

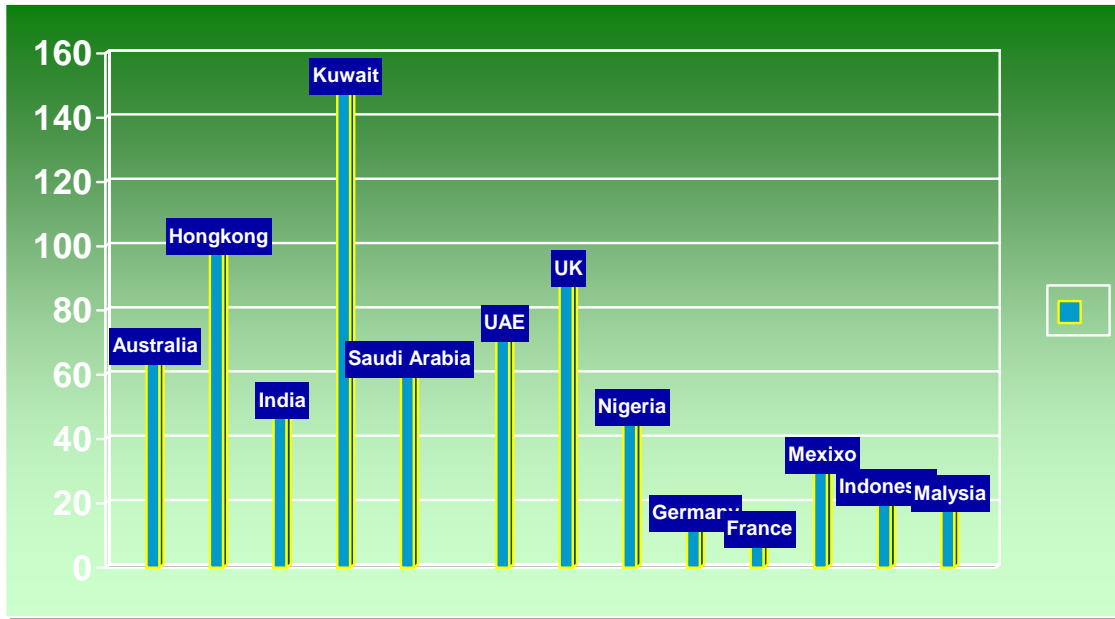


## American Society Of Safety Engineers Kuwait Chapter

### PRESS RELEASE ON 5<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of the Chapter Held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at Hilton Resorts, Mangaf

American Society of Safety Engineers - Kuwait Chapter (ASSE-KC) has conducted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June '05 at Hilton Resort, Mangaf. Mr. Fadhel A. Al-Ali, Chairman gave a welcome address emphasizing that ASSE-KC is the only voluntary body in the State of Kuwait to address Health, safety and environmental issues and requested all members, new members in particular to contribute for the Chapter growth. Mr. Fahad Al-Qattan, Vice President gave the opening remarks and shared his views and compliments he has received from ASSE-USA during his recent visit for the tremendous growth achieved by the Kuwait Chapter during the year. Subsequently Mr. Garlapati Ashok, Secretary, briefed in detail about the activities conducted by the Chapter which includes ten technical meets, one international HSE Professional Development Conference, three outreach programs and three HSE related training programs. Subsequently, various committee heads of the chapter briefed on the activities carried out by their respective committees.

Mr. U.G.Saibaba, Treasurer briefed on the financial report for the year 2004-05. Subsequently, Mr.G. Muthukumar and Mr.Tareq Al-Aslawi gave a presentation on the feedback of their visit to USA to attend the ASSE Conference. Certificates of attendance were then given away to all members, who have attended the technical meets during the year 2004-2005. Mr. Garlapati Ashok, Secretary informed the General Body Meeting that ASSE-USA has constituted an International Task Force and he is part of that Task Force from the Kuwait Chapter. The task force is formed to study and suggest the requirements of the ASSE international members. He informed that ASSE represents in 32 countries and having 1900 ASSE international members. He proudly stated that **Kuwait Chapter is achieved the highest membership in all over the World with 152 members**. Following graph represents membership of countries having more than (20 members).



On behalf of the Election Committee, Mr.Fadhel A. Al-Ali, announced that following members were elected for the Operational year July 2005- June 2006:

Executive Committee Elect for Year July 2004- June 2005	
Mr. Fahad A-Qattan	President
Mr. Garlapati Ashok	Vice President
Mr. S. Jayakumar	Secretary
Mr. Tareq Al-Aslawi	Treasurer

Mr.Jayakumar addressed the gathering and announced that the new Committee has elected Mr.Fadhel Al-Ali as a Chairman of the Chapter unanimously for the year 2005-2006. He also announced following Committee Heads for various Committees of the Chapter. Each committee will have five members with two representatives in the Executive Committee:

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1	Training Committee	Mr.G.Panda / Mr.Bhanu Murty
2	Outreach Committee	Mr.Dan Mangalam /Ms.Vinita K Sharma
3	Environment& OH Committee	Mr.Ashok Kumar /Mr.Devan Kotecha
4	Membership Committee	Mr.M.N Murthy / Mr.G.Muthu Kumar
5	Govt.Affairs Committee	Mr. Ashraf / Mr.V. Ravi
6	Student Committee	Mr.Hazique Khan / Mr. T. Reghunathan
7	Publication Committee	Mr.P. Rajesh / Mr.Abdul Salam

The GBM concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr.Tareq Al-Aslawi requesting all members to extend their co-operation for the new Committee.

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Message from Mr. Gene Barfield, President, ASSE, USA on Kuwait Chapter achieving the World's highest International Chapter membership base

Dear Members of ASSE Kuwait Chapter;

I am very pleased with the rapid growth of the Kuwait chapter!

The number of members is important, but just the numbers alone is not the important thing. Each new member brings new opportunities of services to the chapter and to the safety profession. New members will have various levels of experience in safety. Each member is a potential member that needs a mentor or can be a mentor to another members.



As your chapter grows in size there are more members who can staff different positions of service to the chapter. To grow a large chapter is an accomplishment and the Kuwait Chapter was worthy of the recognition at the House of Delegates meeting as the BEST chapter this year in bringing in new members. You grew by 48.8% which may be an all time record for the Society.

I saw the excitement in your members when I attended your conference. The excitement was the outward sign of members who were pleased with the service the Kuwait Chapter was giving to its members. I am sure that you will continue to grow in size and I am sure that you will also grow each member to become the best safety professional that they are capable of becoming.

Congratulations on your rapid growth both in size and service!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene Barfield". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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**ASSE-KC NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2005-2006)  
POSES A GROUP PHOTO**