

Safety Tip

For WHO guidance on COVID-19:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

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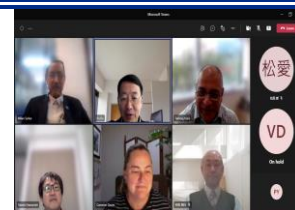
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AIGA Board Meeting: 61st Board meeting was held virtually on 24 Feb 2022. The meeting was chaired by Mr John Panikar (Linde Plc). Apart from administrative matters, AIGA Board had in-depth review of the progress with various safety programs and publications by AIGA Technical Committee (TC) and Work Groups (WGs). Board members wholeheartedly appreciated the voluntary contribution by all TC and WG members and also expressed satisfaction with the significant improvements made by AIGA members in the Product Vehicle Transportation Safety including major reduction in roll overs and other high severity incidents over last 5 years.



AIGA Technical Committee meeting: 59th meeting of AIGA TC was held virtually on 16th & 17th February 2022. The meeting was chaired by Haris Farooqi from Air Products. TC members discussed and agreed on the activity plans for SAG and all WGs for year 2022. There was also exchange of opinion among members about things to do in near future in order to put AIGA on a stronger pedestal, make it more effective, enhance efficiency through digitalization and also how to strengthen collaboration with National Associations and key Regulatory Authorities in Asia. TC members highly appreciated the work by all Work Groups that helped in completing 35 publications in the year 2021.



AIGA at the Online Annual Meeting of Semiconductor Industry organised by WSCE: On receiving invitation from World Semiconductor Conference & Expo (WSCE), AIGA Secretary General conveyed a video message at the 14 Jan 2022 online Annual Meeting organised by WSCE organisation. WSCE has been holding the annual event for last 3 years and the latest one in 2021 was held in Nanjing China in June 2021. AIGA China office participated in the event to promote safety in ESGs by holding a Safety Seminar. Similar event will be held in May 2022. On behalf of AIGA, SecGen congratulated the organizers for taking the steps to hold the important event for Semiconductor Industry and also promote safety. He also conveyed that ESGs are key ingredient for manufacturing of Semiconductors and allied products. Thus AIGA understands its' roles and responsibilities to support the Gas Industry by providing globally available harmonized safety standards and best practices in manufacture, supply, storage and use of ESGs.



AIGA Participation at 50th Meeting of IHC: The 50th meeting of International Harmonization Council (IHC) was held on 22-23 Feb 2022 with JIMGA as host association. The meeting was held virtually due to ongoing Pandemic related travel restrictions. AIGA is one of the key members of IHC along with CGA, EIGA and JIMGA. AIGA was represented at the meeting by Milan Sarkar (Secretary General). Subject to normalization of travel restrictions due to Covid-19, the 51st meeting of IHC is planned to be 'in person' meeting on 23-24 Aug 2022 in Brussels with EIGA as host. 4 regional gas associations work together to manage the development of harmonized publications. Since the formation in year 2000 IHC has developed 69 harmonized publications for Gas Industry.

Upcoming Webinars and other Events:

- AIGA Webinar on "ASU Cold Box and Flat Bottom Tanks – Process Safety Risk Assessment and Health Monitoring" on 18th March 2022.

New Appointments in AIGA Work Groups and National Associations:

- [Aaron Kalaichelvan from Air Products takes over the role of TC Chair of Industrial Gas Association Singapore](#)
- [Maxi Bernardo of Ingasco Inc. takes over the role of TC Chair for Philippines Confederation of Industrial Gases Industries Inc.](#)

Did You Know? Did you know that a significant number of work place injuries happen every year due to slip, trip and fall? According to US Department of Labor slip, trip and fall account for 15% of all accidental deaths per year.

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AIGA is registered as a non-profit society based in Singapore. It aims to foster the exchange of technical information among its members in the safe handling and use of industrial, medical and carbon dioxide gases, and to have close liaison with national authorities, in order to work towards the highest level of safety and environmental care across Asian countries.



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