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World Safety Organization NEWSLETTER

WSO Introduces New Membership Level

Become a Distinguished Professional Member with WSO



Being acknowledged as a Professional Member of a safety organization based upon one's education, years of knowledge, and experience in the Safety field is a goal for many to achieve. Not everyone has the college or university degree that is sometimes required to compete for an advanced level Occupational Safety Certification. Not everyone enjoys the Classroom environment of classroom training and potentially taking the computer-type exam, which doesn't always show one's true abilities in safety management and/or practice.

There are many Safety Directors, Safety Coordinators, and Safety Specialists in the safety arena who have many years of experience but lack the mathematical expertise to pass a specific safety certification exam. However, by a submission of one's work/career credentials, résumé, professional references, safety seminar certificates, safety education, and several testimonies from peers showing his/her elite level, safety practitioners and professionals can become a WSO Professional Member upon verification and approval.

This membership level gives one a great opportunity to continue to gain knowledge as a member of the WSO, network with and learn from other members, and attend our annual Symposium

featuring world-class safety professionals from around the world presenting various types of safety modules.

Membership levels and requirements are on Page 6. To request a WSO Membership and Certification Program booklet or to apply for the WSO Professional membership, please contact the WSO World Management Center by phone or email.

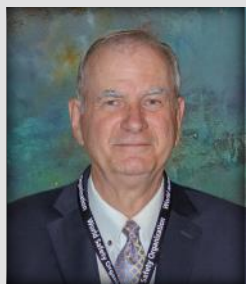
My Safety Voice

Worldwide Safety has become a priority. Recent events in our global dynamic require the expertise and knowledge of individuals who are familiar and trained in global safety. The World Safety Organization offers the experience and training you will need to succeed in creating global change.

As a valued member of the World Safety Organization you will be part of a global organization dedicated to safety. The vast level of knowledge from our World Safety Organization members, affiliation, and professionals will help you reach your personal and career goals.

*Join World Safety Organization today to be part of the **Global Difference** by **Making Safety a Way of Life...Worldwide!***

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Welcome to the June 2020 WSO NewsLetter! At this writing the world community is still doing battle with COVID-19. Earlier it seemed the affected numbers were going down, but most recently there seems to be a second wave building, and the affected numbers are increasing. We

urge all of the WSO membership to use caution and follow all safety guidelines. Together we will get through this.

Never has the world needed safety professionals more than at this time. You should be proud of your membership and certifications through WSO. Consider this a good time to remind your friends and colleagues of the value of a WSO certification, and assist them in becoming a member. Remember that WSO certifications are accredited by the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) in compliance with ISO/IEC 17024:2012. This accreditation is a valuable part of our memberships and certification. To request additional information, please call or email the WSO World Management Center (telephone +1 (660) 747-3132, email: info@worldsafety.org).

As you can see from information offered in this newsletter, WSO will soon offer a Professional Membership. This is a valuable designation in the work place and singles you out as a professional of long standing in your field. Please review the information herein and the requirements for such an honor.

We invite you to participate in our new feature titled "My Safety Voice," the first of which can be seen on the front page. We hope to develop this into an ongoing monthly feature, so email your point of view – your "safety voice" – to us at editorialstaff@worldsafety.org.

Finally, I want to remind you of the new deadlines for our virtual Symposium. Those dates are listed herein, and we hope everyone takes this opportunity to submit an abstract or paper for presentation. If you have questions, we will certainly try to answer them and give you the help you need.

Hopefully everyone is safe...and stays safe! [CHB]

Virtual Symposium UPDATE

WSO Sets New Deadlines

Video Speakers/Presenters

- 1 AUG Completed "Paper Outline/Abstract" with indication of length of the presentation/workshop (maximum 60 minutes).
- 15 AUG
 - Résumé/Bio/Profile: 100-150 words
 - Photo in JPG or PNG format
- 1 SEP
 - Paper and/or slides for publication in the "Symposium Proceedings"
 - Completed Presentation Video

WSO Awards

Awards Nominations due August 15

A list of the WSO Awards, along with the requirements for each, may be found on our website, or you may request a copy of the guidelines by contacting the WSO World Management Center by telephone or email:

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Visit www.worldsafety.org to submit online.

We Need You!

Do you blog?

Do you write articles for your company's newsletter?

Do you have something relevant to share?

Did your company sponsor a special safety-focused event?

If so, we would love to feature your content in a future WSO NewsLetter or TechLetter!

Just email your article/blog, author(s) byline, brief bio, and photo to us at editorialstaff@worldsafety.org.

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Safety and Health is a Way of Life

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Safety and Health is not a practiced discipline when at work, rather, a set of competencies which are always applied to work, community and family. During this challenging period in our lives associated with COVID-19, it becomes so abundantly clear that safety practices at work are as important as implementing the same safety practices in our home, as well as at our community centers.

Let us take this moment in history, to renew our vows of love of safety and its principles and practices. Let us see the across-society implications for teaching and using these principles wherever we can.

Let us do inspections, and analyses of our homes, particularly where the young children and elderly may be present. Are we as well protected in our home as in our workplace?

It has always been my motto that "behavior begets behavior." We must never be off course in our exercise of imple-

menting the best safety procedures available. We owe that to society.

Finally, be mindful of the cultural diversity in our work organizations and in your neighborhoods. The terms and practices of safety often have different meanings, and levels of risk are often puzzling. Let your performance as a teacher of safety and health forge a consensus of respect for best practices. You, after all, are a role model to all you serve. ♦



About Dr. Cammarata

Dr. Cammarata has had a long history of Safety Management practices on the academic and health facilities levels. He has been recently lecturing on the risk of Aspiration Pneumonia associated with post extubation of COVID-19 Patients.

Scott's Safety Share

Submitted by **Scott Masters**, WSO-CSM; Contract Employee, Construction Lead Safety Specialist, Alliant Corporation; Tennessee and South Carolina USA

Safety is everyone's responsibility! As an employee, you should:

- Learn to work safely and take all rules seriously.
- Recognize hazards and avoid them.
- Report all accidents, injuries and illness to your supervisor immediately.
- Inspect tools before use to avoid injury.
- Wear all assigned personal protective equipment.
- On the other hand, it is managements responsibility to:
- Provide a safe and healthy workplace.
- Provide personal protective equipment.
- Train employees in safe procedures and in how to identify hazards.

Everyone must be aware of potential hazards on the job:

- Poor housekeeping results in slips, trips and falls.
- Electricity can cause shocks, burns or fire if not handled properly.
- Poor material handling may cause back problems or other injuries.
- Tools and equipment can cause injuries if guards or protective devices are disengaged.

- Always use the protections that are provided on the job:
- Guards on machines and tools keep body parts from contacting moving equipment.
- Insulation on electrical equipment prevents burns, shock and fire.
- Lockout/tagout assures equipment is de-energized before it is repaired.
- Personal protective equipment shields your body from hazards you may face on the job.

In case of emergency:

- Understand alarms and evacuation routes.
- Know how to notify emergency response personnel.
- Implement a procedure for leaving the scene safely so emergency personnel can do their job.
- Wipe up spills promptly and correctly.

Safety benefits everyone. With fewer injuries, a business can be more productive and profitable. By incorporating safety rules, employees avoid injury as well as illness from exposure to hazardous substances. ♦

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY DAY: 

WSO Nigeria Commemorates World Environment Day

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World Environment Day urges us to re-think how our economic systems have evolved and the impact they have on the environment. These are issues the world cannot lose sight of even as we tackle the coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing climate crisis. WSO National Office for Nigeria (WSO Nigeria) held a webinar session in participation of this year's event.

The theme for World Environment Day 2020 (WED2020) as relayed by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was **"Biodiversity** (Biological diversity) — *a Call to Action to Combat the Accelerating Species Loss and Degradation of the Natural World.*"

Biodiversity – the essential variety of life forms on Earth – continues to decline in every region of the world, significantly reducing nature's capacity to contribute to people's well-being. This alarming trend endangers economies, livelihoods, food security and the quality of life of people everywhere likewise one million plant and animal species risk extinction, largely due to human activities. It is worthy to remind ourselves that species plays an important role in keeping an ecosystem balanced and healthy. Losses in biodiversity and habitat can increase the spread of infectious diseases and viruses. Thus the urgent need to reverse the trends of biodiversity loss by reimagining our relationship with nature and acting now to increase ambition and accountability for its protection. We must conserve and restore wildlife and wild spaces, change the way we produce and consume food, promote environmentally friendly infrastructure and transform economies to become custodians of nature.

The World Environment Day aims to inspire everyone to make their voices heard -citizens need to urge their governments to deliver on their commitments to safeguard nature, end pollution and ensure that environmental laws are upheld. Companies need to develop sustainable supply chains, as well as agricultural and manufacturing practices that do not harm the environment. Citizens and civil society groups should look at how to preserve and restore degraded ecosystems. And consumers should rethink what they buy. With our lives upended, we can unite to find ways not only to live well in harmony with each other but also with nature.



Program of Events:

The Program of events was kicked-off with a welcome address by **Soji Olalokun** WSO-CSI, FECRMI, Director of WSO National Office for Nigeria (WSO Nigeria). He threw light to the necessity to commemorate the WED 2020 and welcomed everybody who was able to join in for the webinar session.

He further reiterated that the training session was a special CPD for WSO and non WSO members (WSO Compass B) and a certificate of attendance would be issued to all participants. He then handed over to the anchor man of the online event, **Alfred Ajao**, an OSH professional, trainer, and entrepreneur who also doubles as the Deputy Head of WSO SafERR Schools Project.



Mr. Ajao welcomed all participants to the WED2020 webinar session and reiterated the theme of this year tagged "Celebrate Biodiversity." He then introduced the day's speaker, **Agharese Lucia Onaghise**.



Mrs. Onaghise, Technical Lead, WSO Nigeria, and Executive Secretary, Food and Beverage Recycling Alliance (FBRA), started her presentation by highlighting the objectives, which are:

- To create awareness on World Environment Day.
- To establish the 'Celebrate Biodiversity' theme in the Nigeria context.
- To enlighten on biodiversity preservation
- To promote improvement options on the existing adaptation practices and
- To highlight the urgent need for Stakeholders' Action

Mrs. Onaghise made a clear distinction that Biodiversity is usually explored at three levels: genetic diversity, species diversity, and ecosystem diversity. These three levels work together to create the complexity of life on Earth and, according to her, could be networked to make up the Biodiversity web.

She also made list of sources of biodiversity loss to include coal plants, oil production, industrial processes, fertilization, and land and air transport. These present as forms of pollution (air, land, and water), agricultural deficiencies (such as low yields, crop failures, and change in rainfall patterns), and under industrialization (such as gas flaring, resource degradation and disease outbreaks). Others are land use change, which presents itself as deforestation, droughts, and flooding, and climate change factors such as ozone layer depletion, greenhouse gases, sea level rise, extinction of species, and lethality of the aquatic lives as presented in the over-exploitation of the natural environment. All of these lead to negative impacts on human lives.

However, she said it is not too late for sustainability, and biodiversity could be recovered with the collaborative efforts of Government presented in policies, eco-friendly admonitions from faith leaders, greener technologies in business, the delib-

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erate efforts of individuals and the willingness to volunteer of the youths. All of these could be put together as the collective responsibility of the global community as Ambassadors of the Planet earth. After her comprehensive presentation which lasted about 40 minutes, the Anchor man for the online event in person of Mr. Alfred Ajao gave room for questions and answers which were read out as most participants signified by zoom chat and of which Agharese Lucia Onaghise did justice to.

Contributions were also made by Dr. Eugene Itua, the Nigerian Chairman of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM Nigeria), who also serves as the current Chairman of the Nigerian Environmental Society (NES) Lagos Mainland Chapter and Mrs. Belinda Odeneye, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Environment on how the readiness of Safety and Environmental consultants and willingness of individuals towards the environment could enhance Biodiversity and the Eco-system conservation and preservation.



Emmanuel Abayowa, Administrator for WSO Nigeria and representative of her Abuja operations also contributed by disclosing privy of information for the need of the Nigerian stakeholders to pick interest in investing in our natural resources before expatriates and foreigners buy them up as they are currently doing and resell back to us what originally belong to us due to our detached attitude to Forestation and Wildlife.

In closing, Mr. Olalokun thanked everyone for participating and acknowledged key stakeholders for their participation in the webinar sessions so far. Special recognition was also made of those who joined in during the presentation, as well as other WSO representatives. ♦

2020 WSO AWARDS

Honoring Outstanding Safety Professionals Worldwide



Do you know an individual, company, corporation, agency, or organization that has had amazing accomplishments or made outstanding strides in the Safety field? If so, why not nominate them for one of the WSO awards?

The annual WSO Awards are designed to honor individuals, corporations, organizations, and other groups for their concerns in the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment.

A list of the WSO Awards, along with the requirements for each, may be found on our website, or you may request a copy of the guidelines by contacting the WSO World Management Center by telephone or email:

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Submit your nominations by mail, email, or online by August 15: <https://worldsafety.org/wso-awards-nomination-form/>

World Safety Organization Membership Levels

Membership in the WSO is open to all individuals and entities involved in the safety and accident prevention field, regardless of race, color, creed, ideology, religion, social status, sex, or political beliefs. All applicants accept that WSO will conduct an independent verification of employer, education, credentials, etc. Memberships categories are as follows, and additional information is available in the program booklet:

WSO Professional Member

Safety, hazard, risk, loss and accident prevention professionals performing full time activities in these fields.

Along with the Professional Membership Application, current résumé, and WSO Code of Conduct, the following documentation is to be submitted:

- 1) Two Letters of Recommendations as to one's safety abilities on the job
- 2) Two Candidate Evaluations from colleagues, associates, or peers who know of one's abilities and successes
- 3) Supporting documentation to include professional memberships, industry certifications and registrations, educational transcripts, etc.)

Additionally, a minimum of 15 years of verifiable fulltime experience must be met with annual documentation of status or with the following combination of education and experience:

- 1) An Associate Degree plus 13 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 2) A Bachelor's Degree plus 11 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 3) A Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (or similar/equivalent postgraduate university qualification) plus 10 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 4) A Master's Degree plus 9 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 5) A PhD plus 6 years of fulltime experience in the safety and/or environmental science field.

Degrees should be in safety, physical sciences, engineering, safety management, security, or other curricula acceptable to the WSO Approval Board. Degrees are to be from approved and accredited colleges or universities.

Affiliate Member: Safety, hazard, risk, loss and accident prevention practitioners performing full time activities in these fields. Only Affiliate and Professional Members are eligible for

the WSO Certification and Registration Program. Affiliate Members are those persons who are full time practitioners in the safety field.

Associate Member: Individuals connected with the safety and accident prevention in their work or are interested in the safety field (including students, interested citizens, etc.).

Institutional Member: Organizations, corporations, agencies, and other entities directly or indirectly involved in safety activities and other related fields with an interest in these activities.

Sustaining/Corporate Member: Individuals, companies, corporations, organizations, or other entities and selected groups interested in the international effort to "Make Safety A Way Of Life...Worldwide."

NOTE: Only Affiliate and Professional Members are eligible for the WSO Certification Program.

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