



## **EMAS Bulletin August 2012**

Back for the 24<sup>th</sup> time, annual Federation of Asian & Oceania Pest Managers Associations (FAOPMA) convention and exhibition was successfully held at Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia from 11 to 13 July 2012. Founded by a number of industrial leaders from Asian countries in 1987, FAOPMA aims to promote common interests of the pest management industry around the region.

In response to the global trends and emerging priorities, this year's conference focused on understanding of a sustainable future and its implications for the pest management industry. The event continued to serve as an excellent platform for exchange of ideas and new friendships. Five EMAS members, BASF, Clean Solutions, Killem, Ensystem, and ORIGIN Exterminators participated in the event.

To broaden its outreach and better serve its members, FAOPMA announced new initiatives and revised policies at the conference.

Firstly, more than one association from each country will now be able to join FAOPMA through the existing member's invitation. Two or more associations from a respective country will be entitled to a shared vote. They will be obliged to agree or abstain from the voting under FAOPMA so as to ensure that each country maintains its allocated voting right. Such revision for greater inclusivity and unity, FAOPMA concluded, would be beneficial to the industry. Accordingly, EMAS has invited the Singapore Pest Management Association (SPMA) to become a joint member of FAOPMA.

Secondly, FAOPMA conference will be held bi-annually in 2016 onwards. Moving from the current practice of semi-annual events, the Association hopes to assist the industry better with reduced resource burden arising from frequent event management. The next FAOPMA conferences scheduled are one in Korea (2013) and one in Kuching, Malaysia (2014).

Thirdly, there will be a newsletter to keep its members abreast of industry developments. The newsletter will serve as a tool to develop a more effective and sustainable industry umbrella body in the region. It will also share best practices and facilitate various collaborations.

Fourthly, FAOPMA is looking at the possibility of launching a technical committee within the association. Interested EMAS members can contact EMAS Vice President Mrs. Deanne Ong at [deanne@emas.org.sg](mailto:deanne@emas.org.sg) for more details.

We are also pleased to announce a new EMAS member represented at the Hazardous Committee with PCD. Mr. Hans Athaide from BASF will be addressing issues pertaining to the industry on our behalf and communicating the related outcomes.

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We hope to be able to brief to members and solicit updates from members in August. This is slated for the end of August 2012. More details will be ready shortly.

As we appreciate the increasing requests and his dedication to the association, EMAS co-opted Mr. Edward Goh to join the EXCO. We congratulate Mr. Goh's new appointment and look forward to working together to further improve the industry.

Next, new permanent staff will replace EMAS' outsourced secretariat from 1 August to better manage its secretariat work. EXCO has assumed roles to ensure ample guidance readily available for the new staff and we will arrange for an official introduction in next month's bulletin, so stay tuned!

Lastly, we have new members who have since joined our association.

Ordinary Members:

1. K&W Mobile Loo Services Pte Ltd
2. Complete Services Pte Ltd
3. BNL Services Pte Ltd
4. Avon Cleaning Services Pte Ltd

Institutional Members

5. NTUC Learning Hub

Current Membership stands at 68.

With this, we would like to wish Happy National Day to all EMAS members and Selamat Hari Raya Puasa to all our Muslim friends.



24th Annual FAOPMA Convention at Adelaide, Mrs Deanne Ong (ORIGIN Exterminators)