Georgia Chapter

The Georgia Chapter contributed immensely to the success of the 30th International System Safety Conference (ISSC), held in Atlanta, Georgia August 6 - 10, 2012. The following Georgia Chapter members were on the Conference organizing and planning committee and worked tirelessly for almost two years in their respective areas: Barry Hendrix, chair; Terry Gooch, co-chair and sponsors/exhibitors; Terry Hall, conference operations chair; Dennis J. Beard, audio visuals/computers; Steve Lee, logistics/equipment; Odell Ferrell, offsite events; Tom Lewis and James Harris, Security and Integrity; Dr. Coleen Thornton, menus; Bhavin Patel, flags; Clyde Watson, photography; Rich Campolmi, electrical equipment; and David Alberico, support. The Georgia Chapter would like to thank several others from different chapters who supported the Conference, especially Registration Chair Bob Cade, Webmaster and Publicity Chair Don Swallom and Technical Chair Dave West (and others in nearby Huntsville, such as John Livingston, Saralyn Dwyer and Heather French), as well as the Protocol Chair Lynece Pfledderer from North Texas, who interfaced with our four high-profile guest speakers. The Georgia Chapter has increased its membership substantially, and is highly engaged and committed to serving the ISSS in the future. We are in the process of welcoming back Georgia Chapter Secretary Don Morgan, who is in the last phase of completing Army helicopter training at Ft. Rucker, Alabama in the fall of 2012.

Saguaro Chapter

The Saguaro Chapter continues to hold phone meetings on a monthly basis. The Executive Council of the Chapter is planning numerous upcoming events. We expect to hold a meeting in the next few months at the Pima Air and Space Museum, to visit and tour Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and to possibly hold a learning workshop in the Spring. If anyone has any interest in conducting a workshop in Arizona, contact Chapter President Amanda Boysun.

Singapore Chapter

The Singapore Chapter held a meeting on Sept. 28, 2012 at the Land Transport Authority (LTA) Campus. The Executive Council discussed and agreed on the creation of a Consultative Committee. This committee would be composed of individuals affiliated with the Singapore Chapter or past presidents of the Chapter. The main function of this committee will be to approve the nomination of the Executive Council and to provide advice on the use of Chapter funds.

The Singapore Chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary in September 2013. Several activities will be held to celebrate this event.

Virtual Chapter

Nearly half of the members of the Chapter were able to leave their virtual worlds and attend the ISSC in Atlanta. Given this face-to-face opportunity, the Virtual Chapter held its August meeting during an evening session. There were 10 members and 27 associates in attendance, making the meeting our largest of the year. Steven Mattern chaired the meeting and presented the recommended goals and objectives for the new Society year.
In addition, the Virtual Chapter gave those in attendance the rationale behind membership in a "virtual" context. The Chapter affords Society members who are not normally active in either chapter or Society functions because of geographical (or other) constraints, the opportunity to participate in the virtual space. The Virtual Chapter continues to gain membership and has become a dynamic and functioning chapter within the Society.

The Virtual Chapter is also growing its membership communication capabilities. Chapter Secretary Matt Johnson continues to work to establish a Virtual Chapter Website, as well as a document and information repository on a Google site. While both sites are a work in progress, they are a great help to members in remaining current in Chapter activities.

Chapter officer elections will be held in June 2013. Officer nominations will begin in April. Questions regarding the Virtual Chapter should be sent to Steven Mattern at smattern@bastiontechnologies.com.

Washington, DC (WDC) Chapter

The WDC Chapter would like to welcome home Michael Demmick from his tour in Afghanistan working in the field of system safety. We wish safe travels to his successor, Peggy Rogers.

The WDC Chapter would like to thank Dev Raheja, ISSS Fellow Member, for his presentation, "What Every System Safety Engineer Must Know About Design for Reliability" at the WDC Chapter meeting held on September 12, 2012. The WDC Chapter truly appreciates his continued support.

Future events include the annual Christmas scholarship fundraiser, the WDC Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament and the WDC American Heart Association 5k Run.

As always, the WDC Chapter welcomes all ISSS members to its meetings and functions. Those who would like to be on the Chapter distribution list should forward their email address to Amber Schauf, Chapter president, at amber.schauf@urs.com. Note: To participate in Webcasting events, you must be a U.S. citizen.