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Welcome to the inaugural edition of AUSA Post. This Newsletter will hopefully become a regular bulletin for communicating within the Australasian University Safety Association (AUSA). Please forward comments and suggestions on the format and content to the Editor at jdastoli@usyd.edu.au.

Conference Wrap

The 2003 AVCC OHS Conference was held at the University of Queensland from 8 – 10 July 2003. The conference was attended by 86 delegates, including welcome new faces and many familiar ones.

Highlights of the conference included the keynote address by Andrew Hopkins who shared his insights to the Longford Disaster. The attendance by Harry Rothenfluh and Mike Gear from Contained Dealings section of the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator allowed a personal interface for the biosafety boffins.

We looked into Richard Johnstone's crystal ball at the future of OHS legislation. Impressive contractor and student induction packages were demonstrated by Monash and Griffith Universities. There were entertaining presentations by the dynamic duo of *Dog Man* and *Tsunami Woman* (Jon D' Astoli and Leanne Mumford from the University of Sydney). Extraordinary incidents were recounted with theft from Queensland University of Technology and freak storms at the University of Canterbury NZ. The Edusafe initiative between Curtin and Murdoch Universities showed ground breaking collaboration and business acumen. A reflection on the diabolical face of terrorism posed a challenge to our fortitude and emergency preparedness.

AUSA extends sincere thanks to the conference organising committee: Gary Chaplin and Mike Williamson, University of Queensland; Sonja Lusan from QUT, and; Lana Conic and Glen Kerridge, Griffith University.

AUSA Executive

Congratulations to the new AUSA Executive office bearers, voted into the following positions at the AUSA General meeting held on 12 July 2003 at UQ:

- President: Jon D' Astoli, University of Sydney
- Secretary: Mike Williamson, University of Queensland
- Treasurer: Kevin Newton, University of Adelaide
- New Zealand Liaison: Andrea McMillan, University of Otago
- Campbell Lee, UTS has since been appointed as Communications Officer.

Our thanks are extended to the retiring Executive Officers for their work over the past couple of years.

2005 Conference Details

The next AVCC OHS Conference will be held on 5 – 8 July 2005 at the University of Adelaide. Mark the dates in your diary and start thinking about your presentation topics.

New AUSA WebSite

The AUSA website has a new address and a new look: <http://www.ehs.uts.edu.au/AUSA/>

Check it out send your comments of praise to Campbell Lee at Campbell.Lee@uts.edu.au

AUSA Logo Competition

AUSA is looking for a trademark logo for the new millennium. Some examples are shown on the next page. Let us know what logo you prefer, or put your creative skills to the test and submit something better. A great prize – something like a family trip around the world or a box of chocolates – will be awarded to the winning submission. Competition closes on 27 February 2004. E-mail your designs to Jon D' Astoli at jdastoli@usyd.edu.au

AUSA Membership Drive

Membership of the Australasian University Safety Association is a must for EHS personnel working in the Australasian tertiary education sector.

To apply for free membership, visit the AUSA website.

AUSA welcomes the following new members:

- Sue Maguire, Safety Officer, School of Land and Food Sciences, University of Queensland
- Viv Murphy, Health and Safety Liaison Officer, Health & Safety Unit, Central Queensland Uni
- Narelle Stubbins, Health and Safety Coordinator, Health & Safety Unit, Central Queensland University
- Joan Kerwick, Health and Safety Support Officer, Health & Safety Unit, Central Queensland Uni
- Margaret Davidson, OHS & Risk Coordinator, University of Western Sydney
- Jennie Cumming, Head, Occupational Health & Safety Unit, Flinders University
- Sandra Scali, OS&H Officer, Human Resources, Edith Cowan University
- Joanne McDonnell, OHS Consultant, People Services, RMIT
- Stephen Rogal, Manager Technical Services, Faculty of Science, University of the Sunshine Coast
- Matthew Mitchell, OHS Officer, Risk Management Office, University of Sydney
- David Melhuish, OHS Advisor, Personnel Services, La Trobe University (Bendigo)
- Andrea McMillan, Health & Safety Manager, Human Resources, University of Otago
- James Scott, Safety Officer, Faculty of Engineering & Surveying, University of Southern Queensland
- Daphne McCurdy, OHS Officer, University of New England.

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