

## W99 - Safety and Health on Construction Sites



W99 deserves high commendation for becoming the latest Commission to produce its own Newsletter.

Aptly called The Hard Hat, the first issue came out in March of this year. The Editor is Theo C. Haupt with Coordinator Dr. Richard J. Coble as Co-editor.

In his report in the Newsletter Rick Coble expresses his optimism as regards the future of W99 to follow up what he regards as the "exciting growth in the last three years".

He goes on:

"Although professional work products have been a highlight of this Working Commission it is the people involvement that has been the exciting part. Safety and health on worksites engenders a certain type of person and the professionals are people desiring to help people. To that end, our research meetings, conferences and communication network have provided an opportunity for everyone of these professionals to rise to a new corporate and individual standard of excellence.

Just this year we have two new area coordinators with Amarjit Singh handling the Pacific Rim and Luis Dias in Europe. Both have been driving forces for safety in their respective countries and institutions.

On the administrative level, Theo Haupt from South Africa has done an excellent job on the coordination of our activities with Ed Jaselskis and Gary Smith doing the same on editing our W99 year-end reports. It is comforting to know that the image of our work products are in good hands.

We have two Conferences scheduled in 1998 and 1999, with participation looking to be highly promising. At the same time we all need to work at bringing professionals into our group".

Other items in the four page first issue of The Hard Hat include an article on Construction Safety regulated by law in China, some notes about Design for Safety and a Calendar of Future W99 Meetings and Conferences.

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