APOSFO 4TH Quarter Update
October – December 2019
Happy New Year:

Dear friends, firstly may wish you and your family a very happy 2020. Hopefully it is a safe and successful one for us all.

May I also say a most sincere thank you to all those individuals who contacted me enquiring about safety as a result of the recent terrible bush fires that have severely affected large portions of Australia. Thankfully I was not impacted by the fires as I live by the coast, however less than 1 hours’ drive away, residents lost homes, pets, livestock, cars etc and in many cases suffered a major setback to their ability to work as a large number were farmers.

I live close to Kangaroo Island which at the last count had suffered fires to over 60% of the island and nearly wiped out the entire animal population. A major impact to the island, that will take years to recover from..

APOSHO 35. (2020)

To be held in KL from 9th–12th August, hosted by MOSPHA & NIOSH. The 1st announcement has been circulated and the 2nd announcement which includes registration etc will be out soon. The theme of the conference is ‘OSH Unity & Sustainability’. APOSHO 35 will be held concurrently with the 23rd Conference & Exhibition on Occupational Safety & Health (COSH 2020) and the 6th Scientific Conference on Occupational Safety & Health (SciCOSH).

The location of APOSHO 35 is the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center which has a number of hotels close by.

All the arrangements are well underway, and I am very confident that APOSHO 35 will be a great success.

APOSHO 36. (2021)

This conference hosted by JISHA, will be held in Japan from Tuesday 26th October to Friday 29th October 2021. The location for APOSHO 36 will be the Toyoko International Forum, Toyoko. The theme of the conference is “Designing OSH for Sustainable Development for all”

A tentative timeline has been established, which is as follows:

- APOSHO 36 website October 2020
- Call for papers October 2020
- Deadline for abstracts March 2021
- Online registration (early bird) opens March – June 2021
- Online registration July 2021 – October 2021
- Notice of adoption of abstracts May 2021
- Deadline for presentation materials August 2021
Conference will be hosted by SHAWPAT. APOSHO 36 will be held concurrently with the National OSH Convention and the Green Cross Exhibition (Japan's OSH Exhibition), which will attract more than 10,000 OSH staff from various industries in Japan.

**APOSHO 37. (2022)**

To be held in Melbourne Australia and hosted by the NSCA Foundation. The theme of the conference is:

"**Educate – Enhance – Evolve.**"

As reported during the AGM during APOSHO 34 in Guiyang, China, the NSCA Foundation has commenced its planning to host APOSHO 37 very early. This has allowed us to secure the best location in Melbourne to hold the conference and in addition we have locked in adequate accommodation in 3 hotels, very close by.

The conference will include the Annual Awards of Excellence.

The Board of the NSCA Foundation are extremely confident that APOSHO 37 will be a great success.

**APOSHO 38. (2023)**

To be hosted by MSOSH. The actual date and location are yet to be confirmed, however most probably in the July/August/September 2023.

**APOSHO 39. (2024)**

This Conference will be hosted by SHAWPAT. At this very early stage of the planning, the location and timing of the conference are not confirmed, however it looks like in will be in the October/November/December period.

**Health & Wellbeing Committee:**

The proposal to form a new committee was raised by MSOSH during APOSHO 34 in Guiyang, China. They presented the terms of reference during the AGM, where is was unanimously accepted.

MSOSH will chair this committee and we are seeking members for this committee.

This year’s APOSHO conference will include the Health & Wellbeing Committee, therefore it would be great to have interested members to join this committee.
**Membership Fees:**

This particular item was the subject of a lengthy discussion during APOSHO 34, in addition to be discussed at previous APOSHO Conferences.

While it was not resolved, it was agreed that a special committee be formed, comprising of Honorary Members and chaired by Ameerali Abdeali, Honorary President NSC Singapore, who has arranged a meeting in Singapore on the 15th & 16th February.

A report on the outcome of the committee meeting will be issued shortly after the meeting in Singapore.

**APOSHO History:**

Again, this issue was discussed at some length during APOSHO 34 and it was agreed by all members that the history of APOSHO is something that should be preserved and ideally located on the APOSHO website.

Our previous SG, CM Law has handed over some documentation relating to past APOSHO conferences, it’s nowhere what I’m sure we can gather.

In addition, Andy Lo has passed on some documentation relating to the very early days of APOSHO, in fact even before we were called APOSHO.

I will issue a separate message regarding the gathering of information of APOSHO, however in the meantime, any information you may have, in particular photographs, would be really appreciated.

**APOSHO Objectives:**

Again, yet another subject that was discussed during and since the last APOSHO meeting in Guiyang. Any organization I am aware of has objectives, it why they exist.

We have 2 and they are correctly located in the very front of our constitution.

1. To promote and enhance understanding and cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region in areas related to Occupational Safety and Health awareness and practices.
2. To promote networking and exchange of information on Occupational Safety and Health awareness and practices in the Asia Pacific Region.

I raised this as an issue during APOSHO 34, because while we have they, we never seem to review them, and we don’t have a method of measuring them to see if they are still effective.

Brother Dheera from SHAWPAT has suggested a number of possible measuring our objectives and I’m sure it will be discussed in detail during APOSHO 35 in KL.
**APOSWO Website**

At the time of writing this update, the website is up and running, however its best reviewed via a pc or laptop. There are still a few issues relating to being viewed on a mobile.

**Around the region:**

Some of the members that attended an OHSE & Fire Professionals Summit recently in India. Included in the picture are Lalit Gabane (NSC India) Ameerali Abdeali (NSC Singapore) Dato Kanagarajan Raman (MOSHPA)
The NSCA Foundation held their 27th Annual Awards of Excellence in Sydney. Below are photos of the various category winners along with the relevant sponsor. Congratulations to all the winners.

Mail delivery problem.

In the past 2 weeks, I have sent out 2 e-mails to all members.

1. Concerning membership of the new Health & Wellbeing Committee
2. Concerning an update regarding the APOSHO website.

On both occasions, a number (24 in total) were returned/rejected. Upon investigation, all the 24 were those with a G-Mail account???

This has never happened before, so apologies to those members who did not receive the messages.

Very interested what happens with this News letter.
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Ameerali Abdeali JP, PPA(G), PBM
Honorary President of National Safety Council of Singapore (NSCS)

Invited Speakers
Parthi Naidu - Senior EHS Director Asia Pacific of Cargill Asia
Abdul Malik Bin Mohd Mustafe - Assistant Vice President (Quality, Safety & Security) of dnta Singapore
Delphine Fong - Director, Safety Management Sport Singapore

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