand because of its small size.

Recent Recipients of the Executive Program
ASSE’s Executive Program in Safety Management is designed to help SH&E professionals demonstrate safety system success and gain a career advantage. Participants receive the certificate after earning a total of 7.5 CEUs for completing three required seminars (4.9 CEUs) and additional ASSE national seminars or symposia (at least 2.6 CEUs). ASSE congratulates those who recently completed the program.

Recent Recipients of Certificate in Safety Management
ASSE’s Certificate in Safety Management program consists of three required courses and various electives. To receive the certificate, participants must earn a total of 7.5 CEUs, and all courses must be completed within a five-year period. ASSE congratulates recent recipients of the certificate.

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

Correction — Society Update Vol. 9, No. 7
In the news item “ASSE Regions Practice Specialties Name SPYs,” the CoP & Practice Specialty SPYs section incorrectly listed Richard F. King, CSP, as an Academics Practice Specialty SPY. King is the Construction Practice Specialty SPY. Society Update regrets the error.