

The Collaborator

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Welcome

The third year of operation of the ISC is drawing to an end. We have achieved a great deal in three short years, but there is still so much more to do to advance process safety because people have a right not to get hurt, no matter where they are.

If you have any feedback or comments on the content of this newsletter or are interested in being on the mailing list, please contact me via safetycentre@icheme.org

What we have been up to...

This December the ISC welcomes its newest staff member, Tracey Abrahart. Tracey joins us as the ISC's international coordinator, based in Rugby, UK. In this role she will support the day to day operations of the ISC and manage membership interaction. She was previously the international coordinator to the European Process Safety Centre (EPSC). To help you all get to know her, I asked a few questions:

TK: How long were you with the EPSC?

TA: I started working for the EPSC in April 2006 as the administrative assistant having previously worked in the insurance sector and management training.

TK: The ISC is truly international in its membership, where is your favourite place in the world to visit?

TA: My favourite place to visit is New York. I love the buzz, the diversity of the city and, of course, the shopping. It is a magical place to visit at Christmas.

TK: How long have you lived in Rugby?

TA: I have lived in the Rugby area for 28 years having moved from London. This is the longest I have stayed in one place because my father was in the British Army so as a child I moved around the world quite a lot.

TK: What are you looking forward to in this role?

TA: I am looking forward to supporting all the ISC activities and help grow the membership.

I am really looking forward to working with Tracey to continue to advance process safety and welcome her to the team.

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What's next...

Next year 2017 marks the start of the fourth year of operation for the ISC. It has been a huge first three years, and I have been privileged to lead this work. But there is still much more to do.

We have some projects still ongoing from 2016. These include developing guidance on how to achieve competency and how to consistently implement lead metrics. This metrics work will support the ISC members' lead metric benchmarking which will commence in 2017. We will also be finalising the suggested learning outcomes for engineering students, following the consultation period. The next step will then be to look at how to help universities take these on board. We will be looking to further promote the process safety chapters of the OHS Body of Knowledge work with the Safety Institute of Australia, and continue to focus on safety holistically. There is also another ISC Case Study on the way, so stay tuned for the release of the next one.

There are also plans to continue to grow the staff and develop more activities around the world. We are planning to recruit a technical role in the UK region to develop and grow the membership there.

Key dates coming up

We have some more exciting activities and events coming up in the next few months. January is a quiet month, as we move into the new year and the southern hemisphere summer holidays.

February – 1, Chemical Industries Association Health Safety and Environment Conference, Leeds, UK

March – 1, Process Safety and the Board course in Perth, Australia

26-30, 13th Global Congress on Process Safety – San Antonio, USA

Stay safe...

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