ASSE Launches New Format for Technical Audioconferences

ASSE recently launched a new format for conference calls that enables participants to become more involved. Presentations are integrated into the program, as are live polling, feedback and Q&A sessions with the presenter and panelists. Those who cannot participate live can purchase a recorded session and access the training as long as they have an Internet connection. In addition, those who participate in the live conference call and complete online evaluations will receive 0.15 CEUs.

ASSE audioconferences cover a variety of topics. Next up on April 19 is Arc-Flash Hazard Analysis. Presenter John Kolat, CSP, president of Paveco Corp., will discuss the processes and strategies needed to protect electrical workers from arc-flash injuries and fatalities. Like all others in the series, this audioconference will run from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a 15-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.

Upcoming audioconferences are as follows:

- May 2, 10 a.m. (John Schneidereit and Walter Jones)
- May 10, Relo, Responsibilities & Activities of Managers & Supervisors for Maximizing Safety & Health Performance
- May 24, Investigative Photography (John Wenzel)
- June 6, Electrical Safety (David Wallace)

For more information, contact ASSE’s MicheleMiller.

ASSE Foundation Hosts Golf Outing & Silent Auction at Safety 2007

At the 13th Annual Safety Conference in Orlando, Fla., the ASSE Foundation hosted the ASSE Foundation Golf Outing and its 13th Annual Silent Auction. The golf outing will be held Sunday, June 24 at Celebration Golf Club. The four-person scramble begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers can sign up as a foursome or individually. Spots are still available for participants and sponsors. The 13th Annual Foundation Silent Auction will be held June 24-25.

Job Seekers, Students, Employees: Don’t Miss Next Steps Career Center & Student Job Fair

At the Safety 2007 conference in Orlando, Fla., ASSE’s Next Steps Career Center will be open to help job seekers and employers. Job seekers can post resumes and view job openings posted by companies seeking SHE professionals. Employers can post positions or browse through ASSE’s resume book. Positions may be posted at the conference at no cost.

Students who are also encouraged to participate in Student Select, an entry-level Site Job Fair that will be held at the PCC. With a focus on ASSE’s student membership, this career-building opportunity will allow employers to conduct informal interviews with students at entry-level positions, while students will have the opportunity to hone interviewing skills and polish their resumes.

If you’re attending Safety 2007, don’t miss these great opportunities to meet face to face with potential job applicants and employers.

New AS10.46 Standard on Hearing Protection Approved

ASSE recently approved the new AS10.46 standard on Hearing Protection in Construction and Demolition Workers. It recognizes the need to protect personnel from injury by preventing hearing loss, and is one in a series of standards that focuses on construction and demolition workers.

“Approximately 30 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise on the job and construction workers are often susceptible to occupational hearing loss,” says Richard King, CSP, ASSE Committee Chair. “This standard recognizes the hazards of noise-related hearing loss and provides solutions and procedures necessary for preventing hearing loss in those occupations.” The standard applies to all construction and demolition workers with potential noise exposures of 85 dBA or higher.

Government Affairs: ASSE Comments on Standards Improvement Project

ASSE recently commented on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) that is part of OSHA’s ongoing Standards Improvement Project. In the letter, ASSE encourages the agency to consider appropriate national consensus standards when updating new standards and existing standards governing occupational safety and health. The Society also comments on several specific areas addressed in the ANPRM.

Professional Safety Hosting Author Session at Safety 2007

Have you ever won a contest, entered a drawing or trade show to share, guidance to provide? Why not write an article for ASSE’s Professional Safety/journal? Prospective authors can learn more during the “Writing for Professional Safety” session that will be held on Monday, June 25, in conjunction with Safety 2007. It’s a great chance to meet members of the Editorial Review Board, learn about the submission and peer review process, and find out how the journal can help advance your career and advance the profession.

You Might Want to Know

- OSHA Week is May 6-12. As part of this year’s focus on roadway safety, the Transportation Practice Specialty has published a special issue of its TransActions newsletter.
- ASSE’s Gulf Coast Chapter is conducting The Young Professional’s Rally, Job, Career and Safety Fair, on March 31 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX.
- April 13 is the cut-off date for early rate registration for Safety 2007.
- Chapters and regions can place a free classified ad in Professional Safety to promote their professional development events.
- ASSE is hosting a 90-minute live webinar on career strategies and development on April 13.

Chapter & Member News

Orange County Chapter Helps Save College Environmental Program

When Rodeo College in southern California was preparing to eliminate its Environmental Technology program, several individuals and groups came together to support it—including ASSE’s Orange County chapter. Plans to eliminate the program have since been tabled.

According to OC Chapter President Bob Ishiwat, CSP, the college’s program has expanded beyond its beginnings as a lead-up to an environmental science degree. Now the program is housed in the college’s growing environmental science curriculum.

The accomplishments of larger-than-life leaders such as Winston Churchill and Jack London are often overrated. But everyday leadership is not nearly so dramatic. And, as Harvard Business School professor Joseph Badaracco explains in Leading Quickly, it’s the daily decisions made by individuals working far from the spotlight that make Business Success. That’s why this book is more comfortable behind the scenes, where they strive to do the “right thing”—for their organizations, their coworkers and themselves. This book presents a guide for making good decisions in situations where right and wrong aren’t always clear. The result is a checklist that mini-leaders can use to make their work more impervious to pressure.

Learn more about the leading quickly concepts during Badaracco’s keynote presentation on Tuesday, June 26, at ASSE’s Safety 2007 conference in Orlando, FL.

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