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Welcome to the WSO February Newsletter. As always there are a number of topics of current interest to our members. I would also add that if there is some topic you would like to see featured, please let us know.

As in past newsletters, we are continuing to make everyone aware that our certifications are accredited by ICAC. This is an important step and allows our certifications to be very competitive in the safety industry.

We are also promoting an increase in our membership. We have a contest going that allows drawing for an iPad Pro based on the number of new member applications you submit. I encourage you to read and become a participant in this program. Increased membership makes our Organization stronger, and your contribution to this goal is appreciated. If you have questions about the membership programs or the contest, please let us know.

We are also working very hard to increase the attendance at our national symposiums. As you know, this year's symposium is being held in Charleston, West Virginia. Already we have a number of interesting speakers lined up, and we hope that you attend to support the organization and to take advantage of the information presented. We encourage you to bring others from your company or organization. Let's make this a highly successful symposium. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and useful. If you have suggestions for improvement or ideas that will make the newsletter more useful, please let us know.

Thank you for your support.

WSO's Certification Program
is accredited in compliance with
ISO/IEC 17024:2012 by the



2018 Membership Drive Continues Prize Drawing to be Held in September

With our newly-accredited status, we are striving to significantly increase our membership, but we need your help! Please suggest to your colleagues and associates that they join WSO as a professional member and pursue WSO certification. Every new member builds our membership ranks and makes the organization stronger.

To reward your efforts towards strengthening the organization, WSO is offering a couple of incentives.

In addition to rewarding you with 50% off your next membership renewal when one or more of your referrals obtain WSO membership, we are giving away an Apple iPad Pro! You earn an entry in the drawing for each approved applicant who lists YOU as their referring WSO member. There is no limit ... more recruits = more entries!



RULES and EXCLUSIONS

- 50% discount is towards Membership Fee only; excludes Certification Fees; limit one discount per calendar year.
- New member(s) must list your name as referring member on the 2018 WSO Membership Application to qualify.
- Training Associate and Student Memberships excluded; qualifying membership levels are Associate, Affiliate, Institutional, or Corporate.
- Each applicant is subject to approval; entries awarded for approved applicants only.

WSO's 31st Annual Symposium "Call for Speakers" Open

**Fulfilling the Need for Qualified Safety & Health Professionals
around the World**

Plans continue to move right along for the 2018 annual Symposium to be held September 17-19 in Charleston, West Virginia.

Included in the Call for Speakers, which has been distributed and is also available on the WSO website, is the Outline/Abstract Form. If you're interested in participating as a Speaker this year, please submit your topic ASAP to lock in your spot on the program!

We anticipate interesting topics from a number of truly dynamic speakers, so mark your calendars for this important event. We look forward to seeing you in Charleston!



SEE PAGES 2 and 3 for MORE INFORMATION!

Symposium Theme: Fulfilling the Need for Qualified Safety Professionals around the World

Our ever-changing world, which continues to become smaller through advanced methods of communication, is demanding changes to how we live our lives and how we work, how we learn, how we share new information, and how we comply with new laws, regulations, and demands of the changes in global trade.

In the World Safety Organization's 43rd year, we are continually reminded of the WSO Objectives: to encourage the effective exchange of information and experiences between/among the members of the WSO; to collaborate with other organizations in conducting activities of mutual concerns, interests and directions; to promote the continuous upgrading of the safety and accident prevention technology and these fields related to loss of lives, property, and environment; to strive for a universal level of professionalism and competence among its members and WSO non-members whose functions are related to safety; to perform such other necessary acts and functions relevant to the WSO overall theme of "Making Safety A Way of Life ... Worldwide."

Symposium Format

The Symposium will provide a unique opportunity for the corporate managers and executives, safety, health & environmental professionals, advocates of safety and accident prevention, leaders of safety organizations and WSO members from around the world where the WSO is represented through the WSO International/ National Offices, WSO Chapters, and individual members. Participation in the Symposium will provide a forum for information exchange, networking, professional contact with other members, safety professionals, but most of all, learning about new programs and professional knowledge at sessions, panels and workshops presented during the Symposium. The Symposium format consists of presentations, lectures, panels, workshops and plenary sessions. **As a part of the program, Symposium participants are invited to take part in the "WSO Global Safety Roundtable" discussion where the suggestions, comments, resolutions, etc., will be formatted for submission to governmental legislation and Missions of the United Nations (UN), International Labor Organization (ILO), World Health Organization (WHO), and similar rule-making groups on the local, national and international levels.**

Symposium Topics

Symposium topics include, but are not limited to: occupational safety and health, environmental safety and health, ergonomics, systems safety management, security, industrial hygiene, hazardous materials management, transportation safety, construction safety, off-the-job safety, recreational safety, safety of the workplace, disaster preparedness, as well as legislative topics on the national and global scale.

International Participants

The Symposiums of the World Safety Organization are always international in scope. WSO members from Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, and the Americas are frequent participants at the WSO Symposiums and Congresses.

Legislative Representation

Representatives from state and federal agencies are invited to provide updates on newest laws and regulations relevant to the safety industry.

Symposium Venue



The Charleston Marriott Town Center invites business and leisure travelers to immerse themselves in style, comfort, and elegance. Features include an unbeatable downtown hotel location in West Virginia's capital city, proximity to top destinations like Charleston Civic Center, CAMC General, and world-class shopping, restaurant, and entertainment options in the heart of the city. All rooms provide a flat-screen TV, deluxe bedding, a well-lit work area, high-speed Wi-Fi access, and a coffee and tea maker. In addition, you'll enjoy a fully stocked fitness center, heated indoor pool, and inventive, casual dining at Brick Salt Bar+Kitchen. The Charleston Marriott Town Center will provide an extraordinary backdrop for our visit to beautiful West Virginia.

WSO Awards Banquet

WSO Awards Banquet is scheduled on Monday evening, September 17, to honor the individuals, corporations, organizations, and other groups for their concerns in the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment. A list of all WSO Awards, along with the requirements for each, may be found on our website. If you wish to nominate an individual, company, corporation, agency, publication, society, or other entity, please contact the WSO World Management Center for the WSO Awards Nomination Brochure.

**Register
today!**

Call for Speakers

Using the form downloaded from the WSO website, please submit an outline/abstract of your presentation. All abstracts submitted will be reviewed, and authors will be notified if the presentation has been accepted. Deadline for abstract submission is 15 May 2018. Upon notification of acceptance, the completed presentation must be submitted **prior to 1 July 2018 for publication in the "Symposium Proceedings."**

You may also submit your outline/abstract online: <http://worldsafety.org/online-outlineabstract-submission/>

DISCLAIMER: The WSO does not pay speaker fees or facilitate the travel and other subsistence arrangements for any speaker of the Symposium. All arrangements related to travel, visas, accommodations, and daily subsistence are the exclusive responsibility of the speaker.

Manuscripts/Papers/Presentations

- Format for publication in the Symposium Proceedings: Papers should be written in concise language (English) and should be typed, double spaced, using only one side of the paper. Number the pages and leave margins (lower and upper margins 1" or 2.54cm; left and right margins 1-1/4" or 3.17cm). A separate title page should contain the title, author's full name, qualifications, and a half-page résumé, together with a complete mailing address. Please submit text composed in Microsoft Word (MsWord), via email attachment or copied to a USB drive and mailed to us.
- Presentations may be submitted in MS PowerPoint format; however, an Abstract must accompany.
- Illustrations, tables, and graphs may be submitted. Color photos are acceptable. Type legends for any photos in double spacing on separate pages.
- Statistical data should be expressed in SIUs (Standard International Units), as far as is practicable.
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Schedule of Dates for the Receipt of the Speaker's Documentation

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| 15 May 2018 | Completed "Paper Outline/Abstract" with indication of length of the presentation/workshop. All sessions will be 30 minutes. Please indicate if you need two consecutive sessions. |
| 31 May 2018 | • Résumé/bio: 100-150 words • Abstract: 150-200 words, double-spaced • Bio: 100-150 words, double-spaced |
| 1 June 2018 | INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS MUST HAVE VALID TRAVEL VISA BY THIS DATE to participate. Request your invitation letter in ample time to schedule your visa interview! |
| 1 July 2018 | Paper for publication in the "Symposium Proceedings," speaker's photo, and an updated bio |
| 15 August 2018 | Conference Registration Form and payment of Fees must be received to confirm participation in the Symposium Program. |

Please forward the completed forms to:

WSO World Management Center | Attn: Symposium Coordinator | PO Box 518 | Warrensburg MO 64093 | USA
Phone: 1.660.747.3132 | Fax: 1.660.747.2647 | Email: symposium@worldsafety.org

Why Do Forklifts Have Seatbelts?

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The sole purpose of seatbelt use on a forklift is not for front-end collisions like for automobiles. They are to keep forklift drivers in the cockpit (whether or not they want to be).



The number one cause of counterbalanced forklift operators going to the morgue instead of home to supper with their families is tip-over accidents. On average, 50 people lose their lives each year working on, or around forklifts, and

are involved in a tip-over accidents. Engineering, accident statistics, eye-witness, and first-hand accounts tell us that if an operator stays inside the overhead guard area in the seat of the truck, his or her chances of survival (or at least reducing the severity of injury) increase dramatically.

The seat belt is, first and foremost, designed to keep you in the seat in case of tip-over. Normal human behavior says “jump” when the forklift starts to tip. In that split second needed to make a decision, two things motivate you in the wrong direction. First, momentum is throwing you to the low side of the machine (direction of tip). Secondly, in your mind, ground means safety, and the ground is closest on the low side (direction of tip). The problem is you can’t get away from

the machine fast enough, and the overhead guard crushes you at the head, neck, shoulders, or chest.

Furthermore, you need to keep your hands and feet inside the confines of the forklift and overhead guard. Humans have another peculiar habit; as the machine tips, we stick our arms and legs out toward the direction of the tip as if to magically stop the 9,000 pound forklift from tipping over. This doesn’t work unless you are Superman with a capital “S” on your chest.

To survive a tip-over accident, do the following:

- Put on the seat belt every time you operate a truck. Adjust the seatbelt as needed.
- Push hard against the steering wheel and brace your feet firmly into the floorboard on the machine, which will firmly plant you in the seat.
- Place both hands on the steering wheel, lean forward, and use the steering wheel as upper body support.
- Always lean away from the point of impact.

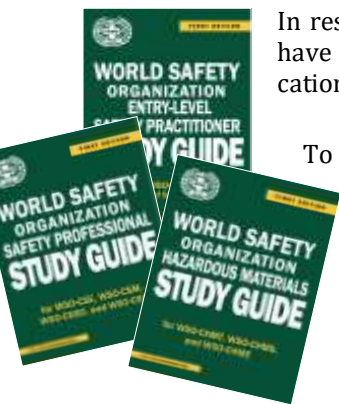


“If you have the belt on and tip over, you’ll live 99.9% of the time. If not, you may get severely injured or killed.”

David Hoover
President

Forklift Training Systems

WSO Certification Candidates Encouraged to Purchase Exam Study Guides



In response to requests from WSO members and inquiries made by potential WSO certification candidates, we have developed three study guides that will be of interest and benefit for those preparing to sit for a WSO certification examination.

To help familiarize a certification candidate with what they’ll encounter during a WSO certification exam, these study guides are presented in the same format as the WSO exam content and come with an answer key at the back of the booklet. The study guides are currently available as PDF downloads.

If you are a current or potential WSO certification candidate and are interested in purchasing a study guide, please contact WSO-WMC at 1-660-747-3132, or send an email to certification@worldsafety.org.



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