



An increasingly diversified industry

Occupational health and safety, risk management and compliance are the buzz words this month. In this issue, we join in on congratulating NOSA on a phenomenal 60 years in the occupational risk management industry.

This year also saw NOSA hold its 50th NOSHCON in August at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg, Kwazulu-Natal, in what has become one of the biggest occupational risk management events in Africa.

The occupational health and safety focus this month continues as we take a brief look at a new event which was launched this year to coincide with IFSEC South Africa. The OSH ExpoAfrica was launched by UBM Montgomery

(organisers of IFSEC SA) this year, and is co-located with the IFSEC event. Although still a brand new concept here in South Africa, visitors to the annual IFSEC international event in Birmingham will already be familiar with the idea of co-locating IFSEC with the OSH Expo and the Facilities Show – another new event in South Africa.

When one looks at the diversification of risk management for businesses in South Africa, it starts to make complete sense how pairing security products and services with occupational health and safety management is becoming ever more prominent in our country as well.

Furthermore, even as a security professional, occupational health and safety is relevant to absolutely any organisation. Legal requirements aside for a moment, it actually also just makes good business sense.

In a country where organisations are constantly bombarded with new legislation in an often harsh and unforgiving operating environment, it's easy to become a bit irritated at the mention of even more legislative requirements.

So, coming from a purely hardened business point of view, when you explore the facts further, you'll be surprised by the numerous financial benefits. Turn to page 24 for some insights from **Errol Peace**, of BTC Training, on this fascinating topic.

Coming back to IFSEC for a moment, which now seems like a lifetime ago, the event itself always provides a great opportunity to catch up with old and new faces – and this year was no exception.

It was also encouraging to note the growing positivity in the industry. People seem to

have put the global recession behind them, are determined to march on and judging by some of the fantastic new product launches that took place, the market is indeed buzzing again. Turn to page 12 and beyond for more on that.

This past month has also provided for rich news content. Rugby supporter or not, it's definitely been a bit of a blue Monday for all of us, especially those who got up at 6:30am to watch our boys get their hearts broken in New Zealand this past Sunday.

And although I haven't seen any, "I hate Bryce Lawrence" Facebook pages yet, it's unlikely that the name will be affectionately remembered here for many years to come.

We also got the reality of the current crime situation with the release of the latest SAPS crime stats, the fight for Libya continues and on a very sinister note – everyone that was closely related to **Lolly Jackson** in terms of business dealings, seems to be in very real danger.

As someone who has always been morbidly fascinated with the underworld, I could not resist reading Mandy Weiner's *Killing Keble*. It certainly brings home the fact that there's a whole wide world operating almost like a kind of parallel universe within our own country. It's got its own rules, its own laws and it's all happening right here ... on your doorstep and mine. This is nothing new in a country that already has as many skeletons in the closet as we do, but it certainly does make you think. Who really is in charge around here?

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