

Minutes

EAGOSH Seminar in Seeheim/Germany
18./19. November 2003

Presiding: Willy Pfister, Director Corporate Safety, SR Technics, ZRH
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14:00 The chairman welcomed about 30 attendees from all over Europe.
Emergency exits were identified and shown, followed by an advice
of housekeeping matters and self introduction by all participants.

14:15 Josef Hess took over in order to preside the following seminar.
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14:20	Medical Examinations for Drivers Dr. med. Joerg Hedtmann, BGF	jhedtmann@bgf.de
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Dr. Hedtmann informed the audience about the medical examinations available to prevent drivers, in this particular case, airport ramp drivers, from accidents due to health problems during their jobs such as visual problems e.a. green/red blindness, short sightedness, reduced visual field and visual problems due to diabetes. Further due to loss of hearing and reduced reaction by diabetes. Examinations are required by G 25. Details available on the EAGOSH web-site: www.eagosh.com

15:00	SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Dr. med. Rene Gottschalk	rene.gottschalk@stadt-frankfurt.de
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SARS, a newly identified virus has extremely influenced the world's economy, especially the Aviation industry. Dr. Gottschalk mentioned that many viruses have been identified during a time frame of 1969 through 2003. He also emphasizes that viruses are more dangerous than bacteria. Dr. Carlo Urbani, who has identified the SARS virus was infected himself and passed away in March 2003. The chain of SARS development had been introduced with the result of 8098 cases and 774 deaths thereof. Protective vaccinations are not yet available but in progress and expected in approximately 1 to 2 years. For more details refer to www.eagosh.com !

16:30	Decontamination Equipment Jonas Oehmann/Johan Carlquist	jonas.ohmann@jarven.se
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Johan Carlquist from SEDAB presented not only the products needed for a successful decontamination after chemical accidents or terrorist attacks with biological or chemical weapons. He informed about the different chemicals and biologic agents generally available and accidentally exposed to human beings after accidents and attacks by terrorists.

The equipment is usually tents and or metal containers (10/20 feet) with showers installed and undressing and drying areas clearly separated.

Decontamination is the elimination of hazardous substances in order to avoid cross contamination between people. Saving lives is the major reason.

Details available on the EAGOSH web-site www.eagosh.com

17:15	Barrier Concepts Bernd Becker, Central Army Hospital Koblenz	bernd@fambec.de
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Bernd Becker's presentation dealt with the problems of a hospital to which chemically or biologically contaminated persons have been delivered. Protection of the hospital personnel is one of the most important reasons for the barrier concept. PPE (personal protective equipment) has been introduced, historical development being presented. One of the emphasized regulations is the "Biostoffverordnung" (Biologic material protection order). Proper isolation from healthy persons and areas is the main concept. A protective suit has been demonstrated (actor: Joachim Klaus)

The presentation is available on www.eagosh.com !

18:00	Drug Screening Dr. med. Walter Gaber , Fraport	w.gaber@fraport.de
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Drug screening is a new major challenge in areas such as heavily populated places as an international airport according to Dr. Gaber. First drug screening started in February 2002. Positive tested persons are not employed. In case of questioned results, external labs are used to test. Treatments for employees are available such as participation in therapy groups. For details refer to www.eagosh.com !

18:30	Information from Affiliated Members
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Franco Chierico of Alitalia and Pietro Dominici introduced several Safety Aviation Catalogues, which are brochures dealing with safe behaviour, safety attitude and corrective actions as suggestions. The catalogues have been introduced in Italian language. Translations into other languages are available. Price and delivery times are to be requested by E-mail : info@safetyandwork.it attention Mr. Pietro Dominici.

Day 2

Tuesday, 19.11.03

08:30	Chairman's Welcome	wpfister@srtechnics.com
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Willy Pfister welcomed new attendees and thanked the sponsors. On the General Assembly he informed about the EAGOSH structure, web site, the meeting schedule for future years (available on the home page) and other safety related organizations.

08:40	Dieter Pietsch presiding the Tuesday seminar	Dieter.Pietsch@Delta.com
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08:40	Swap Shop Discussed topics are NOT recorded Dieter Pietsch H.D.P. Safety Services Wiesbaden
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09:00	EAGOSH Recommendations
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- Safety Cones (D.Pietsch) Document finished. Will be published.
- FOD (F. Michael/W.Pfister) No further developments.
- Drugs (Gaber/Hess) Topic has been covered 18.11.03
- Air Conditioning on Tow Tugs (Dr.Wagner) Update introduced.
Available on www.eagosh.com

10:30	EAGOSH General Assembly Presided by the EAGOSH Chairman
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Willy Pfister opened the General Assembly session with an updated info on the meeting schedule for further years as well including all partner organizations.

Our BOD member Liz Doyle-Fleming has retired from the BOD. She received a hearty Fare well from all attendees and had been presented with a gift. Liz will stay as a member of EAGOSH.

Reelection of the Chairman Willy Pfister for an extended period covering the May 2004 meeting. Unanimously reelected. The same for the reelection of the treasurer, Josef Hess and the program manager, Joachim Klaus. Unanimity.

Information concerning Partner Organization Activities

A.G.S.C. (Len Sullivan); ARTEX (Dieter Pietsch); IATA (Willy Pfister)
Len has left, no report.

Willy Pfister introduced the IATA AHM meetings and results thereof. Progress to be found in many topics such as Bags weight (heavy), Safety signage on passenger stairs/steps and many others.

11:15 CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management)

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What is CISM ? Mr. Leonhardt explained the Critical Incident Stress Management by means of the mid air collision over Lake Constance. It's a normal reaction of normal people to an abnormal situation. A video about the accident development has been presented. Traumatizing events are to be treated. Crisis intervention team has been formed. DFS team has been invited to support the Skyguide employees a week after the accident, especially that Skyguide establishes its own CISM. Details on: www.eagosh.com !

12:00 Sleepiness of Shiftworkers

Dr.med. Barbara Wilhelm

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Dr. Barbara Wilhelm presented very interesting facts about sleepiness of shift workers. Highest sleepiness values are observed for times after 8 hrs of shift work. It is of the utmost importance, that sleepiness does not influence workers during their work time especially when they are operating machines or are driving vehicles. A major effect has been identified during night shifts. Goals are: stabilization, symptom reduction and return to adaptive functioning. The presentation is available on www.eagosh.com

12:45 ICAO's Safety Management System and the HAM OSH Approach

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Reinhard introduced the OSH (Occupational Safety/Health) approach by means of ICAO's Safety Management System. The organizational structure has been explained. This includes the following topics: Responsibility, Procedures, Processes, Provisions and emphasized: Strategies of Risk Assessments. The Group of German Airport Working Association ADV emphasizes documentation requirements. Examples of well organized statistics were shown and explained. Details: www.eagosh.com.

13:30

Chairman's Closing Remarks/Adjourn of the Meeting/Lunch

The chairman Willy Pfister thanked all speakers for their excellent presentations, attendees for their participation and contributions as well as the BOD members for their team work to run our EAGOSH meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30

Respectfully submitted

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