WSO Receives Prestigious OHNAP Award

Manila, Philippines — The Board of Directors and Officers of the Occupational Health Nurses Association of the Philippines (OHNAP), Inc. unanimously chose the World Safety Organization to be the recipient of the Golden Lamp Award for the year 2018, in grateful recognition of the unselfish support that was given to the association over the years by supporting their continuing education programs for their members coming from different workplaces nationwide.

During the Opening Ceremonies of OHNAP’s 49th National Annual Convention and 68th Foundation Anniversary at The Manila Hotel, Manila, Philippines, Engr. Alfredo A. De La Rosa Jr., WSO Vice President - Deputy Director General and Director of the WSO International Office for Philippines, accepted the prestigious award on behalf of the World Safety Organization.

The Golden Lamp Award is the highest recognition given by OHNAP to individuals or institutions who have contributed to the growth and development of their association in its pursuit of excellence in Occupational Health Nursing in the service of Filipino Workers. This award honors people and organizations which help the association reach its greatest heights, a commitment to their employers, their employees and workers, their families, the community and their beloved nation in promoting Occupational Health, Safety and Environment protection in all workplaces.

Above, L-R: Edwin A. Inclong, Jr., OHNAP National President, Ms. Ma. Blanca P. Beltran, Over-All-Convention Chairperson, Engr. Alfredo A. De La Rosa, Jr., WSO President-Deputy Director General and Ms. Nelly G. Capistrano, National Deputy Treasurer

Above Right: Engr. De La Rosa accepts award.

Right, L-R: WSO Vice President-Deputy Director General with Ms. Mercedes L. Castillo, OHNAP Executive Director, and Ms. Teresita O. Bilo, Director
At this time of the year we usually start thinking of how many things we have to do to finish the present year, as well as what our goals and objectives will be for the coming year. We analyze all that happened this year, gauging how close we came to making our goals. We also think about those things we didn’t get done and will put off for another year.

Increased membership and certifications was a major objective for WSO in 2018. Even though we fell short of the number of new members and new certifications we planned and hoped for, it was a good year. I mention this as we still have time during the rest of the year to bring in more members and increase our number of certified members. I ask that you check with your colleagues and associates about membership in World Safety Organization ... and maybe even think about a WSO membership as a holiday gift!

As part of the continuing campaign for more membership, I would also like to remind you again of WSO’s ICAC accreditation. This makes your membership and certifications even more valuable and recognized than ever before. Use this information as you talk to others about the value of membership and certification through World Safety Organization.

I know everyone is already planning for the holidays. Safety is very important this time of the year, so let’s make it a safe and happy holiday season. [CHB]
As a former World Champion Boxer and as the World Safety Organization's 2017 and 2018 Safety Person of the Year, I am stepping out to challenge each Member of the World Safety Organization (WSO) to actively and energetically work to attract and recruit new members in 2019 and beyond!

I also challenge the Organization itself to become affiliated with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration: https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/alliance

A seemingly well-kept secret that now needs to be exposed is that the WSO is an excellent organization with first-rate, quality safety professionals among our Membership. We have a strong base of approximately 1,500 safety professionals and practitioners around the globe...my goal for the WSO is to grow membership to upwards of 5,000 members in a short amount of time.

As a Member of the WSO Board of Directors and as a practicing professional in the Safety Contracting arena, it is important to me that we each see our safety positions as the most integral positions within companies and corporations. For a company to continue to be viable and competitive, it must have employees that perform their specific work tasks in a safe and constructive environment. It is up to professional safety organizations and qualified safety professionals to instill quality safety performance in all employees.

World Safety Organization members communicate with each other all over the world explaining new safety ideas and accident trends. We must continue to communicate the safety principals to enhance the safety performance of all workers.

As proud WSO Members, we need to let our former classmates and current associates and colleagues know that the World Safety Organization’s Professional Certification Program is ICAC Certified and ISO/IEC 17024:2012 Compliant. We worked hard to obtain this accreditation, and we need to get the word out now how this program can benefit others. With this Accreditation, the World Safety Organization is on the move for greatness.

I humbly ask each of you to accept the challenge. Reach out and contact 10–20 potential members and explain the great things that we have going on here in the WSO. I have personally pledged to recruit 30 new active members by the end of 2019, and I’m happy to help you with your recruiting goals.

If you did not make it to the Symposium in Charleston, West Virginia, this year, you missed an excellent opportunity for networking, learning, and problem solving. Plans are already underway for our October 2019 event in Las Vegas, and it promises to be just as rewarding. I look forward to seeing you and your recruits there! [PLB]
WSO National Office for Nigeria Holds National Event

Submitted by Soji S. Olalokun, Director, WSO National Office for Nigeria; Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

The WSO Nigeria National Conference & Awards on Health, Safety, Security, and Environment (NatConf & Awards 2018) was an outstanding success with prominent expert speakers and provocative and engaging discussions with practical training sessions on fire safety, emergency first aid, and CPR. The event brought together some of Nigeria's leading Occupational Safety and Health experts, policy makers, government representatives, healthcare practitioners, NGOs and a host of others to discuss Nigeria’s health and safety sector and how external influences impact the course of practice in Nigeria.

The three-day National Conference on HSSE was held at the Loveworld Convocation Arena Annex, 21 Billings Way, Oregun, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria, 22–24 October 2018.

The conference was declared open by Soji Olalokun, Director/President, World Safety Organization, Nigeria. Welcome addresses were made by Edward E. Hogue, President/Director-General, World Safety Organization (Worldwide); Engr. Alfredo A. De la Rosa Jr., Vice President and Deputy Director-General, World Safety Organization (Worldwide). A total of 98 registered participants were in attendance.

During the event, as part of the WSO Nigeria Safety and Emergency Response Ready project (SafERR), a total of 108 “SafERR Ambassadors” were decorated.

The WSO Nigeria SafERR Ambassador Initiative provides a platform for targeted persons to engage their communities and organizations with issues of health, safety, security and environment (HSSE). A SafERR Ambassador is thus that personality who takes action to bring HSSE education into homes, schools and communities, working alongside students and other members of the society who are capable of taking proactive actions in issues bordering on HSSE and Emergency Response Readiness.

Plenary Topics
- Foreign Influence on Local HSSE Development: Strategies for Improving Local Standards by Dapo Omolade, Managing Consultant/CEO of Hybrid Group Limited
- Work Safe Ethics – Occupational Risk Identification and Management by Engr. Omoniyi Oladimeji, QHSE Manager, DeltaAfrik
- Maximizing Corporate Productivity, Profits, and Keeping to Safety Ethics - A Handy Tool for HSSE Managers and Supervisors by Engr. Jamiu Badmos, Executive Director, Safety Advocacy and Empowerment Foundation

Conference Presenters
- Prof. Ime Rufus Udotong - “Making Safety a Way of Life ... Worldwide”: Enroute to the Nigerian Tertiary Institutions
- Dr. Okeke Gerald Ndubuisi - Climate Change/Global Warming: A View on our Environment
- Dr. Ujiro Igbudu - Perception of Undergraduate Students on the Connection between Population Growth and Climate Change
- Itohan Egbedion - Strengthening Disaster Management Systems in Nigeria: Lessons Learnt from the 2012 Flood Disaster
- Obiorah Cynthia - Motivation as a Tool for Improving Occupational Safety Culture in the Mid-Stream Sector of the Nigeria Petroleum and Gas Industry

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**Holiday Safety and Health in the Workplace**

With the holiday season underway, people are feeling festive – including at work. But whether you’re decorating your cubicle or taking part in the office potluck, safety should always remain a top priority. Safety+Health offers the following tips to help prevent injuries while celebrating on the job.

**Safe Decorating**

Don’t stand on a chair to hang decorations. Use a stepladder, and make sure to read and follow the instructions and warnings on the label. And never hang decorations from fire sprinklers – they can prevent the sprinklers from operating properly. OSHA regulations state that stacked materials should never be closer than 18 inches below fire sprinklers.

Planning to string decorative lights or other electrical items in your workspace? The Electrical Safety Foundation International, a non-profit organization, states that workers should:

- Be sure that all electrical items are certified by a nationally recognized independent testing lab.
- Inspect all lights, decoration and extension cords for damage before using.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices – they can overheat and cause a fire.
- Never try to make a three-prong plug fit into a two-prong outlet.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving.
- If you’ll be using an extension cord, ESFI offers additional tips:
  - Refrain from placing extension cords in high-traffic areas of your workplace, or under rugs, carpets or furniture.
  - Never attempt to extend the length of an extension cord by connecting it to another extension cord.
  - Never nail or staple extension cords to walls – doing so may damage existing wire insulation.
  - Don’t place extension cords in walls or ceilings, as this can cause the cords to overheat.

**Food Safety**

If your workplace is hosting a potluck to celebrate the holidays, keep these safety tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in mind:

- Bringing a dish to share? Follow safe food-handling guidelines. Wash your hands before/after handling food, and serve prepared dishes on clean plates – never on dishes that previously held raw meat.
- If you’re preparing a dish ahead of time that contains meat, ensure the meat’s internal temperature reaches the proper temperature. USDA recommends cooking raw beef, pork, lamb and veal to a minimum internal temperature of 145°F; raw ground beef, pork, lamb and veal to an internal temperature of 160°F; and cooking all poultry items to a minimum internal temperature of 165°F.
- Concerned about your co-worker’s casserole? If it has been sitting out at room temperature for more than two hours, just say no. Which leads us to the next tip ...
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. USDA notes that hot foods should be 140°F or warmer. Use chafing dishes or slow cookers to help keep hot foods at safe temperatures. Cold foods should be 40°F or colder. Keep foods cold by placing dishes in bowls of ice or by serving in small batches and replenishing from the refrigerator as needed.

Have a co-worker with a food allergy? Don’t be a Grinch! Be mindful of their needs as you plan your office potluck.

And finally, remember that your employer’s drug and alcohol policy doesn’t take a holiday break.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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**WSO World Management Center**

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

- Monday, December 24 – Closing at 12:00 p.m. US-CST
- Tuesday, December 25 – Closed All Day
- Monday, December 31 – Closing at 12:00 p.m. US-CST
- Tuesday, January 1 – Closed All Day
WSO National Office for Indonesia Holds Event

Submitted by Ms. Reni Tri Isromiyah, Secretary, WSO National Office for Indonesia; Jakarta, Indonesia

WSO Indonesia’s 2018 Seminar & Awards, which was held at the Manhattan Hotel on October 25, was a lively event. The enthusiastic invited guests and participants represented various sectors of the HSE profession, such as General Industry, Construction, and Oil & Gas, among others.

Preparations for the event were designed to be as detailed as possible so as to give a deep impression to each participant.

The WSO National Office for Indonesia, under the leadership of Director Soehatman Ramli, was first established in 2013. The main task for the national office is to promote and develop WSO in Indonesia.

To support the safety and accident prevention movement, WSO Indonesia organizes Seminars, publishes I-Safety Magazine, submits nominations for the WSO Awards, hosts Safety Talk, etc. Further, WSO Indonesia encourages the effective exchange of information and experiences between members of the WSO, collaborate with other international organizations in areas of mutual concern, promote the continuous advancement of safety and accident prevention, and advance the WSO’s overall theme: “Making Safety a Way of Life ... Worldwide.”

The WSO helps initiate safety organizations, gives incentives and support to others, and encourages international safety organizations in highly developed countries to share their expertise and wealth of knowledge.

To watch a video of the event, please visit YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz1K_YhOamE
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 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 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 often 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
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 Symposia 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 Symposia.

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: Tuscany Suites & Casino
Set just two blocks from the Las Vegas Strip, this Mediterranean-inspired all-suite casino hotel is two 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 2-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 peo-
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- 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, a half-page résumé, and a photo, 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.

- References should be cited in the text by superior numbers and a full list of references given at the end of the paper in numerical sequence. References to books should include author’s surnames and initials, full title, place of publication, full name of publisher, and date of publication. References to journal articles should include author’s surnames and initials, full title of article, full title of journal, date of publication, volume number, issue number, and page. The accuracy of references is the author’s responsibility. Check each reference in the manuscript and again in the proofs. References should be listed on a separate page.

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Schedule of Dates for Speakers’ Documentation

15 May 2019  Completed “Paper Outline/Abstract” with indication of length of the presentation/workshop. All sessions will be either 30 or 60 minutes.

31 May 2019  • Résumé/bio: 100-150 words

1 June 2019  • Abstract: 150-200 words, double-spaced

1 August 2019  • Bio: 100-150 words, double-spaced

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1 September 2019  Paper for publication in the “Symposium Proceedings,” speaker’s photo, and an updated bio

Conference Registration Form and payment of Fees must be received to confirm participation in the Symposium Program.