Welcome

Welcome to the fourth issue of The Collaborator. It has been a very exciting three months for the ISC, with the release of our first guidance documents globally.

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…

The membership of the ISC has continued to grow in the past quarter, with two new Operating Partners joining, Origin Energy and Viva Energy Australia as well as an Industry Partner, Process Safety Verification joining. It is pleasing to see that the centre is attracting members in the difficult economic climate.

It was a big quarter, with the public release of the Lead Process Safety Metrics Guidance and the Process Safety Competency Guidance documents. These were released on 16 July 2015, and by 31 August, the metrics document had been downloaded over 200 times across 18 countries and the competency document downloaded almost 340 times across 37 countries. We have also received a great deal of positive feedback about the documents, not only on their content but also the fact that address a real need in industry today.

In August I presented a key note address at the Regional Process Safety Seminar in Kuala Lumpur. The seminar theme was human factors. It was very well attended by a range of companies from across the Asian region.

We have also seen interest in our Process Safety and the Board program, having run this program several times now both in company and public, with plans for both public and in company programs next year. This demonstrates the interest level for directors and senior executives to ensure they understand their due diligence requirements. If you would like more information on this program please contact austcourses@icheme.org. We are happy to deliver this program where ever there is a need.

Networking

The ISC held two networking events across Asia in the past quarter and there will be one in Perth in September. These events were used to launch the guidance documents in a less formal setting and engage with members and potential members.

Singapore event

Kuala Lumpur event

The projects

In September, the ISC Advisory Board will be considering its new projects for the coming months, so stay tuned to hear about what we will be doing next.

Other activities

At the Regional Process Safety Seminar in Kuala Lumpur, we ran a workshop that explored how process safety fits in with IChemE’s Chemical Engineering Matters policy. This consisted of a panel with several industry people from the region. The ISC will be producing a summary paper on this information and using it to inform future work priorities. This compliments the panel discussion and workshop that we hailed at Hazards 25 in Edinburgh in May 2015.

Our webinars have continued, with one on lead process safety metrics. We have one more scheduled for the 19 November, to make the 5th anniversary of the Pike River tragedy in New Zealand. Next year we will be looking to have more webinars with guest speakers, such as John Bresland, former Chair of the CSB.

Stay safe…