

New Year Message from AIGA Board President

Dear Members,

I am honored to share my first message of 2026 as AIGA Board President. It is a privilege to take on this leadership role, and I look forward to working closely with all of you and other industry stakeholders to drive safety excellence across our sector.

Over the past years, AIGA members have made remarkable progress in improving safety in product transportation and occupational areas. We have achieved significant reductions in high-severity Product Vehicle Accidents (PVAs), rollovers, and driver injuries. Additionally, we strengthened our focus on process safety incidents, particularly in critical areas such as ASU Cold Box Operations. These accomplishments reflect the dedication and commitment of all AIGA member companies and National Associations.

I also want to recognize the outstanding efforts of the AIGA Technical Committee and Work Groups. In 2025, they hosted six webinars on key safety topics and published 30 safety technical documents that included multiple documents harmonized with other major regional associations, viz CGA, EIGA and JIMGA. Furthermore, AIGA has advanced safety awareness in emerging areas, including the safe handling of hydrogen for mobility and Electronic & Specialty Gases. Thank you to every member for your voluntary contributions and active engagement. Your support keeps our association vibrant and forward-looking. As we move into 2026, I am confident that Asia's gas industry is well-positioned for sustained growth. Together, we will continue to enhance safety performance and leverage digital and AI technologies to accelerate our journey toward Zero Incidents and Accidents.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe, and prosperous new year ahead.

Kurt Lefevere

AIGA Board President

(President, Air Products Asia)



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Election of New AIGA Board:

Kurt Lefevere, President-Air Products Asia was unanimously elected as Board President at 72nd meeting of AIGA Board that was held in Momentum Hotel Alexandra Singapore on 25 Nov 2025. New Office Bearers of the Board were also elected for the same term of office from 2025-2027. Full list of AIGA Board Office Bearers and Members for 2025-2027 term are as below

Lefevere Kurt

(Air Products) – President

Ronnie Chalmers

(Air Liquide) – Vice President

Binod Patwari

(Linde Plc.) – Treasurer

Helder Teixeira

(Nippon Sanso Holdings Singapore) – Secretary

Other Board Members:

Werner Hickel

(Messer Asia)

Kazuo Michitani San

(Air Water Inc.)

Manabu Tsuyoshi San

(Iwatani Co)

Ex-officio members:

Haris Farooqi

[Chairman of Technical Committee]

(Air Products)

Milan Sarkar

(AIGA Secretary General)

70th Meeting of AIGA Technical Committee (TC)

70th meeting of AIGA TC was held in person on 24 Nov 2025 in Singapore. AIGA thanks Nippon Sanso (NSHS) Office for sponsoring the meeting venue. Secretary Generals of AIGA China and AIGA Vietnam Representative offices joined the meeting as special invitee who presented the progress made by their respective offices with regards to promoting safety and AIGA publications in the respective countries. TC Members reviewed the progress with the activities of Work Groups, how to promote safety in H2 mobility & clean energy and progress with publications work in 2025.



Delegates at the 70th Meeting of AIGA Technical Committee

AIGA Annual Awards 2025

Starting from the year 2024, AIGA instituted an Award and Recognition Program to appreciate the contribution being made by members of Technical Committee and Work Groups (WGs) through their voluntary contribution in the activities of AIGA that helped in improving safety in gases industry in Asia. The awards for 2025 were presented by AIGA Board to the recipients at a well-organized event on 25 Nov 2025 followed by a gala dinner at Hotel Momentus Alexandra in Singapore in presence of AIGA Board Members and other invitee. **2025 AIGA President's Award** was presented to **Elvin Tham (Air products)**, a member of AIGA Packaged and Medical Gases Work Groups for his outstanding contribution over the years in the activities of both the work groups and also in promoting



Elvin Tham receiving President's Award from Helder Teixeira

harmonized standards in number of countries in Asia by collaborating with local Authorities and National Associations. AIGA also honored with **Special Mention Certificates** to Jerry Lu (Air Products) Ex Chairperson of ASU WG, Henry Liu (Air Liquide) Ex Member of AIGA Technical Committee in appreciation of their special contribution in their



Delegates at the 25 Nov, 2025 Award event in Singapore

respective work groups but also in driving some of the special safety programs by the association. **Long Service Gold Award Certificates** were presented to Jason Thong (Air Liquide) and Elvin Tham (Air Products) in the honor of their completing continuous 10 years of voluntary service with AIGA as members. AIGA also presented a **Long Service Silver Award Certificates** to four work group members who have completed continuous 5 years of voluntary service with AIGA. They are Sandeep Kamath (Linde Plc) of HYCO WG, Yongming Wang (Air Liquide) of HYCO WG, Jony Zhang (Messer) of SAG and Ilham LK (Iwatani Co) of ASU WG. AIGA extends hearty Congratulations & Best Wishes to all the recipients of the awards and merit certificates.

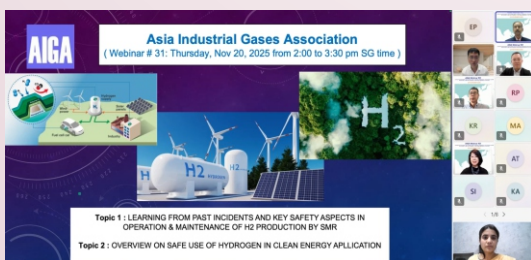
Year-End meeting of AIGA Safety Advisory Group (SAG)



Delegates at SAG meeting on 26 Nov 2025

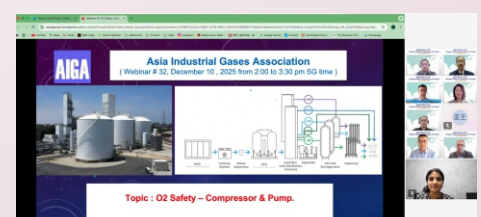
AIGA Safety Advisory Group held their face-to-face meeting on 26 Nov 2025 in Singapore. AIGA thanks the Office of Linde Plc located at Pacific Tech Centre for sponsoring the meeting venue. The meeting was attended by all SAG members and Secretary Generals of AIGA China and AIGA Vietnam Representative offices. SAG members reviewed the Key safety KPIs of all member companies, Transport Safety Dashboard, Learning from accidents & incidents in 3Q 2025 and also reviewed drafting of publications on hand.

AIGA Safety Webinars held in 4Q 2025



1) Webinar #31 was held on 20 Nov 2025 by HYCO and H2 Work Groups.
Topics: **Learning from Past Incidents and Key Safety Aspects in Operation & Maintenance of H2 production by SMR and Overview on Safe**

Use of Hydrogen in Clean Energy Applications of the Future. 300+ participants from 9 countries in Asia attended the webinar.



2) Webinar#32 was hosted by AIGA ASU & Large Facilities WG on 10 Dec 2025 on **Oxygen Safety-Compressors & Pumps.** 320+ participants from all over Asia joined the webinar, making it a huge success.

NEWS from AIGA China



AIGA China Steering Committee meeting was held on 21 Nov 2025 chaired by Gary Li. Effective from January 2026, Wei Li of G-gas will take over from Tom Xiao of Linde as AIGA China TC Chairperson. Bill Tang from Hangyang Group will serve as Vice Chairperson. AIGA China also held 3 webinars in Mandarin in 4Q 2025 as listed below.

- Webinar#15 – **Safety for Oxygen reciprocating compressor & LOX Centrifugal Pump**
- Webinar#16 – **High Pressure Cylinder Inspection and Requalification**
- Webinar#17 – **Safety in use of liquid H2 and HRS Safety Management**

NEWS from AIGA Vietnam



Developing Safety Regulations for Hydrogen – AIGA VN in collaboration with QC-VN is working on developing a National Technical Regulation on Safety of Hydrogen in Production, Storage & Filling. A meeting in this regard was held on 23 Oct 2025 to decide upon the scope and drafting strategies.

AIGA Vietnam held a Safety Webinar on 28th Nov on **Application & safety for Toxic Gases in Industry & Life**

New Joinees in AIGA TC, SAG and Work Groups:

Tan Kit Voon of Air Liquide joins AIGA TC in place of Jauhiainen Jaakko

Rain WU of Air Products joins SAG in place of Ernest KHOO

Liu Sheng of Yingde Gases joins CES WG the place of YU Ridong

Xiao Tie of Air Products joins Transport Safety WG in place of Roger MA

Upcoming Webinars and other Events

57 IHC meeting on 24th 25th March'26 in Tokyo being hosted by JIMGA

AIGA Board 73rd meeting on 05 March'26 in Shanghai

Documents published during Oct-Dec 2025

- ❖ AIGA TP 41/25, Recent (H1 of 2025) Safety Incidents in the Gases Industry in Asia
- ❖ Safety Bulletin 49/25, PSM Element#06 -Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- ❖ Safety Poster 30/25, Transport Safety -Safe following distance can save lives
- ❖ Safety Poster 29/25, Over pressure protection system for customer installations
- ❖ Safety Poster 28/25, Prevent cold embrittlement of customer installation piping
- ❖ Safety Poster 27/25, Safe handling of liquid Ammonia
- ❖ Safety Training AIGA 009-02/25, Leaflet 02-Basic rules for safety and good housekeeping
- ❖ Safety Training AIGA 009-01/25, Leaflet 01-Training Checklist for new employees
- ❖ AIGA 129/25, Guideline for Safe Handling of cryogenic and refrigerated liquids

Did You Know?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. So, you can inhale carbon monoxide right along with gases that you can smell and not even know that CO is present. The OSHA PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit) for CO is 50 parts per million (ppm).

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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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