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Newsletter

Commemoration of "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer"



Environment & OH Forum of American Society of Safety Engineers, Kuwait Chapter (ASSE-KC) organized a celebration in connection with International Day for the Preservation of Ozone layer on 26.09.04 at Hilton Hotel, Manguf for its members and other interested HSE professionals. Mr.Fadel Al-Ali Chairman of ASSE-KC welcomed the members. He said ASSE-KC is organizing various technical meets on monthly basis and celebrating occasions like World Environment Day and Ozone day etc., for creating awareness in public on importance of protecting our environment.



Mr.Ashok Garlapati, Secretary of ASSE-KC introduced the guest speakers and topics to be presented & importance of protecting Ozone layer. Mr. Mitul Desai compeered the proceedings of Ozone day program for ASSE-KC.

Engineer Zainab Saleh Al Saleh, Ozone depleting substances controlling officer from Monitoring

Department of Kuwait Environment Public Authority gave presentation on "Montreal Protocol Treaty and its Status of implementation in the State of Kuwait". Montreal Protocol deals with substances that deplete the Ozone layer and a scheduled timetable to phase out those substances gradually. She mentioned that K-EPA has put lot of efforts to ensure compliance with Montreal Protocol treaty and made significant progress, as Kuwait is a signatory to the Montreal Protocol treaty.



Engineer Jamal Ahmad Al-Fuzai, Head of Fire Protection Systems Division, Kuwait Fire Brigade gave a presentation on "Halon Management & alternatives" He stressed the need for Halon management which is basically a policy and knowledge of saving, use and reuse of halon. Halon system primarily consists of cylinders, piping network and nozzles. He also

mentioned that user of halon should try and eliminate the use of standby halon. Caution and control should be exercised while destroying halon systems.

Mr. Steve Bruce, Business Development Manager of National Petroleum Services Company (NAPESCO) gave a presentation on Halon Management Services. He has dealt with Halon replacement selection criteria and alternative agents & systems. Rapid knock down of flames and Non-conductive of electricity are the main characteristics required for halon replacement alternatives. High Sensitive Smoke Detection (HSSD), Point Detectors, Linear Heat and Flame detection are the systems employed in halon alternatives.

Following halon alternatives were suggested based on the above criteria:

- FM200 - Heptafluoro propane
- Inergen - N₂, Argon and CO₂
- Argonite - N₂ and Argon
- NN-100 - Nitrogen
- Novec 1230 - Fluorinated Ketone
- Water Mist - H₂O
- Foam - Water and Surfactant



Engineer Zainab Saleh Al Saleh, at the request of Mr. Hamad Jassem, Head of Govt. Affairs Committee ASSE-KC has released a CD of proceedings of technical symposium on Kuwait-HSE regulations held by ASSE-KC during May 2004. CDs were distributed to members of ASSE-KC and guest speakers.

Mr. Subrahmanyam Gandhavalla, Head of Environment and Occupational Health Forum, ASSE-KC thanked all the guest speakers for their informative presentations on the occasion of Ozone Day 2004. He also thanked all the participants for attending the celebrations and making the event a success. The celebrations were concluded with a dinner for all the participants.

“ Virtual Library ”

During executive committee meeting held on 8th Sep'04. Dr. Tariq A. Al-Dowaisan has suggested to create virtual library on Safety, Health and Environment. This was appreciated by the other executive committee members.

What it is???????????

Virtual library means to create a database with list of books, journals and Videocassettes and CDs available with ASSE members and with associated companies. Bar code scanner will be used to record owner of books/journals/ videocassettes etc. These books and journals can be loaned to ASSE members.

Benefits of Virtual library are

- Library with a minimal investment.
- To create library with large number of books, journals, video cassettes and CDs On Safety, Health and Environment topics
- Easy access to above mentioned material for reference by ASSE members
- To create library with minimum cost of administrative charges.

All interested members are requested to provide the list of available books & CDs' available with them to ASSE-KC office.

Forth Coming Events

- PDC Press conference to be held at Radisson SAS during Oct'04
- Technical Meet to be held at Hotel Hilton Hotel in the end of October.
- 3rd International PDC & Exhibition to be held at Hotel Radisson SAS

“3rd International Professional Development Conference & Exhibition -5th & 6th Dec'04

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheik Ahmed Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, Minister of Energy of the State of Kuwait American Society of Safety Engineers is holding the Third International Conference and Exhibition on Health, Safety, Environment and Loss Prevention. The event one of the biggest of its kind in the region will be held at Radisson SAS hotel from 4th to 6th December 2004.

The Exhibition will display products relating to Safety, Personal Protective Equipment, Fire fighting and protection equipment, foam, chemicals, occupational health and environmental measurement devices, instruments, technology, concepts, software, consultancy and studies.

All members are requested to provide their contacts, who can nominate their employees for the conference, give advertisements and display their products in the exhibition.

Positive response from BCSP, USA

We have received a positive response from BCSP, USA for conducting computer based ASP/CSP examinations at Kuwait from the 1st quarter of 2005. Interested members are requested to register with BCSP, USA by visiting their site www.bcsp.org

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