



## EMAS BULLETIN MARCH ISSUE

It has been a busy month for many of us in the past month, with the festive Chinese New Year celebrations and many Lou Hei lunches and dinners! For those who had participated in this year's EMAS Lou Hei Luncheon, we thank you for your participation and support, and hope to see you soon at upcoming EMAS Activities. The luncheon was well attended with 8 tables and participants from NEA, WDA, e2i and RAS. It was a happy afternoon for EMAS members to catch up over a decadent lunch and discuss issues in the industry. Staffing was a hot topic as usual, and in the interest of addressing this issue, later this month, EMAS will convene our first ever EMAS HR Network (more on that later). This year, there were also kind sponsors for a lucky draw, with prizes sponsored by Nilfisk-Advance and ORIGIN Exterminators, as well as a mouse pad door gift sponsored by Galmon (S) Pte Ltd. 4 lucky winners were picked and we hope that more sponsors will come on board next year, to make the annual Lou Hei even more festive and exciting for all members!



NETWORKING



FUN OF LOU HEI!



Sharon Kee  
Horsburgh Engineering (F.E.) Pte Ltd

Dennis Tan  
LS 2 Services Pte Ltd

Frankie Tan  
Chang Seng Services Pte Ltd

Dion Chia  
JirehTissue Pte Ltd

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



GROUP PHOTOS

Next up, we would like to highlight the hot topic of Singapore Budget 2013. This budget was of great interest to the environmental health industry, with the issue of foreign worker quotas being a hotly anticipated topic. The new policies announced in the budget include the provision for further policy adjustments across various industries with regard to foreign workers and this no doubt has an impact on our industry as well. The EMAS EXCO will be meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March to discuss the potential ramifications for our industry, and how EMAS can engage the government directly on these related issues. There are many other areas in the budget of interest to all of us, and EMAS urges all members to take a closer look at the budget provisions for businesses and how our industry can leverage on them. Among the goodies is a bonus under the IRAS Productivity Innovation Credit Scheme that can help defray the costs of technology adoption for productivity, as well as the Wage Credit Scheme applicable to Singaporean employees. For your easy reference, a brief document highlighting specific areas under the Budget 2013 has been attached with this bulletin.

In the coming months, there will also be many exciting events for EMAS members, and we encourage your participation and support, especially for the EMAS organized events.

### 1. EMAS Bowling

Date : 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Time : 11am – 5pm  
Venue : Westwood Bowl, Civil Service Club  
91 Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, Singapore 659206



Many teams have already signed up for this event, and it looks set to be another fun sporting extravaganza for participating employees of member companies. For those whose sporting abilities do not gel with the idea of sending a 9 pound ball down a polished highway, do pop by to support your teams and socialise with fellow industry members! For those daring enough to take a stab at the glory of bringing home the trophy this year, please contact EMAS secretariat Ms Marie Loh ([marieloh@emas.org.sg](mailto:marieloh@emas.org.sg)) to see if you can snag the last few available spots!

### 2. EMAS HR Network

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Time : 2pm – 5.30pm  
Venue : Singapore Recreational Club B, Connaught Drive, S179682

This event seeks to be a starting point for HR professionals within the environmental health industry, to engage in dialogue with each other, in view of emerging HR challenges within our industry. Objectives include identifying present and future HR challenges, and developing solutions to deal with these, especially when it comes to setting the HR direction for our industry.

Nominations for organizational positions within this network, such as the Chairman, Secretary and Time Keeper, will be done at this first meeting, and EMAS targets to have these meetings once every 3 months. Member companies will also take turns to host the meeting, and EMAS thanks ORIGIN Exterminators for stepping up to host the first one.

Interested participants can register with EMAS Secretariat Ms Marie Loh ([marieloh@emas.org.sg](mailto:marieloh@emas.org.sg)).

### 3. Eco Products International Fair 2013

Date : 14-16<sup>th</sup> March  
Time : 10am – 5pm  
Venue : Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands

This event serves as a platform for Green Business in Asia, with many exhibitors showcasing innovative green products for the future. The areas of waste disposal and management, as well as water recycling would be of interest to our industry, and EMAS encourages member companies to check out the exhibition, as well as the business forums and networking sessions.

Those interested to find out more can contact EPC, Emeline Koh at 6377 6637 / 6278 2538. Alternatively, you may also email to: [secretariat@epif2013.com](mailto:secretariat@epif2013.com).

### 4. EMAS Trade Mission to China Clean Expo 2013, Shanghai

Date : 1-3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Cost : EMAS Members & Service Buyers : \$1,980.00 per person  
Non EMAS Members : \$2,300.00 per person  
Cost includes:  
a) Return air ticket via SQ  
b) Depart SIN 31<sup>st</sup> March, Depart Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> April  
c) 4 nights stay at IBIS Shanghai (breakfast included)  
d) One network dinner

This event is a good opportunity for EMAS members to get latest updates on technology and methodology at a major regional trade fair. It will also be a good time to meet up with fellow industry players from around the region, and exchange ideas with like-minded business individuals. Representatives from NEA & WDA will be joining us for the mission trip as well. Those interested can register with [marieloh@emas.org.sg](mailto:marieloh@emas.org.sg). Confirmation for this trip will be issued upon payment by 8 Mar 2013.

With this exciting round up of upcoming events, EMAS hopes that all members can help support with your participation. There will be more events to come this year, as the EMAS hopes to reach out to more industry members, and bring added value to existing members.

For now, we would like to end of with the announcement that NEA will be featuring EMAS on their revamped website when it goes live in May 2013. This feature lists EMAS as one of the associations that they are currently working with, in their drive to uplift the overall standards, professionalism and productivity of our industry. This is a hugely rewarding result for EMAS' efforts to engage with government agencies, and we hope that our association continues to receive support and help from NEA, as the journey to shape the future of our industry continues.