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# AWARDS



# 2016

*Overview of the 2016 WSO Awards*



# 2016 WSO Awards Presentations

The 2016 WSO Awards Banquet was held on Monday evening, September 19, during the 29th Annual WSO International Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Development Symposium. The venue for this year's Symposium and Banquet was the DoubleTree Hotel at Houston Hobby Airport in Houston, Texas, USA.

Opening remarks were made by **Edward E. Hogue** (Wyoming USA), WSO President-Director General, and the invocation was offered by **Jenkins Odoms, Jr.** (Maryland USA). WSO CEO, **Lon S. McDaniel** (Alabama USA), shared welcoming remarks, and **Dr. Zdena Hudson** (Missouri USA), WSO CFO, served as the evening's EMCEE. Awards were presented by Mr. McDaniel and **Engr. Alfredo A. De La Rosa, Jr.** (Philippines), WSO Vice President-Deputy Director General.

An overview of the recipients of the 2016 WSO Awards follows.

## WSO Concerned Organization Award

*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.*

**International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM):** IIRSM was established in 1975 as a professional body for health and safety practitioners. It was created to recognize individual and advance professional standards in accident prevention and occupational health throughout the world. IIRSM represents members in over 70 countries. IIRSM is an industry leader in delivering excellent services in the risk, health, and safety management sectors.

**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 first 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 State) 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. Initially commissioned as a 300-bed hospital in 1973, UBTH which is located on the Benin-Lagos Expressway, 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.

## WSO Educational Award

*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 the general public in the disciplines of safety and allied fields.*



**Prof. Dr. Stefan Zundel**  
Brandenburgische Technische Universität

**Brandenburgische Technische Universität, Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany:** With 9,000 students, BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg is the second largest university and the only University of Technology in the Federal State of Brandenburg. 20 percent of its students are from over 100 different countries around the world with eleven study courses that are entirely taught in English and a large number of double degree courses being co-organized with other international partner universities. BTU's strongest areas of research and teaching is the environment. Other research-orientated fields include: energy, particularly energy efficiency and sustainability, smart regions and heritage as well as biotechnology and health.

In 2009, BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg became the first University in Germany to successfully implement an environmental policy that is accredited by the EMAS and ISO14001. Today, the institution is one of Germany's leading universities in areas of environmental management offering degrees in environmental studies, including other degrees in health, safety and allied matters.

The university has implemented projects directly targeting environmental protection such as; e-SolCar project PV plant, Green printing system (with use of only recycled paper), waste prevention/management project (having a highly efficient on-campus waste separation mechanism), the E-mobility & car sharing in Regensburg which aims in the reduction of air and noise pollution, protection of natural areas and landscapes and increasing urban quality of life, Bicycles' parking projects (reducing vehicle emissions and encouraging green economy), and encouraging student environmental groups (GUM, UIKW, etc.).

In 2014, BTU changed to 100% clean energy, decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions significantly. The university's faculty of Environmental Sciences and Process Engineering offers Bachelor and Masters modules in safety technology covering areas such as, theory of heat explosion, fire protection, explosion prevention, reaction safety, theory of pressure relief, basics of experimental determination of safety data and pressure relief devices, experimental development of safety data used for the determination of storage and transport conditions according to national and international standards (EU, UN) and based on experiments, case studies - team work-model development and simulation of dynamic process based on numerical methods, study objects of self-ignition to mention but a few. Other study teaching areas include atmospheric dispersion and impact assessments.

BTU promotes International innovation in the field of green energy through the effective use of heating energy in buildings, proposals of marketable models that allow cost benefit for thermal insulation and ventilation, increased use of renewable energy in German-Polish infrastructure, and increase the use of renewable energy sources for electricity production and transport.

Through the BTU's environmental management system, the institution has between 2013 and 2014 achieved the following; 2.5% reduction in electricity consumption, 42.3% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and a 37.5% reduction in water consumption.

In a survey carried out to determine the effectiveness of the BTU environmental system on the university's community, it was discovered that 70% of respondents separate wastes, 72.5% considers energy conservation important, and 60% strongly believes that OSH are important aspects that exist in the university with clearly understandable signs and instructions.





**Stanley Skipworth**  
 Director of the Campus Safety, The Claremont  
 University Consortium, Claremont, CA, USA

**The Campus Safety Department of the Claremont University Consortium, Claremont, California, USA:** The undergraduate Claremont Colleges (Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, and Pitzer College), together with the Claremont Graduate University, Keck Graduate Institute, and the Claremont University Consortium (CUC), are all member institutions of “The Claremont Colleges.” The Campus Safety Department, as part of the Claremont University Consortium, is one of several shared services among the colleges. In short, Campus Safety literally serves the students, faculty, and staff of seven colleges and universities.

With the arrival of a new Director of Campus Safety, the organization dedicated itself to meeting the need for a new form of service and a recalibration of the mission of Campus Safety at Claremont. This required several important initiatives to be swiftly and accurately identified, and then smartly put into action, to begin an important change and growth for the organization and to dramatically enhance the service to the campus communities. They are: campus partnerships, anti-crime efforts, expanded services, personnel development and quality of work; and professional organization activity.

**Bright Services (BS) Training International, Doha, Qatar:** Bright Services (BS) Training International is a provider of education and training that is in tune with current trends in the industry. The trainings provided are based upon the latest principles that can help develop clients’ business and further drive productivity and profitability. BS fosters partnerships with different organizations such as: HSF Training Ltd., United Kingdom (U.K.); Award and Health Safety, U.K.; ESENEK Training Centre Ltd., Turkey; ATM Environment and Safety, U.K. Bright Services provides HSE trainings and consultancy services to companies and individuals with reputation for high ethics and industrial best practices through dedication to uncompromising quality and creativity. Since its inception in 2015, it has catered to over 500 persons and counting and has been serving as accredited training provider for numerous companies and corporations.

## **WSO Donald E. Rhodes Honorable Mention Certificate**

*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.*

**Odiboh Kingsley Osamudiamen, 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 conveys 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 WSO Concerned Citizen Awardee, an individual who has the passion to serve his local community and is dedicated to protecting people, property, resources and the environment.



**Agharese Lucia Ojelede**  
 WSO National Office for Nigeria

**Agharese Lucia Ojelede, Egbeda, Lagos, Nigeria:** Mrs. Agharese Lucia Ojelede is an HSE Manager with DeltaAfrik and serves as the Technical Director of the WSO National Office for Nigeria, assisting in advocacy, mentoring of members, and training. She has mentored interns from the Carrington Youth Fellowship Initiative (CYFI) “Health/Safety Initiative,” specifically in reviewing their safety video scripts and footage. Mrs. Ojelede successfully organized the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2016, Lagos, serving as the Local Organizing Committee Chairperson, in collaboration with safety industry regulators, safety organizations, associations, NGOs, companies and safety professionals in celebrating the event, which was a success. She also is an instructor for WSO Nigeria



and facilitates the WSO-SCCS certification program through DeltaAfrik Engineering Limited, increasing the numbers of persons holding the WSO-SCCS certification worldwide. Her active participation and support also culminated in WSO Nigeria successfully collaborating with more than five safety organizations and associations from Lagos for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. In addition to a M.Sc./DIC Environmental Technology and B.Sc. Microbiology, Mrs. Ojelede holds the WSO-CSM, WSO-SCCS, and WSO-CSI(ML) certifications.

### **WSO John A. Agrilla Honorable Mention Certificate**

*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.*

**Emmanuel A. Abayowa, Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria:** Emmanuel A. Abayowa is an HSE Consultant and an Environmentalist with En-Pact Solutions, Limited. He is currently the Administrative Director for WSO National Office for Nigeria, assisting the organization in all administrative processes, advocacy, and training. Mr. Abayowa is also the Operational Coordinator for WSO Nigeria in Abuja, North Central Nigeria. He successfully organized the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2016, Abuja, serving as WSO Nigeria representative in the Local Organizing Committee that had the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment as the chief organizer, alongside the ILO, in coaboration with safety industry regulators, safety organizations, associations, NGOs, companies, and safety professionals in celebrating the event. His active participation and support also culminated in WSO Nigeria successfully collaborating with several federal government regulatory agencies, safety organizations, and associations from Abuja for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. Mr. Abayowa ensured WSO Nigeria secured a liaison location in Lagos, where he represents and promulgates contacts for WSO Nigeria in the northern region.



**Orlando C. Pernites**  
WSO Qatar Chapter; WSO Board of Directors

**Orlando C. Pernites, Doha, Qatar:** Mr. Orlando Pernites is a Senior HSE Supervisor for United Development Company–The Pearl Qatar Operations Directorate (HSSE Department) He has more than 20 years of broad practice in the field of Occupational Health, Safety & Environment and Fire Protection in the Middle East. Currently assigned as a Senior HSE Supervisor in United Development Company–The Pearl Qatar projects for the constructions of high rise residential towers in a billion-dollar man-made island.

Previously, Mr. Pernites was assigned in several Saudi ARAMCO projects, taking various position titles as Safety Officer, Safety Inspector, Project Safety Officer and fully familiar with Saudi ARAMCO Engineering Standards and International Industry Standards. He also spent four years in the field of fire protection and suppression with the Bureau of Fire Protection - Department of the Interior and Local Government in the Philippines.

He possesses proven expertise in hazard identification, risk assessment, fire risk assessment, safety audits and fire loss control of various types of industrial sector, paint manufacturing plant, port container terminal, agricultural and food product facilities, commercial/mercantile occupancies and construction projects in the Oil & Gas sectors and fully familiar with OSHA, NFPA, Saudi ARAMCO Engineering standards and other International Health, Safety and Environmental Standards.

Mr. Pernites is knowledgeable in developing HSE Programs; Safety Training Modules; Safety Publications and Safety Promotional Programs. Safety Trainer/Course Instructor on various safety courses i.e. Employee and Contractors Safety Indoctrination; Safety Orientation Program; Accident/Incident Investigation and Analysis; Job Safety Analysis (JSA); Conduct of Effective Tool Box Talks; Fire Prevention and Control.



## WSO Concerned Company/Corporation

*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.*



Award presented to AFCONS by C. Kannan, Director of the WSO National Office for India

**AFCONS Infrastructure Limited, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India:** Afcons Infrastructure Limited believes in walking the distance that has never been crossed before. Their first step forward was in 1959, when Rodio Foundation Engineering Limited, Switzerland, and Hazarat & Co came together to form Rodio Hazarat & Co. Today, Afcons Infrastructure Ltd. is part of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, the third-largest construction group in India. It stands proudly as one of the top infrastructure development companies in India with its presence in various parts of the world. With the vision of fostering an environment that helps in the creation of knowledge and its application to work, AFCONS seeks to excel in all their business activities and strives to build a creative organization. With many accomplishments, recognitions, and accolades, AFCONS meets their mission of being a prominent transnational infrastructure company recognized for business innovations, focused on total satisfaction and enhanced value creation for all its stakeholders.

**DanaRich Creative Concepts Limited, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria:** DanaRich Creative Concept Limited was incorporated in February 2012 as a private company responding to individuals, organizations, and government needs in Safety Management, and Executive Training. The outfit 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 and proffering workable solutions. Since inception, their safety solutions have largely remained unbeaten, and breaking new ground has become their drive and compulsion. They have remained ahead of strong competitors in the safety business; their secret simply lies in their ability to see far ahead. In 2012, DanaRich co-sponsored the WSO National Office for Nigeria, making the institution an international supporter of the WSO motto: "Making Safety A Way of Life ... Worldwide." Since the inception of WSO Nigeria, DanaRich has supported and provided operational logistics support for the WSO Office, including training and supplying manpower 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 make safety a way of life everywhere.



Award presented to Voltas by C. Kannan, Director of the WSO National Office for India

**Voltas Limited, Chennai Metro Rail Project, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India:** Voltas is India's largest air conditioning company, and one of the world's premier engineering solutions providers and project specialists. Founded in 1954, Voltas offers engineering solutions for a wide spectrum of industries in areas such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning, refrigeration, electro-mechanical projects, textile machinery, mining and construction equipment, water management & treatment, cold chain solutions, building management systems, and indoor air quality. Key accomplishments include: achieving above 65% of marks in monthly safety audit for the past 18 months from the Chennai Metro Rail project; achieving 378,149 accident free man hours through April 2016; certification of BS OHSAS 18001 and ISO EMS 14001 from TUV SUD SOUTH ASIA; mandatory two-day first aid training for staff; 7,324 training man-hours for staff/workmen; collection and distribution of food and other relief materials among people in recent area floods.





**David H. Roberson**

WSO Board of Directors; WSO Certification Board; Building Division Safety Manager, Zachry Construction Corporation (Texas USA)

**Zachry Construction Corporation, San Antonio, Texas:** Zachry Construction Corporation has been in the Construction business since 1924 when their first construction project began in Laredo, Texas. Since then, their commitment to safely providing quality craftsmanship has never wavered. Their commitment to safety is long-standing – in the early 1940s Zachry hired their first Corporate Safety Administrator, long before the industry sought this type of person. Zachry's Corporate Value, "Together We Can Do Great Things," is an unconditional responsibility for all personnel to "challenge ourselves and one another to excel in all our undertakings and to take pride in what we accomplish together." They accomplish this through industry-leading processes and systems, and a corporate culture that places safety at the beginning of everything they do. But beyond

their culture and processes, Zachry creates and maintains safe workplaces by focusing on the individual and demonstrating genuine care for the health and welfare of each and every craft and technical employee. Their culture promotes teamwork, trust, and a passion for safety that is integrated with systems, processes, technology, and education in their operations. This approach promotes a pervasive safety program that is best in class. The result is one of the best safety performances in American Industrial Construction. Their greatest reward is knowing that they continually create a unique environment that employees and contractors can depend on to keep them safety and injury-free.

## **WSO J. Peter Cunliffe Transportation Award**

*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, WSO National Office for Lebanon

**Prof. Dr. Elias M. Choueiri, Hazmieh, Lebanon:** Prof. Dr. Elias M. Choueiri has been serving as General Director in the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, Lebanon, since 1993. He is committed to improving the safety of roadway services in Lebanon by appearing on TV programs and radio talk shows, publishing articles on the subject matter in national and international journals, and taking part as a speaker in national and international conferences and seminars. His research interests are mainly in the areas of highway design, traffic safety, driving dynamics, driver behavior, and railway transportation.

An author/co-author of more than 20 books on Highway Design and Traffic Safety Engineering, Informatics, and other fields, and hundreds of referred publications, technical reports, conference presentations, and newspaper articles, Dr. Choueiri has been teaching engineering, mathematics, and computer-related courses at several Public/Private institutions in Lebanon.

Dr. Choueiri serves on the Editorial Board of a number of scientific journals, and holds the position of Director for WSO's National Office for Lebanon.



## **WSO Concerned Professional**

*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.*

**Allan N. Milagrosa, Doha, Qatar:** Mr. Milagrosa is the current Deputy Director of the WSO National Office for Qatar and President of the WSO Doha Central Chapter. He conducts safety trainings to all distress OFWs and low-income groups working in Doha, Qatar; conducts emergency first response, food safety, and fire marshal training in Philippine International School of Doha; conducts public safety diver awareness for WSO members and non-members; and conducts child passenger safety awareness in various schools in Qatar.

Mr. Milagrosa holds a BS in Marine Biology and a diploma in Computer Engineering. He is a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer, OSHA Academy Professional, CIEH Train the Trainer Certified, IOSH, and NEBOSH Certified Emergency First Response Instructor. He facilitates WSO-NOQ training through Core Member Participation and ensures that all WSO-NOQ members belong to the group by making them enthusiastically involved in all team bonding activities and making safety a value and part of lives 24/7.

**Engr. Ben Hur O. Refuerzo, Manila, Philippines:** Engr. Refuerzo is the current Training Director of the WSO International Office for Philippines. He has been a dedicated Training Director for the past 13 years and has been participating in all WSO related advocacy activities on school safety, community safety, and emergency preparedness and educational upgrading of safety professionals. Engr. Refuerzo is an Industrial Engineer, Safety Consultant, Certified Safety Auditor in International Safety Rating Systems (ISRS\_ with trainings from Dets Norske Veritas. He is a DNV Lead Auditor, ISO Lead Auditor of OSHA 18001 and ISO 9001:2008, with a deep involvement in the development and conduct of the Basic Occupational Safety and Health Course and other related EHS related training. Mr. Refuerzo participates in voluntary activities for safety awareness and has attended and supports various national safety and health conferences. He was designated by Pollution Control Association of the Philippines, Inc., (PCAPI) to Chair the National Environmental Awards in 1999 and 2003.

## **WSO Concerned Citizen**

*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 protection of people, property, resources, and the environment, and with a full support of the WSO motto "Making Safety A Way Of Life...Worldwide."*

**Engr. Zaldy G. Aliño, Doha, Qatar:** Engr. Aliño served as the dedicated and diligent Director of the WSO National Office for Qatar for the past three years and holds the distinction of being the founding Director of the WSO-NOQ. He participates to all NGOs as Volunteers in conducting safety trainings to all Distress OFWs and low-income groups working in Doha. A professional Civil Engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree, Associate Value Specialist, Project Management Specialist, and ISO Lead Auditor of OSHA 18001 and ISO 9001:2008/2015, Engr. Aliño regularly facilitates and conducts monthly training for all WSO-NOQ members through Core Member participation. He participates in all Volunteer Professional group for the Safety Awareness program and initiated and facilitates the improvement for the training system for WSO in Doha to comply and implement the provision for Reference Standards to all trainings conducted within the WSO-NOQ. Engr. Aliño has attended various WSO International Symposiums, most recently in the Philippines and Denver USA.





**Eros G. Zuñiga**  
President, SOPI

**Eros G. Zuñiga, Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines:** Eros G. Zuñiga is the ninth and current president of the Safety Organization of the Philippines, Inc., he is a DOLE Accredited Occupational Safety and Health Consultant, a retired Military Officer, a Concurrent Faculty Member of the SOPI Institute on Occupational Safety and Health, Loss Control Management, Safety Evaluation Program, Safety Management, Industrial Security and Safety, Industrial Fire Brigade and Emergency Preparedness, Defensive Driving Course, among others.

Mr. Zuñiga was selected to be the Sectoral Representative of CWS (Construction Worker Solidarity). He was elected to the SOPI presidency in 2004, and won re-election ever since, and he is the current president to date.

Mr. Zuñiga's accomplishments include: President of the Philippine Society of Safety Engineers (PSSE) since 1998 to existing; Vice Chairman of the Board (2015) and former Vice President (from 2010 to 2015) of the Federation of Industrial Security Organization of the Philippines (FISOP); President of the Association of Safety and Health Training Organizations of the Philippines, Inc. (ASHTOP) since 2005 to contemporary; President of Aider's Philippines since 2004 to current; Vice President of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) – Asian Chapter since 2010 to present; Member of Asia Professional Security Association (APSA) since 2002 to present day; Affiliate Member of the World Safety Organization (WSO); Lifetime Member and Former Director of the Association of Safety Practitioners of the Philippines, Inc. (ASPPI) since 2005; Founding Member and Director of the Boards of Workplace Advocate on Safety and Health in the Philippines, Inc.

### **WSO Glenn E. Hudson Award**

*Selection is based on such issues/contributions 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.*



**Carl I. Prophet**  
Ministry of Justice, British Columbia, Canada

**Carl I. Prophet, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada:** Carl Prophet is the Executive Director for Corporate Risk and Security for the Ministry of Justice of British Columbia. Mr. Prophet's focus since 2004 has been prosecutor safety and Justice Integrity. He has provided these services across North and South America. He currently serves as the Chair of Head of Prosecutions Safety and Security Committee for Canada. Mr. Prophet has designed training programs in safety and created a risk management toolbox used around the globe. He is currently developing a safety program for the International Association of Prosecutor that would be utilized globally. In 2012, Mr. Prophet created the Officer Safety Program for Law Enforcement and Compliance Officer working for the Ministry of Justice and the Public Safety Sector of British Columbia. Mr. Prophet's focus is always based on grass-level frontline training.



## WSO James K. Williams Award

*A member in good standing with the World Safety Organization who has unselfishly provided significant assistance with and support of 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."*

**James E. Boivin, Waterville, Maine:** With his continuous dedication to promoting occupational and environmental safety and health for over 30 years, Mr. James 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 Safety Professional. Mr. Boivin also dedicates his time to train safety professionals on Arc welding, Plasma arc cutting, Oxy-fuel cutting & grinding and Abrasive safety. Mr. Boivin has been instrumental in assisting WSO in updating and revising the WSO professional certification exams, and authored the new WSO-CST entry level exam.

## WSO National Office of the Year

*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.*



**Agharese L. Ojelede**  
WSO National Office for Nigeria

**WSO National Office for Nigeria, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria:** WSO National Office for Nigeria has since inception provided the WSO-WMC candidates for professional membership, thereby boosting the number of WSO global membership network and still counting with the assistance of UBTH and DanaRich limited. WSO Nigeria has provided training and manpower development in the areas of safety and allied field also with the help of UBTH and DanaRich limited WSO Nigeria has promulgated professional expertise and contacts in both Government and Private and the public in creating enough awareness for people to join the global campaign and achieving the WSO motto: making safety a way of life worldwide.

WSO Nigeria has given awards to some organizations recognizing their contribution to building safety consciousness in the most populous nation in Africa and still counting with the assistance of UBTH and DanaRich limited. WSO Nigeria also contributes to WSO-WMC newsletter and website through her chapter activities locally with personnel and facility support from UBTH and DanaRich Creative Concept Limited.

WSO Nigeria organized and celebrated the 2016 edition of World Day for Safety and Health at Work in three locations (Lagos, Benin and Abuja) in collaboration with the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) Lagos, and the International Labor Organization (ILO), with over 600 participating organizations, institutions, and individuals with resounding success in these locations. It was an unprecedented event. Kindly see the link: [www.worldsafety.org.ng/safeday2016.php](http://www.worldsafety.org.ng/safeday2016.php)

In a prelude to the maiden edition of "WSO Nigeria National Merit Awards," WSO Nigeria gave out awards to persons and organizations that distinguished themselves in Public Health and Safety during the International Volunteers Day 2015 in Nigeria by partnering with the Nigerian Red Cross to achieve these goals. This has put WSO at large in the front burner of where she belongs in the safety profession; internationalizing safety, while supporting and encouraging those engaged in the fields of Public Health, Safety, Environment and Security.



## WSO Environmental/Occupational Safety Person of the Year

*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): other significant accomplishments may be submitted for review.*



**C. Kannan**  
Director, WSO National Office for India

**C. Kannan, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India:** C. Kannan is an Electrical Engineer and a Safety Professional by qualification and has 21 years of rich multi-cultural experience in Occupational Health and Safety. As Dy. Head Occupational Health, Safety and Environment of General Consultant (EM BYE) for Chennai Metro Rail Project-Phase-1, India, he has contributed to the project in a great manner and society in particular.

For the past six years, Mr. Kannan has handled one of the Chennai Metro Rail construction project, handling complex activities with more than 11,000 work force daily and dealing with around 800 OHSE professionals. As the project is carried out in the heart of the city, he has contributed much to society by way of creating valuable awareness on OHSE, planted more than 68,000 saplings having survival rate of 77.17. In the coming years these saplings will grow into mature trees and will benefit the society. Also 80 numbers of trees as old as 100 years of high botanical value importance had been transplanted using modern technology that shows his special care for the environment.

Mr. Kannan is a member of many national and international OHSE institutes. He is a Registered Safety Director with the World Safety Organization, Chartered Engineer from the Institution of Engineers (India), the Green World Ambassador, Chairperson for American Society of Safety Engineers' India chapter's construction sector, as well as vice chair for ASSE Newsletter.

The OHS&E standards, systems, and strict implementation of various international best practices by him in this project helped all contractors achieve a very good OHS&E standards. For his achievements in OHS&E, he has received numerous international and national safety and environment awards. He has suggested and implemented innovative ideas in the project, particularly in critical/heavy lifting operations, resulting in simplified lifting plans, excellent procedures to adopt by contractors, and monitoring the same with efficient mechanism.

On the safety training front, Mr. Kannan has strictly implemented various OHS&E trainings through approved third party agencies having highly skilled trainers, benefiting thousands of Engineers and workmen and improving the productivity indirectly. Also he was involved in the design stage safety aspects of the project, incorporating all hazards and associated risks, with necessary and appropriate control measures, which were ultimately implemented by all contractors, resulting in reduction of injuries and incidents. The safety standards, systems and strict implementation of various international best practices in this project were well appreciated by Government of Tamil Nadu as well as Government of India, apart from JICA (Japanese International Cooperation Agency), who funded this project in part.

Mr. Kannan provides safety related advice for the development of testing and commissioning periods for the Metro Projects including track access and movement of trains in test and degraded mode during the construction phase. He also conducts specially designed audits (Occupational Health, Safety and Environment) for all Elevated Viaduct, Stations and all Under Ground Stations and Tunnels Packages on a monthly basis. It is worth noting that during his tenure that CMRL Project has achieved more than 197 million accident free man hours.



*Share your Knowledge and Experience!*

## REQUEST for MANUSCRIPTS and ARTICLES for PUBLICATION

Are you working on any interesting special projects? Have you attended a meeting or conference and learned something new? Have you encountered a problem and come up with a unique solution? If these scenarios (and countless others) apply to you, the WSO has just the platform through which you can share your knowledge and experience.

We are requesting submissions of manuscripts and articles for publication in WSO News-Letters and World Safety Journals. Contributions in English are always welcome and should be sent via e-mail to: **editorialstaff@worldsafety.org**. You may also mail to the **WSO World Management Center** located at: **PO Box 518, Warrensburg, MO 64093 USA**.

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