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SLP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- ANNUAL REPORT 2002/ 2003

The Executive Committee is pleased to present the annual report for 2002/2003.

1. Executive Committee Membership

In accordance with the provision in the constitution, a new Executive Committee was elected for two years at the last Annual General Meeting. The exception was the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Tay Cheng Pheng, who was nominated and duly elected for a 1-year period.

Mr Sam Tsen replaced Prof. Khoo Boo Cheong in the Executive Committee.

Due to heavy work commitments, Mr Andy Choi will be stepping down from the Executive Committee at the upcoming AGM. On behalf of SLP, the Executive Committee would like to record our thanks to Andy for his many contributions from the time of the founding of our society.

2. Activities

The activities of the year were as follows:

i) Technical Talks

a) Business Continuity Planning (BCP)

This talk by Mr Nathaniel Forbes of Forbes Calamity Prevention Pte Ltd. was held on July 12, 2002. BCP is an area that is currently very topical because of the conditions under which businesses are operating.

b) The Singapore Safety Management System – One Assessor’s Experience

This talk on September 20, 2002 was by Mr Richard Gillis, SLP President, who spoke about his experience in integrating ExxonMobil’s system and the Ministry of Manpower’s Safety Management System and the audit process.

c) Disaster Risk Management in South East Asia

Mr Alex Dali of Atlas Services Partners’ Risk Management Division had a dinner meeting with members on October 29, 2002. Mr Dali shared the results of a study that he had conducted for South East Asian countries. Apart from the technical issues raised, it is interesting to note that this talk also experimented with a new format for technical talks. For this talk, a small group of members and the speaker exchanged views around a dinner table rather than have the speaker stand in front of the audience and conduct his

talk. As a result of this, it is now felt that this format can be used for topics that would only attract a few people.

ii) Seminar and Workshop – Risk Management in Uncertain Times, November 13, 2002

This was jointly organized by SLP and SPRING Singapore. This 1-day event consisted of a common session in the morning where several aspects of risk management including standardization were discussed. The keynote speaker was Mr Kevin Knight who is prominent in risk management standardization especially AS/NZS 4360:1999– Risk Management. The afternoon session consisted of two parallel workshops – one led by Mr Knight on AS/NZS 4360:1999, and one by SLP on Risk Management in the Chemical and Petrochemical Industries. Our workshop leaders were:

Praveen Arora – Principles and Rationale for Risk Assessment as part of SHE Management

Alvin Yee – Qualitative and Quantitative Risk Assessment – Scenario based Risk Assessment

Richard Gillis – Health Risk Assessment for SMEs via Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Essentials

Tay Cheng Pheng – Risks in Chemical Logistics

Two other speakers also contributed to SLP’s workshop. They were:

Tan Pui Guan, Divisional Director, Occupational Safety and Health, Ministry of Manpower – Risk Management and Occupational Safety and Health in Singapore

Walter Yam, Chairman, Environmental Management Standards Committee – Consideration of Environmental Aspects for Risk Management

This activity was a technical and financial success.

It is the type of activity that SLP would like to promote with like-minded organizations.

iii) 2003 Members Night and Dinner – Feb. 14, 2003

This was a well supported and enjoyable occasion. Coincidentally it was also Valentine’s Day and this added a touch of romance. 69 members with spouse/ partners joined in the celebration. Following SLP tradition, we also had a talk on Health Supplements by Prof. Ong Choon Nam from the Medical Faculty of NUS.

3. Major Initiatives

i) SLP Web Page

Members should check our web sites for updates.

ii) Collaboration/ Cooperation with Other Societies

This activity is a high priority item for SLP. It is an effective way of using scarce resources. The seminar and workshop on Risk Management with SPRING Singapore is a good example. The Executive Committee has prepared a list of organizations that SLP would like to collaborate with. Members are free to suggest additions to this list.

iii) SLP Representatives on SPRING Singapore’s Standards Committees

SLP members continue to serve on SPRING Singapore's Standards Committees. Members who would like to be nominated to these committees should forward their names to our Secretariat.

iv) 5 – Year Plan

The Executive Committee has fine-tuned this plan and it is being used as a guide to our activities. Members may review this plan on our web page and they are encouraged to suggest ideas for inclusion.

4. Conferment of Honorary Fellowship on Prof. Ching Chi Bun

We are proud to record that we conferred an Honorary Fellowship on our Founder President Prof. Ching Chi Bun on Feb. 14 at our 2003 Members Night and Dinner. As members well know Prof. Ching was the prime mover for the founding of SLP and he served as President for 10 years. He joins Prof. Trevor Kletz and Prof. Dan Crowl as our Honorary Fellows.

5. Financial Report

The financial report for 2002/2003 is attached. SLP suffered an operating deficit of \$14,698.69 during the year. This confirms again that subscriptions are not sufficient to cover our expenses. SLP needs income from fee-based activities such as courses, seminars and workshops. Members are encouraged to suggest suitable subjects and identify speakers/instructors for these. A sustained operating deficit is not healthy for any society.

6. Membership

During the past 12 months, individual membership decreased by 1 and there were 4 new Corporate Members. The Corporate Members night in June 2002 contributed to an increase in Corporate Members. Currently, the membership is as follows:

24	Corporate Members
49	Individual Members

Increasing membership continues to be a challenge for the Membership sub-committee. This sub-committee would welcome suggestions and ideas from members for this task.

7. Newsletter

SLP published 3 issues of the Newsletter in the last year. The main topic covered was Risk – Assessment and Management. This reflected the current mood of society.

We managed to continue the practice of including a book review for each issue.

We hope members have found the newsletter to be informative and easy to read.

8. Change in Secretariat

Members will note that Ms Gan Hui Hui from the Secretariat of the Institution of Engineers, Singapore is now providing us Secretariat support. She replaced Ms Lylian

Law. We would like to thank Lylian for her dedicated service during her term and to welcome Hui Hui.

9. Effect of SARS

Members of SLP are in the risk management profession and we have a good appreciation of risk in our daily lives. However, even we have to admit that this new disease took us by surprise – our state of preparedness and the extent of the economic damage that it caused. The management of the SARS issue has provided many learnings for our risk management and business continuity processes.

Like other organizations in Singapore, our activities were also affected. Our planned visit to Glaxo Wellcome Manufacturing Pte. Ltd. in April was postponed.

Conclusion

2002/2003 has been a busy time and members even had to contend with SARS that has forced changes in the way we think and operate.

Nevertheless, SLP members managed to enjoy a variety of social, technical and professional activities.

As always, your Executive Committee would like to see a more active membership. The Executive Committee welcomes members to come forward and contribute with their energy and enthusiasm to build a better SLP for us all. Members should ponder this issue.

Richard Gillis
President