Top Stories

Drug Abuse Audioconference: Sept. 20

Impacted by crime and drug abuse, a subject particularly dangerous in certain occupations, such as those involving operating machinery. These hazards are avoidable and drug-free work places are feasible. The Graves Health, ASSR, and ASSE Audioconferences, Impacts and Issues of Drug Abuse, and Examining the Need for Drug Testing, will discuss these related issues facing SH&E professionals.

The conference, slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. CDT, features presenter Peter Cholakos, who, in 25 years as a senior manager, has deployed enterprises in non-drug free work environments. Cholakos will discuss:
- Implications of drug abuse and the need for drug testing;
- Current testing methods, their benefits and drawbacks;
- Alcohol and drug abuse in the performance management program;
- Legal and economic considerations, and employee relations;
- Examples of successful drug policy implementations in a case study format;

Construction Standards Spectacular

Many contractors and general contractors have found themselves in hot water over the new United States Department of Labor regulations. We have brought together some of the most knowledgeable experts in the industry to discuss the new standards.

ANSE/ASSE A10.3-2006, Safety Requirements for Powder-Actuated Fastening Systems A10.3 series includes:
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-2006
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1995
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1993
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1992
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1991
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1990
- ANSI/ASSE A10.3-1986

ANSE/ASSE A10.31-2006, Safety Requirements, Definitions and Specifications for Digger Derricks A10.31 series includes:
- ANSI/ASSE A10.31-2006
- ANSI/ASSE A10.31-1995
- ANSI/ASSE A10.31-1993
- ANSI/ASSE A10.31-1991
- ANSI/ASSE A10.31-1987

ANSE/ASSE Z901.2-2006, Accepted Practices for Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training Programs Z901 series includes:
- ANSI/ASSE Z901.2-2006
- ANSI/ASSE Z901.1-2005
- ANSI/ASSE Z901.1-2001

Foundation Donations Reach All-Time High

In 2005, ASSR reached all-time high in its Foundation (ASSEF) donations—incorporating a record total of $115,340 from ASSE regions and chapters-reached $416,259, making this the best year in the Foundation’s history, according to ASSR. Donations have been supported by chapters, scholarship recipients, and individual donations. Many of our new and existing chapters, along with chapters that have received new scholarships, completed new chapters, established new scholarship funds, and ASSE member Felix Medina and his wife Alajandra established a professional development program. The result is that assist is now dedicated to five of our chapters to the generous support of our chapters who have the vision to invest in the safety profession,” says ASSR President John Brook, CSP.

Scholarships & Grants to Top $150,000 in 2007

In 2007, the ASSR Foundation will offer more than $150,000 in scholarships and professional development grants. New opportunities will include the Cather Foundation Scholarship, the George Gustad HSE Memorial Scholarship, and the Turner Foundation Scholarship. In addition, the number of scholarships and grants will be increased, with a total of $85,000 available to ASSE members and SH&E professionals through the Foundation’s three grant programs. Information on all of these opportunities and their criteria, along with applications and program rules, are now available. Applications are due Dec. 1, 2006, and awards will be announced in April 2007.

More News

Eddie Greer Named ASSE Trustee

Eddie Greer, CSP, CHST, a past president of ASSE, was recently appointed to the ASSEF Foundation Board of Trustees. Greer is president of Eddie Greer & Associates, a firm that helps companies develop, implement and enhance a safe work environment. Previously he served as senior corporate health, safety and environment manager for Kellogg, Brown & Root, where he has served for more than 20 years.

"Eddie is an asset to the ASSE Foundation Board, as he has continuously supported programs that provide assistance to new SH&E professionals and students through mentoring, encouraging educational programs in Texas and nationally, and developing SH&E professionals,” says ASSR President John Brook, CSP.

Greer helped the Gulf Coast Past President Foundation establish a scholarship through ASSEF. In addition, he serves as a director on the board of Certified Safety Professionals and is a trustee for the Texas Safety Foundation, which recently established a scholarship for student and grant recipient. The grant recipient is Eddie Greer.

Special Newsletters Cover Katrina Response, Motor Vehicle Safety & International Issues

Three of ASSE’s practice specialties recently published special issues of their respective newsletters to provide in-depth coverage of current hot topics.

Articles in the special Katrina issue of the Environment Mentor, from the Environmental Practice Specialty, share lessons learned as a result of the response to the destruction along the U.S. Gulf Coast. You’ll also find a firsthand account of a visit in early 2006 to the hurricane-ravaged region.


The special issue of the International Practice Specialty’s World Focus presents perspectives from ASSE members in Nigeria and Kuwait, as well as from the chair of Taiwan’s Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

Member News

Membership Recruitment Campaign Winner

ASSE recently heard from G. Alan Brown, CSP, professional member of the Sabine Naches Chapter, winner of the grand prize of $2,000 from the 2005 Membership Get-A-Member campaign. Brown used his winnings for a family trip to Mount Rushmore, where his mother has always wanted to visit.

Recently, the year’s Member Get-A-Member campaign, “Spill the Beans,” has reached the halfway point. Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 1, 2007, and you could win a trip to San Diego. For each member sponsored, you will be entered into a drawing to win. For every five members you sponsor, you’ll earn a $25 American Express Gift Card (up to $100). Plus, the three members who make the most new members win $1,000, $500 and $250 cash.

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 leadership in the workplace. 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 the ASSE graduates 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, you must earn a total of 27 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. 10, No. 7

In the news item “ASSE Regions & Practice Specialties Name SPs,” the Transportation Practice Specialty SP was inadvertently omitted. The Transportation Practice Specialty SP was Douglas D. Cook, Chattanooga Area Chapter, vice president of safety, Covenant Transportation, Chattanooga, TN. Society Update regrets the error.