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Brief Review
of the 2015
WSO Awards
Presentations

WSO Environmental/Occupational Safety Person of the Year

Criteria for Nomination: Individual who has shown above-average support and dedication to the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment on an international basis, fulfilling at least three of the following requirements (may be retired, does not have to be practicing full time in the safety profession at the time of nomination): • can document continuous involvement in safety or allied profession for a period of at least 10 years • participated in a significant manner in the safety discipline work in at least five countries worldwide • authored book(s)/articles in his/her field of expertise, significant in nature, published in at least five countries worldwide or an international publication distributed in at least 5 countries • designed concept, process or some other notable invention, within the safety disciplines • shown a significant support for the promotion of safety education and discipline • other significant accomplishments may be submitted for review.



Janis Jansz MPH, PhD, FSIA, FSIWA

Senior Lecturer OHSE, Curtin University, Bentley, Western Australia; Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University, Joondalup, Western Australia

Dr. Janis Jansz has pioneered providing educational and networking opportunities for World Safety Organization members in Australia and in other countries. In collaboration with the rest of the World Safety Organization Board of Directors, she has also developed strategic directions for the World Safety Organization on a global scale. Dr. Jansz has also proven to be a key resource on occupational safety and health to different groups which include the United Nations, International Labour Organization (ILO), and the World Health Organization (WHO). She has provided professional support for international groups of occupational safety and health experts on all continents. Along with her passion for the field of safety, Dr. Jansz should also be commended for all her efforts which include her research and teaching activities center

on Occupational Safety and Health Management, Ergonomics, Communicable Disease Control, Health Promotion, Safety Inspections, Audits and Risk Management, Accident Prevention, and on developing Safety Management Plans, Occupational Safety and Health Policies, Procedures and Programs. During her tenure at Edith Cowan University and at Curtin University, Dr. Jansz also developed safety and health courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Dr. Jansz has been extensively involved with the wide range of WSO activities for more than 10 years and is currently the Inaugural Director of WSO National Office for Australia.

WSO International Office of the Year

Criteria for Nomination: The WSO Chapter/WSO National Office of the year award is presented annually to recognize exceptional effort on the part of a WSO Chapter/WSO National Office membership to promote WSO and the organization. Any WSO Chapter/National Office in good standing is eligible for this award.

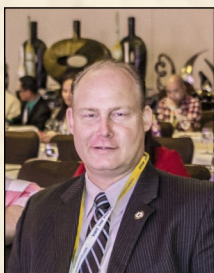
WSO International Office for Philippines

Quezon City, Philippines

Selected for their outstanding shared value and innovation on educational programs offered to the environmental and occupational safety and health professionals in the Philippines, WSO International Office for Philippines has succeeded in their quest to generate and develop new safety advocates and practitioners. WSO International Office for Philippines has likewise established sustainable relationships and cooperation with the Philippine government and professional safety and health associations working on common interest to protect life, resources, and property. WSO International Office for Philippines has a proven track record in building resiliency as a partner of public and private organizations in strengthening the value of safety and accident prevention in the workplaces in the country and in its dedication to the WSO motto: "Making Safety a Way of Life...Worldwide."

WSO James K. Williams Award

Criteria for Nomination: A member in good standing with the World Safety Organization who has unselfishly provided significant assistance and support to the programs of the WSO, as well as a strong dedication to the WSO purpose of protection of people, property, resources, and the environment, and with a full support of the WSO motto "Making Safety A Way Of Life...Worldwide."



Hilary E. Konczal, WSO-CST/CSM/CSSD

Director of Safety, Metra Commuter Railroad, Chicago, Illinois, USA

With over 20 years of involvement in railroad operations, regulatory compliance, safety and security measures, Mr. Konczal has proven to be vital in making safety a way of life through Metra, a commuter rail agency in Chicago, USA. Among his extensive credentials are leading a team of safety professionals that are tasked to ensure the safety of Metra's employees, passengers, contractors, and other stakeholders. Currently, Mr. Konczal holds a central role as the Chairman of the Association's (APTA) Commuter Rail Safety and Security Committee, Co-Chair of Metra's Labor Management Committee, and Executive Board Member of The Illinois Terrorism Task Force. He is also an active member of the

Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA), Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), the American Association of Railroads (AAR) Safety and Operations Committee, and the DuPage Railroad Safety Council. Along with all of these, Mr. Konczal is a WSO Certified Safety and Security Professional (WSO-CSSD), WSO Certified Safety Manager (WSO-CSM) and WSO Certified

Safety Technician (WSO-CST). Recently, Mr. Konczal was given the privilege to work with the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Peer Review Team to impart industry best practices with several transit agencies throughout the United States. Mr. Konczal truly deserves to be given the James K. Williams Memorial Award due to his sheer determination comparable to the well-respected James K. Williams himself, and also because of his unwavering support to the WSO and the organization's mission to make the world a safer place in which to live.

WSO Glenn E. Hudson Award

Criteria for Nomination: Selection is based on such issues/contribution as: significant representation of the international community at International WSO Organization Conferences; papers on WSO that were published by the nominee in countries other than the USA; participation and contribution at other international conferences on safety, clear demonstration of excellence in the application of WSO in countries other than the USA; papers submitted and published in the WSO Journal.

WSO National Office for Nigeria

Edo State, Nigeria

WSO National Office for Nigeria has provided training and manpower development in the areas of safety and allied fields with the help of University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) and DanaRich Limited. They have also promulgated professional expertise and contacts in both the government and private sector to create awareness for people to join the global WSO campaign: "Making Safety a Way of Life . . . Worldwide." WSO National Office for Nigeria has been recognized by major award-giving bodies in numerous instances for their contribution to building safety consciousness in the most populous areas in Africa with the assistance of UBTH and Dana Rich Limited. WSO National Office for Nigeria has also contributed to WSO NewsLetters and website through their activities locally, also with the unwavering support of UBTH and Dana Rich Limited. In addition to this, WSO National Office for Nigeria organized and celebrated this year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work in collaboration with the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) Lagos, and the International Labor Organization (ILO), with over 23 participating organizations and institutions, with resounding success among several achievements.

WSO Concerned Professional Award

Criteria for Nomination: A member in good standing with the World Safety Organization who exhibits total dedication and commitment to the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment through participation and personal involvement in professional safety activities.



Leo S. Dote, WSO-CSI (ML)

Safety Instructor, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar

With years of experience from being a safety professional alongside spreading awareness on the importance of safety to different organizations in several countries, Mr. Dote is the epitome of a WSO Concerned Professional for his effort to make the importance of protecting people, property, resources, and the environment known to professionals around the globe. Among his credentials are being a key initiator of the WSO Education and Training Program on Road Safety, Advanced Fire Safety Management & Construction Health and Safety, representing Qatar in the United Nations Environment Program

Workshop on the Effects of Lead and Mercury in Products, being Hamad Medical Corporation's representative in the Gulf Cooperation Council in formulating Occupational and Environmental Health Standards for accredited hospitals & other healthcare facilities. More than being an established professional, Mr. Dote's support to World Safety Organization's objectives truly makes him worthy of the WSO Concerned Professional Award.

Glenn "Ricky" Simpson

Safety Health Environmental Manager, ECMD Inc., North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

Mr. Glenn "Ricky" Simpson sought ways to make accessing ECMD's Safety Data System more convenient through innovated ways that were well-appreciated by their employees, managers, and even stakeholders outside of their company. This practice that Mr. Simpson introduced is truly worthy of commendation as this reduced cost to a great extent while improving the productivity rate of its employees. In addition to this, he also coordinated a facility maintenance database with the assistance of the company's MIS department to maintain up-to-date data involving environmental permits. This effort reduced cost and time ensuring proper scheduling, etc. Safety and Health programs, training, training videos, and documentation forms were being provided to employees, supervisors, and management. This development enabled up-to-date, consistent information being provided to the company's ten physical site address locations throughout the United States. Weekly informal walkthroughs, which were instituted by Mr. Simpson, are continuously being practiced in each facility site to eliminate safety and health hazards immediately identified. This practice resulted to instill a behavior-based safety method establishing work safety as one with management, supervisors, and employees. These inspections also pioneered the Safety Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) for each of their facility site locations. He also

coordinated to ensure that the Safety Committees employees be trained to identify safety and health hazards in the workplace. Seven out of ten facilities have earned gold or silver recognition certificates for having an injury or accident rate below or at the NAIC industry rate through Mr. Simpson's perseverance to impart the importance of safety in the institution to which he belongs.



Olalokun Soji Solomon, WSO-RSD/CSI (ML)

Lead Safety Consultant, DanaRich Creative Concepts, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

As the current Director and President of WSO Nigeria, Mr. Soji is in charge of overseeing the growth of the WSO Nigeria. Among his initiatives are development of training for their members, refresher courses, and accident mitigation courses. He also continues to ensure that WSO members are all among the pool of professional mentors in the region. Along with all of these, he was also part of an initiative to boost Sports Safety and Environmental Education Knowledge in Nigeria. More than being a dedicated WSO official, he is also an active participant and supporter of the Red Cross Chapter in Nigeria.

WSO Concerned Citizen

Criteria for Nomination: A member in good standing with the World Safety Organization who has unselfishly provided significant assistance and support of the local community programs where safety was the most important aspect, as well as a strong dedication to the WSO purpose of protecting people, property, resources, and the environment, and with a full support of the WSO motto "Making Safety a Way of Life Worldwide."



Joy G. Borja

Medical Researcher/Risk Assistant, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar

A true advocate of making safety a way of life, Ms. Joy Gianan Borja has actively participated in numerous forums and groups that champion safety which includes health and safety risk assessment at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), a premiere healthcare organization in Qatar that comprises of staff from different countries and currently houses 10 state-of-the-art facilities. Ms. Borja's initiative to support safety also includes participating in health and safety symposiums, teaching health and safety topics, and spreading awareness on Child Safety by being a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician of Safe Kids Worldwide. Along with all of these, Ms. Borja also continuously supports the WSO-National

Office for Qatar by spearheading the process of systematic documentation and transparent communication among officers and its members while maintaining professional safety decorum.



Lynette A. Gilbert

HSE Manager, Tidehill PTY Ltd., Waroona, West Australia

Ms. Gilbert has contributed to professional safety organizations through membership and participation in local events for many years and has also filled a professional workplace safety and health role with different companies over the last 20 years. Along with this, she has also managed to collaborate with her current colleagues to ensure that all procedures are correct and that risks are to a minimum extent. Ms. Gilbert has also assisted the community through volunteer work with the local Agricultural Society in Australia as an Assistant Treasurer and was also a St. John Ambulance Officer for over 20 years, alongside being a member of the State Emergency Services (SES) Western Australia

now known as Fire & Emergency Services Authority (FESA) for over 20 years. Ms. Gilbert was appointed as a Search Team Leader when serving as a volunteer in Norseman SES Branch, prior to moving on to Harvey Branch as a road accident team volunteer member.



Odiboh Kingsley Osamudiamen

Red Cross, Edo State, Nigeria

Through his leadership as the current Vice President for National Operations of WSO in Nigeria, he continues to show unwavering support for the organization to achieve respective goals. Specifically, Mr. Kingsley takes charge of all operations-related activities and sees to it that all communication collaterals are of excellent quality and clearly convey the World Safety Organization's vision of making safety an utmost priority by contractors, the labor force, and other professionals. More than this, Mr. Kingsley is also to be commended for his constant efforts to effectively manage the funds of the organization and is also committed to the Red Cross Chapter in Nigeria. Mr. Kingsley truly embodies the characteristics of a recipient of the WSO Concerned Citizen Award, an individual who

has the passion to serve his local community and is dedicated to protecting people, property, resources, and the environment.

WSO Concerned Organization Award

Criteria for Nomination: Association, Society, Agency, etc., with an above-average support of safety, environmental, etc., movement; actively (and above average in) contributing to the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment through innovative programs; with distinctive purpose and goals to enhance the safety awareness.

Safety Organization of the Philippines, Inc. (SOPi)

Mandaluyong City, Philippines

As a private, non-profit national public service organization, SOPi continues to protect life and promote health through activities for varied stakeholders within and outside the organization ever since its inception back in 1959. Its members consist of executives from different fields including business, the academe, public agencies, private institutions, labor groups, and individuals who want to contribute to making safety a primary focus. The key motivation by members of SOPi is the ability to be able to take part in promoting safety awareness and accident prevention among the Filipino people.

WSO Educational Award

Criteria for Nomination: Institution, company, training entity, individual, etc., with an above-average program of educational nature in the fields of environmental/occupational safety and health, fire science and safety, public safety, healthcare safety transportation safety, or similar programs; actively (and above average in) contributing to the protection of people, property, resources and the environment through innovative programs; with distinctive concern for the education of professionals and general public in the disciplines of safety and allied fields.

Discipline of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

James Cook University, Queensland, Australia

With the numerous developments and innovations in the field of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, the Public Health and Tropical Medicine Teaching Leadership Team is thereby given the WSO Educational Award for their outstanding contribution and leadership in being able to completely redesign the MPH&TM course. This allowed more MPH&TM graduates to be fully equipped with the necessary skill set in both clinical and public health. The Public Health and Tropical Medicine Teaching Leadership Team paved the way to address the global challenges faced by people today, particularly those who are exposed in the tropics. Their continuous efforts and utmost diligence have been well-recognized by different bodies as illustrated in a number of reports including the United Nation's 2014 Millennium Development Goals Report (United Nations, 2014) and the 2014 State of the Tropics Report (JCU, 2014), which both highlight that while much progress has been made across a number of indicators, many significant and unique challenges remain in tropical regions particularly in the Oceania region in which many of Australia's closest neighbors reside. The MPH&TM has been offered at James Cook University since 1992 and has evolved to become one of the leading Public Health courses in Australia.

University of Benin Teaching Hospital

Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) as a tertiary health facility came into being in 1973 following the enactment of an edict (number 12). As the sixth of the 1st generation Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria, it was established to complement its sister institution, University of Benin, and to provide secondary and tertiary care to the then Midwestern Region (now Edo and Delta States) and its environs. It also provides necessary facilities for training of high and middle level manpower for the health industry and spearheads research opportunities for lecturers in the University and other interested persons with local morbidity burden as research question(s). In 2012, UBTH co-sponsored the WSO National Office for Nigeria, making the institution an international supporter of the WSO motto, joining to: "Making Safety A Way of Life... Worldwide". In 2013, UBTH recorded Africa's first successful Sickle Cell Transplant. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Benin, Prof. Osayuki Oshodin, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Prof Emmanuel Onibare, commended the management of UBTH for the landmark achievement, adding that the university would continue to support the hospital in the realization of its objective. Through the Community Health Centers in Ogbona and Udo, and the General Practice Clinic that came on stream later, UBTH equally provides some avenues for primary health care to the immediate communities. At inception, its goals were encapsulated in the motto of Healing, Research and Training. Located on the Benin-Lagos Expressway and initially commissioned as a 300-bed hospital in 1973, UBTH has expanded facilities to over 500 in-patients. The vision of UBTH is to be a major player in health care delivery, research, and training in Nigeria and Africa at large. Their mission is to provide effective and efficient training of health professionals, quality research, and equitable service delivery with empathy toward their clients.

DanaRich Creative Concept Limited

Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

DanaRich Creative Concept Limited was incorporated in February 2012 as a private company responding to individual, organization, and government needs in Safety Management, and Executive Training. The group is passionately driven by the need to sustain, protect and maintain lives and properties for their clients and the society at large. Knowing the severe safety challenges that beckon daily at the door of the average Nigerian, they have been fully committed to understudying their

unique environment and situations, proffering brilliant, time-tested, and workable solutions – an edge that has carved a niche for them in the safety management business. Since inception, their safety solutions have largely remained unbeaten, and as such breaking new grounds has become their drive and magnificent compulsion. They have remained ahead of strong competitors in the safety business; their secret simply lies in their ability to see far ahead. Like they say: “We don’t think outside the box; to us the box does not exist.” This is what influenced their international affiliations and collaboration with renowned international organization in the safety profession. In 2012, DanaRich Creative Concept Limited co-sponsored the WSO National Office for Nigeria, making the institution an international supporter of the WSO motto, joining to: “Making Safety A Way of Life...Worldwide.” In October 2012: Consulted for Christ Embassy (Believers’ LoveWorld Inc.) on crafting and delivering a Community Development Service Project centered on “Road Safety, Defensive Driving and Emergency Response and Preparedness” for drivers, commercial and private, and motorbike riders in the Edo State, Nigeria. Since the inception of WSO International Office for Nigeria, DanaRich Creative Concept Limited has supported and provided operational logistics support for the WSO Office, including training and supply of manpower, to mention a couple, in actualizing the desired aims and objectives of the WSO National Office. Their mission is to drive new ideas, stimulate sustainable development, and lead excellence in the market place. Their vision is to be a global resource center for building dynamic, innovative, and principled leaders who will impel action towards sustainable leadership development and making safety a way of life everywhere.

WSO Award for Achievement in Scientific Research and Development

Criteria for Nomination: Presented to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to the advancement of WSO through research and development programs. Any individual (members or non-members) or a group is eligible. Selection is based on individual or group actions that significantly contributed to the effectiveness of the application of WSO programs in research and development.



Chithiraputhiran Kannan

Deputy General Manager/Safety, Chennai Metro Ltd., Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Being the pioneer in innovating ideas on how to simplify complex activities for contractors to adopt operations along with effectively implementing various OHS&E training that benefit numerous engineers and a big population of the workforce, Mr. Kannan proves to be a forerunner in Scientific Research and Development. His discipline and hard work was well-recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Government of India, and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) among others. Mr. Kannan’s expertise is a product of over 20 years of experience in the field of Occupational Health, Safety & Environment along with a list of handling a wide range of high risk activities in the public domain, which includes the mega construction of the Chennai Metro Rail in India.

WSO Concerned Company/Corporation

Criteria for Nomination: Company or Corporation who is actively (and above-average) in contributing to the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment through innovative programs; shows distinctive concern for the well-being of its employees and local community.

Energy Development Corporation

Pasig City, Philippines

Energy Development Corporation (EDC) is a global and diversified renewable energy company and is currently the largest producer of geothermal energy in the Philippines. Due to the high level of potential health and safety risks that go hand in hand with the production and delivery of energy, adherence to the highest safety standards is a sustainability priority of EDC. All EDC employees and contractors in the Strategic Business Units are represented in their internal Health, Environment, and Safety Committee which covers the occupational safety and health programs of the steam field and power plant operations. The committee meets regularly, with monitoring systems in place to track the agreed health and safety action items and statistics, allowing the company to improve performance in terms of injury types and rates, occupational disease rate, lost days rate, absentee rate, and work-related fatalities, for the total workforce. In terms of third parties and external stakeholders, the company has a Contractor Health and Safety Management Program, which requires all contractor workers to attend and pass the Safety Passport Training before being allowed to work in EDC’s operating sites. Last year, the company’s Mt. Apo Geothermal Business Unit (MAGBU) received two safety milestone awards from the Department of Energy (DOE) for having no Lost Time Accident (LTA). Related to this, three (3) safety personnel received the DOE-SHAPES “2014 SHAPES Outstanding Safety and Health Professional Award.” Also, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region 12 awarded the “Safety Recognition Award” to the business unit as a result of its compliance and commitment in implementing plans and programs on occupational safety and health. To date, EDC aims to take safety programs up a notch by creating a generative safety culture, where safety and health are built into the way each and every employee works and thinks, and there is increasing trust and accountability in everyone.

Petron Corporation

Mandaluyong City, Philippines

Petron Corporation goes above and beyond providing oil requirements in most areas of the Philippines. Petron Corporation has achieved numerous milestones and distinctions from local government agencies for the year 2014. Depot & Plant Operations (DPO) achieved a significant safety milestone attaining Zero Loss Time Incident in all of Petron's 32 depots and terminals as well as posting a combined record of 60 Million Safe-Man-hours Milestone covering the whole division and its contractors on September 24, 2014. The total safe man hours for 2014 were 17,640,267. This figure is broken down into Petron Bataan Refinery (PBR) with 10,008,943 hours, DPO with 6,082,541 hours and Corporate Offices with 1,548,783 hours. With the annual safety programs being implemented by the company, Petron Corporation garnered four (4) awards and recognitions on the 9th Gawad Kaligtasan at Kalusugan (GKK) Awards on October 27, 2014. For the individual category, Rosario Depot Superintendent Joey P. Ortega proudly emerged as the Champion with Gasul San Fernando Superintendent Eusebio A. Timario, Jr. as the Bronze award recipients. Under institutional category, Legazpi Depot was given the Silver award while Rosario Depot received the Bronze award. Nasipit, Tacloban and Gasul San Fernando Depots also qualified as finalists for the institutional category. Rosario Depot, Davao Depot and Tagoloan Depot were the receivers of the Tripartite Certificate of Compliance with Labor Standards (TCCLS) for this year. Gasul San Fernando was also conferred the Child Labor Free Establishment (CLFE) Award and the Most Fire Safety Conscious Workplace for the second consecutive year. The GKK is a national award given every two years by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in recognition of outstanding achievements and best practices of establishments and individuals on safety programs. The GKK Award is one of the five DOLE good housekeeping certificates required to achieve the Tripartite Seal of Excellence (TSE). The other four certificates are the TCCLS, the CLFE, GKK, National Productivity Olympics Award, and the Outstanding LMC Award for Industrial Peace.

SunPower Philippines Manufacturing Ltd.

Laguna, Philippines

SunPower Philippines is the only wafer fabrication facility in the Philippines that manufactures high efficiency, high reliability silicon solar cells with guaranteed performance. The manufacturing process utilizes chemistry not commonly found in other local industries; hence, SunPower gives importance to implementing stringent EHS programs and controls to ensure a healthy, safe, and green environment for its employees. Each employee is encouraged to stay committed to The Incident and Injury Free (IIF) in order to culturally transform the views of top management down to the rank and file, and has changed employees' focus on safety and all aspects of their behavior. Also, SunPower has an excellent environment, occupational safety and health program being implemented for an Incident and Injury Free workplace and the Corporate Social Responsibility programs that are focused on Solar Education, Environmental Stewardship and Community Health, Wellness and Development. Among its distinctions are the highly-coveted PEZA Employer of the Year Award, PEZA Best Community Projects Award, and the PEZA Exporter of the Year Award.

United Development Company

Doha, Qatar

The United Development Company, or UDC, is a leading Qatari company that aims to identify and invest in long-term projects contributing to Qatar's growth. Since the construction of one of their major projects, the developer of the Pearl Island has since worked and supported the well-being of all stakeholders in the islands. As a leading shareholding company, UDC has signed up as the silver sponsor of "Qatar Achievements on Vocational Safety" book in collaboration with Qatar Chamber of Commerce that was released on April 28, which marks the celebrations of World Day for Safety and Health. UDC is committed in complying with local occupational safety, health and environment standards along with the international codes of practice. To date, UDC is constantly searching for new ways, methods and technologies in order to improve safety standards to prevent accidents, injuries and property damages.

Zachry Construction Corporation

San Antonio, Texas, USA

Zachry Construction Corporation proudly traces its roots back to H.B. Zachry Company, founded in 1924. Since its first ever construction project in that year, the company's commitment to safely provide quality craftsmanship remains unchanged. Zachry Construction Corporation demonstrates a committed responsibility to demonstrate the genuine care of the health and welfare of each of its employee along with other stakeholders. Zachry has been recognized by several award-giving bodies including WSO, the Associated General Contractors of America, San Antonio Chapter, and was also given the Texas Building Branch Texas Safety Award-Certificate of Excellence. The Corporate Contributions Committee of Zachry Construction Corporation provides varies local nonprofit organizations with financial support including the Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy, San Antonio Museum of Art, Mission Road Ministries, ACE Mentoring Program of America, and the American Heart Association among many others.

WSO J. Peter Cunliffe Transportation Award

Criteria for Nomination: A member in good standing with the World Safety Organization who exhibits total dedication and commitment to the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment through participation and personal involvement in professional safety activities.



Prof. Dr. Elias M. Choueiri

Director General, Ministry of Public Works & Transport, Beirut, Lebanon

Making his mark in the academe for over 30 years consists of writing 20 books and booklets, hundreds of refereed publications, technical reports, conference presentations, and newspaper articles along with the scholarly knowledge he has gained from studying at several universities in the United States of America, which culminated with a Ph.D. in Engineering Science, with concentration in Traffic and Transportation Engineering, from Clarkson University, USA, in 1987. Dr. Choueiri also holds graduate university degrees in Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science. In addition to his extensive schooling, he has won more than 20 awards for his scholarship, and has held faculty and managerial positions at several public and private institutions in Lebanon and the USA. He has been Director General in

the Ministry of Public Works & Transport, Lebanon, since 1993. To date, he serves on the editorial boards of a number of scientific journals, and is the current President of Lebanese Association for Public Safety (LAPS), Lebanon. Dr. Choueiri serves as Director of the WSO National Office for Lebanon, is an active member of WSO Board of Directors, chairs the WSO Highway Transport Committee, along with the WSO Transportation of Dangerous Goods Committee, and serves as WSO Liaison Officer to the United Nations.

WSO Donald E. Rhodes Honorable Mention Certificate

Criteria for Nomination: Active Member of the WSO who has shown an above average dedication and promotion of occupational and environmental safety and health through development and implementation of the training programs in these fields.



James E. Boivin, WSO-CSS/CSI(ML)/CSM/CSS(LC)/CSE

Safety Technical Services, Maine OXY/Special Gases & Technologies, Waterville, Maine

With his continuous dedication to promote occupational and environmental safety and health for over 30 years, Mr. Boivin is one of today's outstanding safety practitioners in the field of welding and industrial gas industries. Mr. Boivin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Safety Engineering and AWS Certification in Welding Inspection and Education alongside being an AWS-Certified Welding Sales Representative and a WSO-Certified professional. Mr. Boivin also dedicates his time to train safety professionals on Arc welding, Plasma arc cutting, Oxy-fuel cutting & grinding, and Abrasive safety.



Leo S. Dote, WSO-CSI (ML)

Safety Instructor, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar

As a Safety Instructor and Acting Head of Risk Assessment Section of Hamad Medical Corporation, which employs 22,000 staff from 90 different countries, Mr. Dote is the lecturer for Health and Safety at the Corporate Orientation for all new staff and has been involved in running the department's Continuous Professional Development Program since 2008. Mr. Dote was involved in organizing Health and Safety symposium, conference, as well as served as the subject matter presenter within the organization. He is also a former President of Association of Filipino Emergency Medical Technicians, former Chairman of Safety, Health, Environment & Quality Education of the Philippine Association of Safety Engineers (PHASE) since 2008, became President on 2012, and is currently one of the Advisers. Mr. Dote is also lecturer for Health and Safety with

the College of the North Atlantic, Qatar, and Will Cornell Medical College, Qatar, and works with numerous other organizations in Health and Environmental Safety. Mr. Dote is an excellent example of the WSO member who is fully supporting the WSO motto: "Making Safety a Way of Life...Worldwide."

WSO John A. Agrilla Honorable Mention Certificate

Criteria for Nomination: Active Member of the WSO who has shown an above average dedication to the promotion of occupational and environmental safety and health in the field of construction safety.



Olalokun Soji Solomon, WSO-RSD/CSI(ML)

Lead Safety Consultant, DanaRich Creative Concept Ltd., Edo State, Nigeria

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Pastor Obehi Oyakhilome

HSEQ Coordinator and Administrative Officer, Inotech Foods Industry, Lagos, Nigeria

Pr. Obehi is the current Director South West Office of WSO Nigeria. She was appointed to oversee the growth of WSO South West Nigeria of the national office along with being an environmentalist in NIMASA, Lagos, Nigeria. She has been supportive in WSO Nigeria's quest of achieving the organization's goals and target in their group. Earlier this year, Pr. Obehi was also responsible for ensuring that the WSO Nigeria activity in collaboration with Christ Embassy V.I. Lagos to promote safety to the Arch-Bishop Taylor Memorial Nursery and Primary School and Kuramo Primary School was an outstanding success. Pr. Obehi also successfully organized the World Day for Safety and Health at Work campaign in Nigeria earlier this year which was an occasion to remember for all partakers.