Change is achieved through the accumulation of wisdom with application of experience. Safety professionals within the World Safety Organization 2018 in West Virginia accomplished this in the most extraordinary way. The diverse background of each participant created an atmosphere filled with knowledge lined in a desire to share and learn from other safety professionals.

Our 2018 Global Safety Round Table Discussion opened with remarks from WSO’s President/ Director-General, Ed Hogue, who masters leadership with ease and grace. Ed’s comments inspired all to promote safety and lead through example. Ed reminded each of us to, as safety professionals, take active roles in developing a positive safety culture.

With a beautiful backdrop of forest and welcoming host, WSO members participated in this annual Global Safety Round Table Discussion which drew ideas, opinions, problems, and also provided solutions.

Participants within the Global Safety Round Table commented on ideas to develop and encourage a more positive workplace through encouraging management commitment and employee responsibility. WSO members expressed ideas and suggestions to develop and improve current workplaces.

The discussion among safety professionals lead to further topics of discussion such as incentives, discipline, and enforcement of safety procedures and policy within companies. Without a doubt a truly rewarding experience for all attendees of the 2018 Charleston event.

2018 World Safety Organization Symposium accomplished and surpassed expectations through a far reaching informative event, with attendees witnessing an explosion of experience and knowledge in one location.

WSO Global Round table events bring together ideas and open up discussions geared to the improvement of each participant’s safety culture. The intermeshing of ideas brought forth from each participant’s problems within a competent and experienced group of safety professionals facilitates the expression of ideas and knowledge to impact and develop change for each member.

This October 7–9, I invite you to come experience wisdom with us in Las Vegas...you will not regret it!

COMING SOON TO YOUR INBOX: 2019 Symposium Speaker Profiles
Hello, and welcome to WSO’s June Newsletter!

We hope you find this issue to be informative and worth passing on to any of your associates who may be interested. This would also be a good time to explain the benefits of WSO membership to them. We are always working to increase our membership numbers with well qualified safety professionals. We’ll be happy to provide you with recruiting materials and assistance, so contact the World Management Center staff today.

We want to remind you that dates associated with the annual WSO Symposium in Las Vegas are coming up and passing. If you have not made your reservations or completed your plans for this Symposium, now would be a good time to do so, especially with the current level of discounted registration rates expiring at the end of July. We have a program of informative speakers who are ready to convey safety information you will find useful, so register soon!

Finally, we always welcome feedback and input on WSO activities, including what you would like to see in the Newsletter. If there are topics we should cover or ways for us to improve our communication, please let us know. [CHB]
Our ever-changing world continues to become smaller through advanced methods of communication, requiring changes in 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 44th 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 the 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 provides a unique learning and networking opportunity for corporate managers and executives, SHE professionals, advocates of safety and accident prevention, leaders of safety organizations and WSO members from around the world. Participation in the Symposium provides 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,” the suggestions, comments, resolutions, etc., of which 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
This year’s theme is “Professionalism and Excellence for the Future,” however symposium topics may include OSH, ESH, 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, and 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.

Our Symposium Venue:
Tuscany Suites & Casino
Set just two blocks from the Las Vegas Strip, this Mediterranean-inspired all-suite casino hotel is a couple of miles from the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Understated suites with warm decor have free basic Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, kitchenettes, and sitting and dining areas. Sophisticated two-bedroom suites add whirlpool tubs.

Dining options include an Italian restaurant/bar, a pub, a cozy eatery with sandwiches and pastries, and a cafe with a 24-hour breakfast menu. Other amenities include a spa and a casino with live entertainment, plus a fitness center, two pools, a business center, and laundry facilities.

WSO Awards Banquet
WSO Awards Banquet is scheduled on Monday evening, October 7, 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. [NOTE: We are no longer accepting nominations for 2019.]

Important Speakers’ Dates to Remember
July 1
- Résumé/bio: 100-150 words
- Abstract: 150-200 words
- Photo: close-up; professional or amateur

August 1: Final deadline: paper for publication in the “Symposium Proceedings,” speaker’s photo, and current bio

September 1: Conference Registration Form and payment of Fees must be received to confirm participation in the Symposium Program.
Confirmed 2019 Symposium Sessions

- Millennials and Safety: The Employment Game
- 1910.132-138 Personal Protective Equipment
- Plant Cultivation in a Desert Climate: Toxic Plants, Toxic Environment
- Plant Cultivation Ergonomics: Work Smarter, Not Harder
- DOP Testing of HEPA Filters: Is There a Problem?
- Update of Latest Occupational Exposure Limits: DNELs, TEELs, and Others
- Communication Is the Easiest Tool to Break
- A Return to Ground
- Overexposed
- Innovational Development on Health & Safety Programs
- Behavior Based Safety Approach to Advance Injury Free Culture
- ROV Safety: Epidemiology, Risks, Hazards, Interventions, and Trends
- Key Essentials of a Value-Added Contractor Safety Program
- Occupational Stress Management
- Safety Incorporated into Emergency Response
- Is Education and Training Required for Workplace Safety?
- Train Your Mind: The Key to Managing Stress
- How to Deal with a Work Fatality
- Training for an Active Shooter Event
- Hazard Analysis in Food Grade Hexane Plant
- Selecting and Managing Your Security Consultants
- Does Modern Ammunition Really Present a Hazard to First Responders in Accidents and Fire
- A Simple Management Engagement Tool
- The Ripple Effect: The Impact Unsafe Work Acts Have on a Family
- Safety Climate Perceptions of Workers
- A Student’s Point of View: How We Feel Safe in American Schools Compared to Schools in Other Countries

More Information to Come!