

EMAS Bulletin February 2012

It has been a bumper month for all of us, what with the Chinese New Year Festivities. As we move into the year of the Dragon, EMAS hopes that all members had a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It heralds well for the association that in this first month of the Dragon Year, the association has EXCITING updates for all members.

Events to look forward to in February 2012

1. Senior Minister of State, Ms Grace Fu has agreed to serve as EMAS Advisor for 2012

First, we would like to proudly announce that Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State (SMS), Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts(MICA) , and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources(MEWR), has accepted our invitation to serve as EMAS Advisor for 2012. We are most grateful for her encouragement and support, and look forward to working closely with her to achieve key objectives for the environmental health industry, that EMAS hopes to push through in the coming year.

SMS Grace Fu has had a longstanding passion for improving work conditions and raising wages for the low wage workers in Singapore. In addition, as the Senior Minister of State for MEWR, she has taken an interest in the association, to promote more environmentally conscious practices.

With SMS Grace Fu's advice, EMAS hopes to achieve the following objectives.

- a. To better understand policies and regulations and the impacts and implications for the industry
- b. To contribute to future policy formation by being the link through which regulatory bodies can solicit feedback from the industry on improvements and innovations
- c. To help the industry raise its profile within the Singapore community

Later this February, the EXCO hopes to meet with SMS Fu to share the goals and viewpoints of the industry and the direction the association hopes to take in 2012.

With this new development, it is more important than ever, for our industry to take the opportunity to showcase our capabilities and the value we bring as pest managers, cleaners and liquid waste management companies. Furthermore, through SMS Fu's involvement with EMAS, the association hopes that we can raise the profile of the industry at large, in order to improve the public image of our industry.

2. CNY celebration – Lou Hei @ Singapore Island Country Club (Island location)

As we greet the start of a new Lunar Year, EMAS has planned a rousing celebration for all members, with a CNY Lou Hei Dinner. The event looks set to be a well attended one, with several key managers from NEA, MOM and PUB, who are involved in managing the industry, invited to attend, alongside EMAS members. This would be a great opportunity to network with fellow industry players and government officers over a sumptuous dinner and celebration. Additionally, this will be a good chance for EMAS members to get in on EMAS planned direction of the industry and expected developments for 2012, with a heartfelt message from EMAS President Mr Milton Ng, from Ramky Cleantech Services. Please note that this event is open to EMAS members only. One (1) representative from each member company will get to attend the event with our compliments. Additional company representatives who wish to attend, can do so at an attendance fee of \$70 nett per pax. Please see the event weblast below, for registration details.



Dear EMAS Members,

LET'S USHER THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON BY ENGAGING THIS "LOU HEI" EVENT ON

Date – 6th February 2012

Time – 12pm to 2.30pm

1130am to 12pm – Registration

Venue – SICCC, Ballroom 3, Island Location

Please RSVP your attendance with the Secretariat by 31st January 2012.

Foo Meng – foomeng@epc.com.sg / 6377 6637

Mark Wong – markwong@epc.com.sg / 6377 6615

Syafiqah – Syafiqah@epc.com.sg / 6377 6598

Participation :

COMPLIMENTARY lunch invitation to all EMAS members (**One**) with the payment of \$70.00 per head for additional representatives.

We would like to encourage ALL EMAS members to participate in our very first event of the year.

Making this event a roaring success !



*The Environmental Management
Association of Singapore*

3. EMAS Bowling Tournament for members– 19th Feb

On 19th February 2012, EMAS will be holding a bowling tournament for members, with participating teams from various member companies. This will be a friendly competition, and would be a great opportunity for members to foster firm friendships among themselves. Additionally, as member companies can send out teams from amongst their staff, this is also a great staff activity to bring staff members closer.

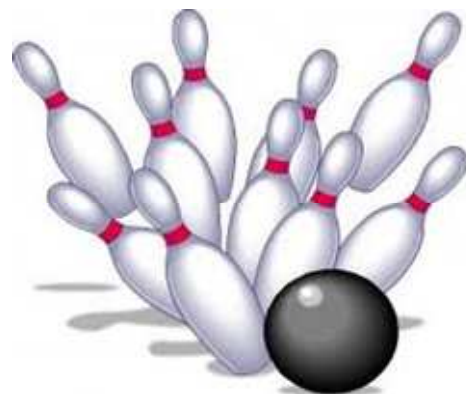
Currently, there are 21 teams from various member companies, who have already registered for this tournament. Spots are still open for this event so interested members should register soonest before registration closes. Please see the details below for registration.

Finally, this event presents a great opportunity for suppliers to the industry, to reach out to industry members, via sponsorship for this event. For those who wish to support the industry, and build some brand loyalty amongst the various stakeholders at the event, various options are available for sponsorship and exposure. For more details, please see the event weblast below.



Environmental Management Association of Singapore Bowling Tournament 2012

Environmental Management Association of Singapore
1003 Bukit Merah Central #02-10 Inno. Centre Singapore
159836 www.emas.org.sg



19 Feb 2012, Sunday, 12.30pm – 6pm

Come and join us for an afternoon session of bowling

Pitch your teams against teams from supporting Government Agencies!

Tickets for the event are available now at \$180 (members) or S\$200 (non members)

Ticket includes 3 Games (4 to a team, shoe rental & tea break)

Trophy awaits the top 3 teams!

Individual Trophy for highest scorer

(male & female category)

Call 62782538 now

foomeng@epc.com.sg / markwong@epc.com.sg



* contact us for sponsorship opportunities

4. NEA Networking Lunch

This event is slated to take place the morning before the EMAS Bowling Tournament kicks off. The event will see dialogues with NEA and WDA on related accreditation schemes and upcoming initiatives followed by a networking lunch. This event is for members only. Please contact EMAS Secretariat EMAS secretariat Foo Meng at foomeng@epc.com.sg or DID : +65 6377 6637 for more details.

5. Launch of the New EMAS Website

This year, EMAS members and those interested to find out more about the association, will see the birth of a complete make-over for the EMAS website. This includes more personal close up details of the EXCO, as well as a complete listing of members. There have been links placed in for member companies to their own websites, as well as a space for details about EMAS events, and partner promotions by members or for members. All in all it is a great change from the last website which was done up around 10 years ago. EMAS encourages all members to drop by and check out the new website. Your feedback would be most welcome as well!

6. Southwest CDC Career Fair

EMAS members from the cleaning industry are cordially invited by WDA, to take part in the upcoming Southwest CDC Career Fair, which is to be held on 15th February 2012. At present, several EMAS members are participating. Members interested to participate in this job fair for purposes of recruitment, can contact EMAS secretariat Foo Meng at foomeng@epc.com.sg or DID : +65 6377 6637 directly.

EMAS members from the pest control and portable toilet industries please note that WDA has further informed EMAS that a separate job fair will be held for these industries in the future, and that they will advise us of the dates and venues once details have been finalized.

Looking Back on Past Events in January 2012

1. Ladies' Luncheon - 17th January

A ladies' luncheon was held earlier on the 17th of January with participants from a total of 6 companies. It was a good opportunity for female powerhouses in the industry to get together and develop a good support network for ladies within this largely male dominated industry. Furthermore, it was a good dialogue to get viewpoints of the industry from the ladies' perspective! EMAS hopes to organize another luncheon for a larger group sometime later this year in July/August, and encourages all interested ladies to indicate your interest with the EMAS Secretariat. It would be a good time to kick back and relax in elegant surroundings, whilst having a good catch up and gossip sharing session with other ladies in the industry.

2. EMAS to sit as Advisory Member to the Tripartite Advisory Group formed by NEA

For members who have been following the EMAS bulletin updates closely in recent months, you will no doubt already know that EMAS President, Mr Milton Ng, will be representing the association to sit as an Advisory Member to the Tripartite Advisory Group formed by NEA. This group will be responsible for suggesting a set of new accreditation criteria relating to employment terms and standards for the cleaning sector.

Formed by NEA, this group will comprise of officers from NEA, MOM, MOF EMAS and Unions, as well as employers and employees of the industry, in order to obtain a suitable plurality of viewpoints and opinions. In addition, the advisory group will also be consulting service buyers to get their perspective on the issues at hand.

EMAS' role is to provide useful industry insights, inputs and views on how to raise professionalism and standards in the cleaning industry.

Whilst this initiative is limited to the cleaning industry for now, EMAS hopes to start with this and also drive this initiative with pest management as members typically also have business interests in this area. Additionally, in order to achieve optimum impact on the entire environmental health industry in the long term, change and focus is needed throughout the other parts of the industry, not just for the cleaning industry alone. Whilst these areas are not interdependent, starting with cleaning is a very important step and EMAS is glad to be a part of the process. EMAS is proud and honored to be accepted as a critical stakeholder in this process, and will keep all members posted on the progress achieved through this involvement.

3. Dialog Session with PUB

Held on 18th January at the Environment building, this dialogue session was aimed specifically for EMAS members in the liquid waste management sector, some of whom had recently joined EMAS. The dialogue covered many areas including:

- a. The possibility of having the Jurong disposal plant opened on the weekend.
- b. The possibility of having a disposal plant opened in the East
- c. To look at ways to avoid illegal dumping
- d. To understand the challenges faced by PUB in with regards to engagement of the industry and how to better address this

The discussion was conclusive for all present and this is definitely a step in the right direction, in terms of improving productivity, and increasing the lines of communication between the industry and the related government regulatory bodies. It was agreed that another dialogue to review the proposed amendments will be done in 6 month's time.

Membership

Since the start of 2012, EMAS has seen no new members in January. Contrasted with December's recruitment, this was certainly a drop in numbers. As such, this is a heartfelt call to all members: please encourage friends in the industry to join up as members. To effect change and professionalize the industry, we must come together as a unified and collective voice. Interested friends can download the membership application form from our new website!

Upcoming events in March & April

It is with great anticipation that EMAS is happy to announce the following upcoming events slated for March and April later this year. More details will be extended via separate weblasts later on, as the event details get finalized. So, keep an eye out for the events which interest you, and do be sure to sign up early!

- Joint event with NEA – Cleaning Accreditation Appreciation and related workshop
- Business Mission Trip to HK. (Cleaning, Pest management and Liquid Waste management)
- EMAS Kopi Chat – Dinner for rank and file staff who can get make the event to render feedback from their perspective on the industry.

Promotions for EMAS members only

Over the last couple of months we have opened up the bulletin to advertisements by associate members featuring special promotions for EMAS members. To date, there has been overwhelming support for promotional activities, and EMAS would like to thank our associate members for their support in the creation of an EMAS business community. For now, we have no more available advertisement slots for March and April for the special monthly feature. Those interested should contact the EMAS Secretariat Foo Meng at foomeng@epc.com.sg or DID : +65 6377 6637 for more details. Ad placement is on a first come first serve basis, and there are no charges involved.

For now, we will like to present two promotions for EMAS members.

1. 20% discount from Nilfisk-Advance

This month's feature promotion is extended to members courtesy of Nilfisk-Advance Pte Ltd. The brand is one of the leading manufacturers of professional cleaning equipment, and has been in the local market since 1983. The company caters to the needs of continuously growing industries such as hospital, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, industrial, marine, offshore oil and gas, shipping industry and cleaning, and has gained a reputation for innovation, reliability and good service.

For the month of February, Nilfisk is offering all EMAS members, a whopping **20% discount** on all their machines. For more details about their latest machines and contact person for the promotion, please see the attached press release from Nilfisk.

2. Promotions from Galmon

We would also like to highlight an ongoing promotion with Galmon Pte Ltd, which specializes in the selling, renting and servicing of aerial access equipment. Galmon has kindly extended two special promotions just for EMAS members, which are both valid the end of March 2012.

First, a special promo price of 300/pax for the Boom Lift Operator Course (MOM-approved) conducted by the company. Promotional period is from 1st Jan to 31st March 2012.

Details are as follows:

BOOM LIFT OPERATOR COURSE

Special Introductory Price @ S\$300/pax

Established since 1982, Galmon is the pioneer and leader in the aerial work platform industry in Singapore. Backed with ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001, bizSAFE Star and MOM-approved Accredited Training Provider credentials, Galmon is the brand you can trust and rely on for all your equipment and training needs.



MOM-Approved Boom Lift Operator Course

Course Aim

The aim of this course is to ensure that boom lift operators have received proper general training.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, trainees should be able to:

- Select the appropriate MEWP for the task and conditions where it is to be used including the completion of a risk assessment for the task to be carried out.
- State the safety requirements under the Workplace Safety and Health Act and the Code of Practice for Working safely at Height related to MEWP devices.
- Carry out a Pre-start Inspection of the MEWP
- State Factors Affecting Stability of the MEWP Identify common hazards during traveling, setup, operation, and parking of the MEWP and their control measures.
- Conduct a Workplace Inspection State the Functions of all MEWP's controls, including emergency controls and emergency procedures.
- Use Personal protective Equipment appropriate to the task, worksite and environment.
- Operate the MEWP safely as demonstrated in the hands on evaluation and assessment.

Target Audience

This course is designed for anyone that will use or operate a boom lift.

Assumed Skills & Knowledge

- Employability Skills System (ESS) including Workplace Literacy & Numberacy Level 3 & above or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age
- Physically fit with no handicap
- No problem with eyesight or hearing
- Not afraid of height

NOTE: It is compulsory for trainees to bring along their own safety shoes and safety helmet

Course Duration & Attendance

8-Hours total including 2-hours of assessment. 100% attendance is required.

Language

English

Course Price

From 1st January to 31st March 2012 : **S\$300 /pax** (special price)

From 1st April 2012 onwards : S\$400 /pax (usual price)

**Terms & Conditions apply.*

Galmon (S) Pte Ltd

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Additionally, Galmon is offering EMAS members **5% discount for rentals** of their equipment.

The promotion is **valid for 3 months** from the date of publication.

For more information, please see the attached info sheet about Galmon, or visit their website.