



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Nigeria Chapter



## Welcome Address by Chapter President

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the current Chapter year; on behalf of the executive Leadership team, we appreciate your dedication and consistent commitment to the Chapter program through July 2018 till date.

As always, membership development and involvement is our top priority. As Chapter President, one of my goals is to provide members with the resources and opportunities to support their professional development. We work tirelessly to advance chapter members in the occupational safety and health (OSH) profession through networking, collaboration, mentoring, webinars and education. Visit our new chapter website for additional information regarding completed webinars and technical papers presentations.

If you missed our two previous webinars featuring Mahammed and Abby Ferri, please watch out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter webinar coming up in the first quarter of the new year 2019. I recently attended the Leadership Conference held in Chicago, October 4-6, 2018. Without a doubt, the conference exceeded my expectations as usual. The primary purpose of the event was to prepare Chapter members for success. Each day of the event provided informative workshops, informational sessions, Society updates, and best practices on how to increase volunteer engagement. Over 8 Region IX members attended representing their perspective local chapters, Ekam Nsikak and myself was in attendance.

I encourage all chapter members to participate in chapter activities. Lastly, visit our new Communities website Page., let's continue our conversation through our LinkedIn social media account. Do you have any good news to share? I encourage you to email us news about your professional achievements or send us an article to publish. Send content to Prisca Iwunze, chapter newsletter chair [prischine2008@yahoo.com](mailto:prischine2008@yahoo.com)

## Nigeria Chapter Conducted Live Webinars

Nigeria Chapter had her first ever webinar on August 14, 2018 on the topic "Do you have the right HSE Measures in your company Balanced Score Card?" and was presented by Mohammad K S Mohiuddeen, CSP, CMIOH Senior Safety Engineer, HSE System Team, HSE Group Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait.

The webinar has over 250 participants registered for the event and 102 participated for the live webinar.

The second webinar was on October 1, 2018 with the topic on "Training and competence development" the speaker Abby Ferri, CSP is the President of The Ferri Group LLC, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She holds a master's Degree in Environmental Health and Safety, is an OSHA Outreach Trainer for Construction, and a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). The key takeaways from the webinar were participants were able to identify pathways to professional

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certification based on career path and individual goals, describe standard and creative methods for preparation and study for those working full-time and balancing life's responsibilities and able to define the professional certifications that are most advantageous to pursue. Over 105 participants registered and 56 attended the live webinar online. Watch out for the 3rd webinar coming to you soon by February 2019.

## ASSP Nigeria Chapter Celebrate with Petroleum Training Institute (PTI)

ASSP Nigeria Chapter celebrated with Petroleum Training Institute (PTI), Warri during their Health, Safety, Security and Environment Week 2018 (August 13-15, 2018) held at Warri recently. With the theme "Promoting Workplace Safety" The event was attended by students from various departments and professionals in the OSH sector.

Looking at the strategic role of occupational safety and health skills and knowledge in the oil and gas sector, as a major preventive instrument in ensuring safety of human lives and assets in such a critical environment.

The Principal/ Chief Executive of Petroleum Training Institute (PTI) welcomed the Chapter President of the Nigeria Chapter Mr. Daniel Osadiaye, and other top Executives from other safety bodies who honoured the invitation. The principal/CE expressed his gratitude and joy to the stakeholders during a courtesy visit in his office with the HSSE Committee Members of PTI, chaired by Dr. Agaja Silas.

Prof. Sunny Iyuke, the Principal/ Chief Executive of Petroleum Training Institute (PTI) assured the stakeholders that the Institute is putting every measure to ensure quality safety education is achieved which will in turn build proactive culture on occupational safety and health of their students when they graduate from the school, "I want to see safety practiced the same way it is done in developed countries", the Chief Executive of PTI said.

Nigeria Chapter President, Mr. Daniel Osadiaye during his goodwill message appreciated the vibrant active Professor, Sunny Iyuke. the Chief Executive of the Institute for his hardwork and commitment in developing PTI to an international level. He assured the PTI management that ASSP Nigeria Chapter is ready to contribute to the development of the Institutes' Health and Safety Culture and providing necessary support to enhance the students safety skills and knowledge and also follow up on the past promise made by ASSP President Mr. Herbert Nwaka to collaborate and partner with the institution.

Dr. Reginald Anyanwu, the guest speaker at the occasion made an inspiring presentation on Workplace Ergonomics, which was an eye opener to participants and is geared at ensuring Periodic Health Assessment all the time, followed by other presentations.

On behalf of the entire Members of the ASSP Nigeria Chapter we appreciate Mrs Mercy Irefo, a distinguished ASSP Nigeria Chapter member and also current ASSP Student section advisor and the PTI HSSE Committee chaired by Dr. Agaja Silas.

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## ASSP Press Releases

### Worker Fatalities Slightly Decrease, But ASSP Wants Safer Workplaces

PARK RIDGE, Illinois — The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), the world's oldest professional safety organization, is calling on employers to take well-known steps to protect America's workers from fatal injuries in response to [newly released data](#) from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). While the BLS reported this week that fatal occupational injuries decreased in 2017 for the first time in four years, the drop was minimal. There were 5,147 workplace deaths in the United States last year, down just 0.8 percent from the 2016 level of 5,190. The fatal injury rate per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers decreased from 3.6 to 3.5.

"This level of worker safety and health is not acceptable," said ASSP President Rixio Medina, CSP, CPP. "There needs to be greater energy and a stronger national focus on

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preventing serious injuries and fatalities on the job. Most of these incidents are preventable, and they are occurring far too often in every industry.”

The BLS data also showed that a disproportionate number of Hispanic and Latino workers die on the job, with the 2017 rate remaining at 3.7 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. It's the highest rate for any race or ethnic origin. Fatal falls were at their highest level in the 26-year history of the report, accounting for 887 worker deaths (17.2 percent). Transportation incidents were again the most frequent fatal event in 2017 with 2,077 workplace deaths (40.4 percent).

“We will continue to push for greater education and widespread improvement through a multi-stakeholder approach that must involve government agencies, business leaders, advocacy groups, labor unions and professional associations,” Medina said. “Significant change is needed in workplace safety cultures to better protect workers and ensure that they return home to their families every day.”

While the 5,147 fatal occupational injuries in 2017 reflected a slight decrease from the previous year, the number is significantly higher than other years, such as the 4,551 worker deaths reported in 2009. Improvement may be anchored in the adoption of occupational safety and health management systems such as the new ISO 45001 global standard, greater implementation of managed fall protection programs, stronger fleet safety programs and the use of proven risk assessment techniques.

“It's really about bringing best practices into the spotlight at all companies in every industry, such as prevention through design and risk management approaches,” Medina said. “We believe the proper implementation of a safety and health management system can help protect workers and improve a company's bottom line. Then everybody wins.”

## ASSP Certification and Accreditation Institute Debuts



PARK RIDGE, Illinois — The new ASSP Certification and Accreditation Institute LLC, an independent entity of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), has begun working with companies to certify their workplace safety and health processes to established standards that demonstrate a commitment to quality. The institute's certification mark, which confirms adherence to specific standards, reflects a company's investment in occupational safety and health management and is expected to provide a competitive advantage in the industry.

The creation of the institute further drives the evolution of workplace safety and health worldwide. The fee-based program certifies an applying organization based on recognized voluntary national and international consensus standards. The ASSP Board of Directors approved the initiative in April and the institute launched its web page in August. The institute is partnering with an accredited third-party registrar, Orion

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Registrar Inc., to carry out the audits, verify the results of the assessment and issue a certification mark when all requirements are met.

“As the market for workplace safety and health systems becomes more global, certifications become more valuable and are more frequently pursued,” said ASSP President Rixio Medina, CSP, CPP. “ASSP has led the evolution of workplace safety for more than 100 years, so it makes sense to leverage our experience and create a seal of approval that identifies a strong commitment to safety and health.”

ASSP brings extensive expertise in standards development to companies seeking to certify their occupational safety and health processes. As secretariat for multiple national and global standards including ISO 31000 Risk Management Guidelines and ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, ASSP has helped develop consensus standards that incorporate industry best practices.

ISO certification is a selling point across all industries and is essential for companies conducting business globally. According to a survey by the Independent Association of Accredited Registrars, 86 percent of companies that certify with a reputable accreditation organization realize a positive return on investment.

“The institute’s certification mark demonstrates an environment built around quality-driven standards that are geared to reduce workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities,” Medina said. “Investors and customers gain confidence in knowing that.”

One of many certifications provided by the institute is on the new ISO 45001 standard published in March. The standard offers a framework that enables companies to increase employee safety, reduce workplace risks and improve business outcomes. The practical solutions for worker safety in ISO 45001 can be used within global supply chains in all industries, applying to contractors and subcontractors in every country.

In an ASSP survey of more than 500 companies, half responded they are “very interested” in pursuing certification for their implementation of ISO 45001. With ASSP’s name behind the ISO 45001 certification, 80 percent of respondents said they would consider applying for it.

For more information, visit the ASSP Certification and Accreditation Institute web page or contact ASSP Standards Development Manager Ovidiu Munteanu at [OMunteanu@assp.org](mailto:OMunteanu@assp.org).

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## Nigeria Chapter Long Service Award

Nigeria chapter executives recently award chapter members that have serve the chapter for the period of 1/3/5 and 10 years. The long service award was given to deserving members during the chapter meeting in Lagos, Nigeria on September 15, 2018 at Hybrid Training Center

Congratulations to all our 2018 Awardees

### 10 Years Awardees List Below

Abiodun	Gbolahan
Alalibo	Achese
Amadi	Grace
Asakpoku	Lawrence
Coker	John
Fashina	Solomon
Ganiyu	Shittu
Ofulue	Jude
Ojelede	Agharese
Omolade	Ibidapo
Salami	Abdulraheem
Ufiobor	Akpebe
Odeli	Moses
Adigo	Christian
Ajobo	Uni Edward
Ukandu	Ogechukwu

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## 5 Years Awardees List Below

Firstname	Lastname
Fatima	Ahmed
Seun	Ayoola
Dimieari	Green
Ayebatonbara	Inaibo
Valentine	Oji
Patrick	Okoro
Gbemisola	Olagunju
Etim	Sunday
Valentine	Thompson
Emah	Udoh
Fatima	Zubair

## 3 Years Awardees List Below

Firstname	Lastname
Atobatele	Adebayo
Adedotun	Adeyemi
Bukunola	Ayo
Ajuzie	Chidinma
Amina	Deji Logunleko
Udo	Ekanem
Jayne	Eno
Ojeme	Ewhrudjakpor
Shehu	Kabir

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Jason	Kamalu
Owumi	Maureen
Edwin	Okabuonye
Marcellina	Okabuonye
Ezeugo	Sunday

## 1 Year Awardees List Below

Firstname	Lastname
Kate	Alexander
Udeme	Alexander
Nelson	Aliu
Chukwuka	Amos- Ejesi
Ugonna	Anyanwu
Oluwaseun	Awonusi
Godstime	Awoze
Amina	Billy
Fawole	Boma
Wolemonwu	David
Amenaghawon	Ehizogie
Ugochukwu	Emuka
Akpabio	Esien
Al Hassan	Grema
Kenneth	Isoma
Adedeji	Iwogbemi
Ituen	Ndiokho

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Ibe	Obasi
Onyebuchi	Okeke
Adegbe	Okpanachi
Okolike	Okwudili
Alexander	Omagbemi
Daniel	Omonoba
Glory	Onwochei
Ebubechukwu	Orjiobasi
Mohammad	Shettima
Otas	Ukpebitere
Edidiong	Umoh
Dikeh	Alice
Akwe	Emmanuel

## Nigeria Chapter Member Profile



**Name:** Nsikak-Abasi Akpan Ekam

**Home town:** Ikot Ukpung, Obot Akara LGA

**Current employer and job responsibilities:**

Mobil Producing Nigeria Unltd (ExxonMobil Nigeria)  
 Spill Response (SR) Supervisor  
 Emergency Preparedness & Response  
 Safety Health & Environment

**Future career goals:**

Walk the Safety talk with my over 20years experience in Safety as I climb into Managerial position. Continue to work with other ASSE member and other Safety

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practitioners and bodies to make sure that workers under my Supervision go to work and return home injury and illness free each day. Protect People and environment around me in all my undertaking. Strengthening Safety awareness for Sustainable Development among people around me – No business or development can stiff where people are hurt, unsafe and not at peace with neighborhood. Sustain the business (Mobil Producing Nigeria Unltd) for upcoming generation.

### **Advise to safety professionals:**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. When we plant (quality education with good grades) our harvest is surely prompt and rewarding employment or carrier. You must be knowledgeable to be gainfully employed or be able to assist your neighbors. The prevention of accidents, illnesses, fires, explosions and other events that harm people, property and the environment is our collective responsibility.

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## **Nigeria Chapter PDC**

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