



## EMAS BULLETIN APRIL 2013

Another month has passed and we are slowly approaching the time for elections of a new EMAS Executive Committee, as well as our EMAS AGM. The current EXCO would like to encourage all members to consider stepping up for posts within the association, so as to better contribute your expertise and passion, to shaping the future of our industry. Over the years, EMAS has managed to engage the government more with regards to various regulatory issues that directly affect our industry in terms of the workers in the industry, as well as our business related issues. EMAS hopes to continue to do this and further expand our efforts, so as to bring about a more robust future for our industry and the thousands of workers involved. However, the current EXCO is unable to carry this agenda alone, and we hope to get more involvement from like-minded members with a long term view to our industry. We strongly encourage interested parties to consider standing for election this time around, and would be keen to support the next wave of EMAS leadership.

In other news, EMAS had two very successful events earlier in March. The **Annual EMAS bowling** has now grown to an event involving many teams and players from companies across the industry, with this year's tournament also including a very special championship trophy that the winning team will get to preserve for one year, where it will be again up for grabs. Participants for this year included 80 participants from: Veolia ES Singapore, Master Clean Facility Services, Cleaning Express, Karcher South East Asia, Ramky Cleantech, ISS Facility Services, Qool Enviro, ORIGIN Exterminators, STVE, Jeff Supplies, Ausko and NEA.

The winners at this year event include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: ISS Facility Services
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ramky Cleantech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: STVE

EMAS would also like to thank this year's generous sponsors: Karcher South East Asia, Ramky Cleantech and Qool Enviro for their generous sponsorship. Every participant went home with a goodie bag, and the winning teams were each awarded personal medals in addition to the EMAS Bowling Championship Trophy.



Next up, EMAS held its first ever **HR network** in March. Hosted by ORIGIN Exterminators at the Singapore Recreational Club, the network saw 17 participants from member companies including: Qool Enviro, Chye Thiam Maintenance, Don Thaker Cleaning Services, Veolia ES Singapore, LS2 Services, Ramky Cleantech, Master Clean Facility Services, STVE, ISS Facility Services, Cleaning Express and ORIGIN Exterminators. The purpose of this event was to bring together HR professionals from within the Environmental Health industry to share on the problems and challenges faced with regards to HR issues within the industry. As we all know, staffing is fast becoming a major issue across our

largely labour intensive industry, and the HR personnel have many challenges to face with regards to issues such as staff recruitment and retention. The EMAS HR Network aims to represent the voices of the industry to raise HR related matters to the relevant authorities, and to come together so that solutions can be found to the current challenges in the fast changing business climate. Participants who wish to get involved are most welcome to sign up for the next installment of this event. Stay tuned for more details.

Coming up soon are the following events:

**1. EMAS Trade Mission to China Clean Expo 2013, Shanghai**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April

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. To date, we have 17 representatives who have signed up for the trip.

**2. EMAS EXCO Meeting with Members as Observers**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April

This will be the first time that the EXCO will be having a meeting that is open to all members for observation. The discussion will include matters relating to the upcoming EMAS elections, and the EXCO hopes that members interested to stand for the upcoming elections will come by for the meeting. More details will follow in a separate email blast.

For now, EMAS wishes all members a Happy Easter over the long weekend, and hopes that all members continue to lend your support to our association. As the association continues to be a voice for the industry, EMAS also encourages all members to recruit your associates from within the Environmental Health industry to also join in this journey with us.

