

Honorary Fellowship for John Lockwood



We chose our Members' Night on May 27 to honour John Lockwood, a founder member of SLP and a stalwart ever since. The Society describes an Honorary Fellow as someone who "has made a significant contribution to the Society. (He) is a distinguished and eminent person whose membership adds prestige to or advances the interest of the Society".

In the words of the citation, "...John Lockwood meets these requirements handsomely and (the Executive Committee) unanimously agreed to confer the honour of Honorary Fellow to John Lockwood. ...SLP has been frugal in awarding this honour. John joins a small group of Honorary Fellows – Professors Trevor Kletz, Dan Crowl and Ching Chi Bun... "

John was one of the founding members of SLP. Prior to the inception of SLP as a registered society, it was an ad hoc group comprising SHE professionals from the oil and chemical industries, academia, and senior officers from the regulatory agencies such as the Ministries of Manpower and the Environment. The purpose of the group was to organise the first-of-its-kind international conference on loss prevention in the Oil, Chemical and Process Industries that that was held in Singapore in October 1989. The international conference was so successful that the organizing committee decided to formalise the group to further promote loss prevention in these industries. A pro-tem committee was formed and subsequently registered the Society in 1991.

John served on the Executive Committee for 4 years in the formative days of the Society and has held the post of Honorary Auditor. He has supported SLP over the years in writing papers for our conferences and being the instructor for a number of our training courses. He has never stinted in passing on his knowledge and experience.

In the area of loss prevention John has been extremely active over a long time. He spent the majority of his professional career with BP. John started in BP Chemicals in Hull, England where his first safety assignment was in 1977. Since then John has worked in the safety area for BP Oil, initially in the United Kingdom. He

subsequently moved to Singapore to be the Safety & Loss Prevention Manager for the Singapore Refining Company.

John then moved to the USA and was the refining safety consultant for BP. He was responsible for achieving consistent safe work practices across five U.S. refineries. John was a member of the API and CCPS (AIChE) process safety committees during his time in the USA.

He was a founding member of the Singapore Oil and Petrochemical Industries' Technical and Safety Committee. He was loaned to the Committee by BP as Project Coordinator for the study into the design of tankage, tank operations/maintenance and associated fire fighting systems. He liaised with industry, government agencies, and consultants on this study.

After his retirement from BP, John moved into consulting and was the Vice President for EQE International Asia Pacific which was subsequently renamed ABS Consulting following a takeover. John was also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and taught several modules of the Master of Science course in Safety, Health and Environmental Technology for many years.

He is now Senior Consultant (Risk and HSE) with International Refinery Services.

John received the award from Ngiam Tong Yuen, Honorary Secretary, who was standing in for Richard Gillis who was on a business trip.

In his acceptance speech, John said that he felt honored to receive the Honorary Fellowship. He would always have a special place in his heart for SLP. A society like SLP was needed to further the cause of safety, health and environmental protection in Singapore. He would continue to serve SLP.

By Ngiam Tong Yuen

W E L C O M E

We extend a warm welcome to:

Ordinary Member

Mr. Leong Weng Fei --- graduated from the National University of Singapore with a B. Eng. (Hons.) Mech.Eng. in 2001 and a M.Sc (SHE Technology) in 2004. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He worked as a Programme Manager with the Office of Safety, Health and Environment, National University of Singapore for four years. He subsequently worked as EHS Consultant and Trainer for Chemcare Asia Consultants for two years. Currently he is the Managing Consultant for CFS Associates Pte. Ltd which organises technical and QEHS training in the region.

Mr. Soh Hong Kuan --- graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic with a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering in 1998 and a B. Sc. in Safety Science from the University of New South Wales in 2000. He has both local and overseas working experience. He was the Construction HSE Manager for a Shanghai Petro-Chemical Company. Currently he is the HSE Manager with Jacobs Engineering Singapore Pte. Ltd.

We look forward to meeting and interacting with these members at our activities. We have no doubt that they will not only gain some new knowledge and insights, they will also contribute their share to the sum of SHE knowledge in Singapore.

A Great Welcome to All.