

# The Collaborator

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## Welcome

The ISC membership continues to grow, with Kelvin TOPSET and IRESC Global recently joining as industry partners. This takes our membership to 27 companies. We have also seen several more universities come on board as supporting partners. It is great to see growth during difficult economic times, and reflects the value the ISC adds to organisations.

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## What we have been up to...

We have seen great take up on the new case studies since launching them at Hazards 26 in May. I have had the pleasure of facilitating them for several members over the past few months, and the feedback has been fantastic. We have also released a sample of the videos on YouTube so people can understand a little more about them. You can view this at <https://youtu.be/guoC8iJU3uA>



If you would like to know more about these or purchase copies please visit the IChemE shop at <https://icheme.myshopify.com/collections/training-resources> We are planning to develop a new one in the coming months, focusing on off shore oil exploration and production.

It is very pleasing to see the ongoing interest in the ISC and our work. This is a great testament to the quality of input from the partners. It was also great to see Citi Bank referencing the ISC lead metrics guidance in their annual report on process safety among companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. The message on process safety and a focus on assurance is definitely reaching a range of organisations and industry sectors.

## What's next...

We are almost finished preparing for the ISC Process Safety Masterclass that we will be delivering at Chemeca in Adelaide later this month. This will be a chance for the ISC members to communicate with academics involved in teaching chemical engineering what industry expectations are for process safety knowledge. It is also a time where we can assist academia with resources and information to assist the teaching of process safety. This project is a very long term one, but is an important one for the future of industry.

We are also doing the final editing of the OHS Body of Knowledge chapters on Process Safety Management and Process Safety Hazards (Chemical). This is an important resource that is used to inform the competence of OHS Professionals. It is important that both OHS and Process Safety Professionals work together to improve safety outcomes, as it is too easy for competing demands to result in unintended consequences for one or both of these areas.

Work is also continuing on guidance on how to build competency as well as tool kits for implementing lead metrics. We are also exploring how we can commence benchmarking of lead metrics into 2017. So stay tuned for information on this.

## Key dates coming up

We have some more exciting activities and events coming up in the next few months.

**October** – Regional Process Safety Seminar in Thailand, Canadian Society of Chemical Engineers Annual Conference in Quebec City and Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center International Symposium in College Station

**November** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazards Australasia in Melbourne, including the launch of the OHS Body of Knowledge chapters on process safety plus an ISC network event

**December** – International Volunteer Day, remember to recognise those who contribute their time to advancing process safety

Stay safe...

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