

Editorial



Merry Christmas



Nearly everyone seems to say that time is flying by so quickly. It cannot be that the earth is spinning faster or that the earth is revolving round the sun more quickly. (As a matter of fact, the earth's rotation is actually slowing down.) So we have to look elsewhere for the explanation for this phenomenon. We must all be very busy and we must all be quite happy for time to be flashing by. For SLP, it is certainly true that 2005 has passed very quickly. We have had an extremely busy and productive year.

Our biggest project was the 2-day conference on New Initiatives in Loss Prevention in September. We not only presented interesting and topical papers, we engaged the audience in thought provoking discussions. We have one regret though about the conference, and that is that we should have had more participants.

We conducted two successful courses on Job Safety Analysis (JSA). The first course in May was over subscribed and we followed up with a second course in October.

Now we, together with the Institution of Engineers, Singapore, are in the midst of organizing a 2-day training course on Emergency Response Planning (ERP) in January 2006. This promises to be a 'must attend' event.

We found time to conduct a number of Technical Talks on subjects ranging from Lessons from Accident Investigations, Bioremediation, Cyberterrorism and Corporate Security Awareness. We arranged a visit to GlaxoSmithKline's plant at Tuas. Members who went on the visit will agree that it was a delight to see such a well-maintained plant.

We never fail to enjoy ourselves either. Ask anyone who attended our Annual Members' Night in April.

SLP's stature was enhanced this year when the Ministry of Manpower recognized us a professional association under its

Continuing Professional Development program for Registered Safety Officers. With this recognition, membership in SLP, participation in SLP committees, and attendance at technical talks and plant visits all qualify for Safety Development Units (SDU). Also as an Accredited Continuing Professional Development Course Provider. SLP training courses such as the one on JSA will qualify for SDU's.

We continue to be represented on SPRING Singapore's technical committees.

In 2006, we will be electing a new Executive Committee. Members must think seriously about leadership renewal. It is important for the continuing growth of SLP. A step in this direction has been taken by Exco. by co-opting two members. They are Teng Chong Seng and Gregory Poi. We need more members to step forward. Let us make this a New year resolution for 2006.

This is the time of the year for festivals and celebrations. Our Hindu and Muslim friends have recently celebrated Deepavali and Hari Raya Aidil Fitri. We hope they and their families celebrated these festivals with joy and happiness..

Christmas is just round the corner. To our Christian friends we wish you a Merry Christmas.

For everyone,

*Season's Greetings
and
A Happy and Safe
New Year.*

