

# The Collaborator

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## Welcome

Welcome to the third issue of The Collaborator. The ISC is continuing to become known across the world, with participation in several high profile safety events over the past three months.

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## What we have been up to...

As part of our collaboration with the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center, I visited Doha, Qatar to deliver a keynote address at the Qatar Process Safety Symposium in late March. Then IChemE launched into the Hazards series, with Hazards Asia Pacific in Kuala Lumpur where I delivered a keynote address. This was closely followed by addressing the Safety Case Seminar in Singapore, following the Ministry of Manpower announcement that Singapore is implementing a safety case regime. The 11th Global Congress on Process Safety took place in Austin Texas in April, and IChemE were well represented in the exhibit hall as well as presenting a paper. At this conference, the ISC signed a letter of intent with the Centre for Safety Excellence, an academic centre based out of Germany, led by Juergen Schmidt. This is another exciting opportunity to collaborate in the field of process safety.

Hazards 25 took place in Edinburgh, and was well attended with Sam Mannan from the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center delivering the inaugural Trevor Kletz Memorial Lecture. This was a very special occasion, attended by Trevor's son Anthony and his daughter-in-law. I then returned back to Australia for Hazards Australasia in Brisbane in late May. This conference exceeded the previous one in terms of delegates, and had a very engaging feel. We were also privileged to have Sam Mannan present, as well as some very different keynote presenters. Darren Flanagan, the blasting specialist involved in the Beaconsfield mine rescue gave an emotional and engaging dinner presentation, and the conference wrapped up with ACT Australia performing their play based on the Deepwater Horizon tragedy. It was certainly a conference that people will be speaking about for quite some time.

## Networking

The ISC held three networking events, along side the Hazards series of conferences. It was great to get members together and make introductions across academia, industry and regulators.



Malaysian ISC networking event

## The projects

The advisory board approved the publication of the competency and metrics guidance documents, following their public comment period. In July these documents will be made publically available via the ISC website, as well as in hard copy. The next six months of the year will be spent promoting this information and engaging with organisations to assist them to adopt the guidance. We will be releasing a series of case studies to assist with this. So you may see me at various events talking about the documents and how to use them. If you would like more information on the documents please contact me.

## Other activities

At Hazards 25, we ran a workshop that explored the future of process safety. A panel consisting of Judith Hackitt CBE, Sam Mannan, John Bresland and myself discussed where we thought the management of process safety was failing. This was followed by an interactive workshop where we discussed the challenges to learning and how we can overcome these. The ISC will be producing a summary paper on this information and using it to inform future work priorities.

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