Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of The Collaborator. Although we finished our first full year of operation in 2014, the work did not stop over the holiday period. Activities at the ISC have continued with much interest in progressing our current work streams and the continuation of our webinar series.

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’s coming up…

There is a great deal planned for 2015 in the ISC. Firstly, we will be involved in a number of safety conferences in the next quarter across Asia, USA and UK. These conferences include:
- Hazards Asia Pacific Kuala Lumpur
- Safety Seminar Singapore
- 11th Global Congress on Process Safety Texas
- Hazards 25 Edinburgh
- Hazards Australasia Brisbane

These conferences are a great way to not only communicate the work of the ISC on a global stage but to also bring learnings back to the membership.

We have also been looking at different ways to connect with people in our member companies. This has lead to the development of the ongoing webinar series following the success of the Bhopal webinar in December 2014. To date this year, we have done a webinar on the topic of normalisation of deviance in February and we have a webinar focusing on safety culture on 23 March, to mark the 10th anniversary of the BP Texas City refinery incident. We have secured Paul V Tebo to participate in the webinar, a member of the independent Baker Panel, which was convened to explore the BP safety culture following the incident.

We have commenced planning for some member events to run alongside the Hazards conferences. So come along to the conferences and look out for the member only events associated with them.

Our lead metrics and competency projects are continuing with great momentum and we are working towards the publication of guidelines in mid 2015.

The project process

The ISC has established a project process to progress work identified by the operating partners. This includes establishing a team of people from member companies to work together on the project. There are currently two projects underway at the moment.

Lead metrics project
This project reviewed the current state of lead metrics and its published guidance. The team have produced a draft guideline document that defines common lead metrics that will be out for consultation by the end of March 2015, with a view to publish a public version in mid 2015. After that we will be working with organisations to adopt all or part of the guidance so that benchmarking can commence from January 2016.

Process safety competency
This project reviewed the current guidance process safety competency. This work mostly focused on how to establish a framework rather than defining the framework. It was generally also skewed towards frontline roles rather than an entire organisation.

The team have produced a draft guidance document that defines four levels of competency across multiple topics and then maps them against generic type roles across an organisation, from frontline to director. This document will be out for consultation by the end of March 2015, with a view to publish a public version in mid 2015.

Implementing the work
We will be monitoring the take up of this guidance and looking to produce some case studies highlighting successes.

Stay tuned for your chance to comment on the documents.

Finally, membership continues to grow with WorleyParsons joining as an industry partner.

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