



EMAS BULLETIN JUNE

The months of May and June were bumper months for EMAS, with many ensuing activities. Therefore this July, we have a long and detailed update for all members about the activities in the past couple of months, and list of upcoming activities for the month.

Forefront on the public consciousness was the recent bout of severe haze that had Singaporeans in a snit with levels of panic rising in time with the PSI readings. It has been a trying period for our industry, especially with many of our workers involved in environmental health related activities outdoors. EMAS will continue to keep an eye out for the situation, and will continue to help members band together in such times, with efforts in sourcing for N95 masks amongst other things. Following this drastic episode, EMAS hopes to lobby the government to take lead and call for a shutdown of outdoor services conducted so that workers in the environmental health industry can too preserve their health and stay indoors when the PSI hits critical levels.

Next on the collective interest of our industry was the call from the National Wages Council (NWC) to raise the wages for workers in our industry. EMAS President Milton Ng was featured in the coverage of The Business Times on 17th June. (see the attached article and picture of our dashing President). In the article, he took the opportunity to highlight the challenges involved in raising real wages and the role service buyers have to play in effecting this change.

The Keep Singapore Clean Conference was held on 29th June at The Star Gallery. In support of the Keep Singapore Clean Movement (KSCM), the Public Hygiene Council organized the Keep Singapore Clean Conference, with support from the Singapore Kindness Movement, the Keep Singapore Beautiful Movement and the National Environment Agency.

The objectives for the Conference were to:

- Share experiences among partners who had participated and supported the Movement over the past months, and discuss on what more could be done at home, schools, institutions and community;
- Inspire and ignite the passion for a clean Singapore;
- Explore ways to keep Singapore clean; and
- Rally the community to join in the movement.

The Guest of Honour for the event was Ms Grace Fu, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs. It featured a power packed programme from 8.30am to 2pm, and the event was attended by many EMAS members including the EXCO.

Next up, is the update from the dialogue session held by Mr. Zainal Bin Sapari, Director for NTUC Unit for Contract and Casual Workers (UCCW), for members of the pest management industry. Held on 14th June at E2i, the objective of the dialogue session was to have more insights of the industry and ways that they can revolutionize the industry like the cleaning sector. Participating members took the opportunity to discuss new technology available in the industry, such as the RIDL technology that was recently featured in the news with regards to possible new methods of combating dengue. Following the dialogue session, Mr Zainal Sapari better understood the challenges of the industry and EMAS hopes that he will be able to effect changes for the betterment of workers in the pest management industry in the future.

International Cleaners Day took place on 15th June, where for the past 2 decades and all over the world, the cleaners and their unions come together to highlight the challenges for those who work in this industry. Members of the public, governments and companies also showed appreciation to their cleaners at the event.

EMAS Extraordinary General Meeting took place on 6th June at Quality Hotel Marlaw. At the meeting, participating members and the EXCO discussed the following topics. The one quarter quorum was met with 17 Ordinary members and 2 Associate members present.

At the meeting, the following issues were discussed:

1. Deliberate on the proposed amendments to the EMAS constitution

Original Clause

14.1 All the Committee Members shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. No person shall hold the same office for more than one (1) term without breach of two full consecutive years.

Proposed Clause

14.1 All the Committee Members shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. A person can hold the same office for more than one (1) term subject to the approval of the new committee.

Rational behind the change is to allow continuity in initiatives, by keeping committee members on board to spearhead and carry on initiatives once started. At the meeting, the EXCO also encouraged those interested to drive the association to step forward and take part in the committee especially with this year being the election year.

Results of Votes:

Agree - 21 votes
Disagree - 0 vote
Abstain - 0 vote

*** 5 votes were from Ordinary Member Companies whom not able to attend but had sent in their votes and nomination via designated EXCO members as their proxy.*

2. Outline EMAS' commitment to the CleanMET Asia Exhibition

Presentation by Singex on the objective of CleanMET.

Outcomes from Members:

Collectively, it was decided that EMAS will proceed with CleanMET Asia exhibition.

Quantum of investment to be decided by EXCO



3. Review of the engagement of external Accounting Services

ISS has been helping in the accounting voluntarily since EMAS moved away from EPC in year 2012. However EXCO felt that it is not sustainable as it does not reflect the true operational cost of the association. Hence EXCO have decided to outsource it to third party.

Outcome:

It was collectively decided for EMAS proceed to engage Tessa Management to provide accounting services.



One of the most hotly anticipated activities of the year, the EMAS Futsal Tournament took place on 8th June at the Offside Futsal Park@Thomson. Over 18 teams from 12 organizations participated, and response for the event was overwhelming.

Participating Organizations:

- √ Chye Thiam Maintenance Pte Ltd
- √ BMS Environmental Services Pte Ltd
- √ STVE Pte Ltd
- √ Ramky Cleantech Services Pte Ltd
- √ Clean Solutions Pte Ltd
- √ Origin Exterminators Pte Ltd
- √ Don-Thaker Cleaning Services Pte Ltd
- √ ISS Facility Services Pte Ltd
- √ Ecolab Pte Ltd
- √ Qool Enviro Pte Ltd
- √ NEA

EMAS congratulates the following companies for their victory at the event:

GOLD CUP

- Champion : Chye Thiam Group B
- Silver : ORIGIN Exterminators
- Bronze : ISS Group B
- 4th : Don Thaker Group B

SILVER CUP

- Champion : Don Thaker Group A
- Silver : Ecolab
- Bronze : Ramky Group B
- 4th : STVE

EMAS would also like to extend our thanks to the gracious sponsors of this event:
STVE Pte Ltd & Clean Solutions Pte Ltd

Following the success of this event, EMAS has decided to look into organizing a regular futsal league for all member companies to participate in. This would be a great opportunity for member companies to tap on an association event to build greater team bonding amongst your own employees. It would also be a useful platform for workers in the industry to get to know each other and foster better relations. Stay tuned for updates!



GOLD CUP CHAMPION



GOLD CUP SILVER



GOLD CUP BRONZE



GOLD CUP FOURTH



SILVER CUP CHAMPION



SILVER CUP SILVER



SILVER CUP BRONZE



SILVER CUP FOURTH





In the coming month of July, there are many interesting events on the horizon that EMAS encourages members to participate in!

1. Invitation to Standards Exchange on Resource Efficiency

On behalf of SPRING Singapore, we would like to invite you to the Standards eXchange on Resource Efficiency which will be held on **Wednesday, 10 July 2013, 8.30 am to 11.45 am** at the Resorts World Convention Centre.

The Standards eXchange on Resource Efficiency organised by SPRING Singapore, focuses on standards for improving energy and water efficiency. Companies can expect to leverage on these standards to optimise resource utilisation in daily operations, which will be translated into business costs reduction.

Mr S Iswaran, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade & Industry, will be gracing the event as the Guest of Honour.

Event Details

Date: 10 July 2013 (Wednesday)
Time: 8.30 am to 11.45 am
Venue: Resorts World Convention Centre
Compass Ballroom West 3, Basement 2
Resorts World Sentosa
8 Sentosa Gateway
Singapore 098269

The detailed event programme is attached for your reference.

2. **Office Cleaning Workgroup with NEA**

NEA are now actively considering a pictorial guide for office cleaning (similar pictorial guide on washroom cleaning). The proposed pictorial guide on office cleaning will recommend the correct sequences/steps that should be taken to carry out the various tasks (like vacuum cleaning, clearing of waste-paper baskets, etc) in cleaning an office premises productively. Towards this goal, NEA seek the continued support and active participation of EMAS in the production of this office cleaning guide. The other partners NEA would be approaching to partner with in this project are WDA, service-providers and training providers. The pictorial guide will be in the four official languages and will be distributed to cleaning crew and supervisors to actively use.

In this regard, we should be grateful if **any members would be interested and willing to be in this office cleaning workgroup (representing EMAS) to register your details with us by Thursday, 13 June.** One criteria to be a member of the working group in the production of the guide is that you must be well versed in the cleaning of office premises.

3. **EMAS Golf Social**

Watch this space as EMAS organises the next golfing event. This is likely to happen in August or September. More details will be extended shortly. This time, EMAS hopes to inject some competitive spirit to improve the camaraderie of our golfers!

Finally, EMAS would like to congratulate **the new CEO of National Environment Agency, Mr Ronnie Tay** who will take over from outgoing CEO Mr Andrew Tan on 1st July 2013. EMAS would also like to thank Mr Andrew Tan for all his efforts at engaging the industry over the years. Under his guidance, many changes were effected to the benefit of the industry. We wish Mr Tan all the best at his new posting, and look with confidence for the incoming Mr Tay to take on this baton and continue to look out for the growth, development and improvement of the environmental health industry, and the thousands of workers engaged in this industry.