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Chapter Member Mary Silva Honored by Our Society's Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) Specialty Group By Les Onaka

Mary Silva presided over my very first Chapter meeting. Despite joining the ASSE a year earlier, for some reason or another, I never made it to a meeting. Mary impressed me that day at Hale Ikena with her quick analytical thinking and wit. Later on, I saw her use the same talents as Chairperson for the Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference. Planning for the PacRim required a lot of tough decision-making, but Mary could calculate the risk/reward angles quickly in her mind and come up with the most logical decision based on the available facts.

Two years later, the National Association of Home Builders named Mary their Safety Professional of the Year. In three years, her efforts for Castle & Cooke Homes Hawai'i contributed to a 90% decrease in Worker's Compensation costs for the company. For the workers it meant decreasing reportable injuries from 123 to 14. That's a lot of workers going home safely to their families instead of going home with a debilitating

injury that greatly decreases their quality of life.

Currently the Senior Loss Control Specialist at Fairmont Specialty Group, Mary has used her many talents during more than 20 years in the Safety, Health and Environmental field to enrich the lives of workers. She has brought them to the Chapter and Society levels.

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For those of us who have had the pleasure of working with her, Mary Silva's selection as one of the 100 women who have had a great impact on the field of safety comes as no surprise. Congratulations, Mary and thank you for all that you do for us and the workers of Hawai'i.

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Two of OSHA's Proposed new Rules Under Review

In the U.S., an estimated 1.5 million establishments have more than 10 employees. OSHA conducts about 41,000 inspections annually, reviewing the in-

jury and illness data for each. They receive injury and illness data from about 80,000 employers in "high hazard" in-

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This past year, the Society's WISE Specialty group named Mary as one of the "100 Women Making a Difference in Safety." Considering that the WISE project honors women throughout history who have dedicated their careers to safety, health and environmental issues, inclusion in the group of 100 women places Mary in elite company. Some of the other honorees include Rachel Carson (author of *Silent Spring*, a 1962 book that provided us with a major environmental safety wake-up call), former U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Liddy lights) and U.S. Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole and Alice Hamilton, M.D., a turn of the 20th century physician who pioneered the field of toxicology and became a

major force in the development of the occupational health programs. WISE honorees also include contemporary leaders in the safety field such as lawyer Adele Abrams who has spoken often at Society conferences and Eldeen Pozniak, Kathy Seabrook and Cynthia Roth who plan to speak to us at our 2012 PacRim Conference in April.

WISE honorees have devoted their careers to the development of our profession and the safety of our workers and certainly deserve our gratitude, admiration and emulation. The Chapter congratulates Mary Silva on her well-deserved honor and thanks her for the many years of service to our Chapter, the society and the workers in Hawai'i.

Some snapshots from our OSHA 1-day conference on May 4, 2011



The Koolau Conference Center in Kaneohe hosted our 2011 OSHA 1-day conference on May 4th. We all enjoyed a day with great speakers, delicious food and tremendous opportunities to chat with old friends and meet new ones. Mahalo to **Joanna Clark** and her committee for the great venue and conference.

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dustries each year. In addition, they have access to data on 235,000 establishments collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Even ignoring the overlap of data from the three sources, this amounts to 23.7% of the possible 1.5 million. OSHA also needs to be mindful that some of the BLS data would be a year behind the current data year.

The United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) currently has under review OSHA's proposed amendments to section 1904.41 of the Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illness Standard. It would establish electronic collection of annual em-

ployer injury and illness data. This provides a timelier submission and review of injury and illness data that may help OSHA to identify safety areas that need to be emphasized earlier and implement measures in more real-time situations, hopefully resulting in a decrease in the total number of injuries and illnesses downstream.

The OMB also has OSHA's final rule to adopt the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The OMB received the rule on October 25, 2011 and has 90 days to review and finalize it before it is published in the Federal Register. When finalized

and published, OSHA intends to use it as their Hazard Communication standard. This suggests that the standardization of labeling and Safety Data Sheet (SDS and no longer called MSDS) changes would need to be incorporated into an organization's initial and annual hazard communication training programs.

