Welcome

It has been a very busy past three months with many activities, networking events and conferences. We have signed up three new members, Oji Fibre Solutions, R4Risk and Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, with a number of companies expressing interest in joining.

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 ISC launched the supplementary guide – how to build and develop profess safety competence. It provides an example of the tasks and activities that could be undertaken to achieve the relevant level of competence in the range of competence topics defined in the 2nd edition of the Competency guidance document in April. The sample University Laboratory Process Safety management system will be available in July. This document has been developed to assist academic institutions in their application of process safety management in their laboratory activities. Both of these when available can be downloaded from the ISC website at www.ichemesafetycentre.org

In late March the first senior leaders breakfast briefing was held in Houston. The discussion centred around culture and governance in process safety relating to some lessons from the banking sector. A small turnout but feedback was very positive.

As well as exhibiting, we attended the 15th Global Congress on Process Safety in New Orleans in early April. I presented a paper on “Taming the river rapids – how process safety can apply outside the processing industries”. We launched our seventh and eights case studies “Chemical Plant” which focuses on inherently safer design and “Underground Pipeline” which focuses on risk management.

I presented a webinar on Due Diligence in Process Safety as part of the Chemical Processing Process Safety Series on 11 April. John Bresland, former US Chemical Safety Board Chair, ran a webinar on Operator Competency on 17 April. This is available on the website. We will do a further 2 webinars with Chemical Processing and develop some podcasts with them as well.

We ran 3 Process Safety Leadership and Culture programmes, 2 in-company and the public programme in London which had 9 participants. This take the total number of programmes run this year to 7.

In May at Hazards29 Zsuzsanna and I ran 3 workshops; two covering the case studies “Chemical Plant” and “Lift Off”. Zsuzsanna also ran a workshop on creeping changes which was well received by the audience.

Margaret Donnan, the independent Chair of the ISC Advisory Board was reappointed to another 3 year term from August 2019.

Networking

The ISC held two networking events in the past quarter, one in New Orleans, USA and one in Birmingham, UK. These events were used to engage with members and potential members and were well attended.

What’s next....

Zsuzsanna and I will be presenting at the 16th International Symposium on Loss Prevention and Safety Promotion in the Process Industries on Learning from Accidents and Process Safety Education.

The next issue of the Safety Lore will be released at the end of June. This will focus on flanges. This will be free to download from the ISC website with the podcast to follow soon after that. If you have any comments or wish to propose a topic, please contact us at safetycentre@icheme.org

The next Senior Leaders breakfast briefing will take place on 3 July. It will be held in Perth.

Key dates coming up

We have some more exciting activities and events coming up in the next few months.

June
16-19 – Loss Prevention Symposium 2019, Delft, The Netherlands

July
2 – ISC Advisory Board meeting, Perth, Australia
3 – ISC CEO/Senior Managers Breakfast Briefing, Perth, Australia
3 – Process Safety Leadership and Culture programme, Perth, Australia
8 – Global Hyperloop Advanced Research Partnership Conference, Colorado, USA (Virtual)
27-31 – 37th ISSE Conference, Norfolk, USA

August
1-2 – 37th ISSE Conference, Norfolk, USA
27 – ISC Advisory Board meeting, Perth, Australia

Stay safe...