

SUT YES! Design, Execution & Safety: A Young Professionals Perspective

Report on YES! Evening Event

Rigby's Bar & Grill, Thursday, 26th May 2016

Heath Murrie, SUT YES! Committee Member



This was the second YES! event for 2016 and was held at Rigby's Bar and Grill on the 26th May. The initiative behind the evening was to give the audience an overview of the design and execution phases of a project and combine those topics from a safety perspective.

After 30 minutes of networking, drinks and light food, YES! Chair Ibrahim Ayoub began proceedings with his Chairman's welcome. After highlighting to the audience that 46% of offshore injuries occur to the hands, Session Chair Heath Murrie conducted a quick activity with the audience where everyone took a business card out of their wallet with one hand only. This gave everyone an insight of what life was like for someone who had lost a hand and was aimed at creating some awareness on the obvious importance of looking after one's self.

Once the initial formalities were complete Bill Wagland from OneSubsea gave a 15 minute presentation on the design phase. He discussed the importance of the design process, finding the optimum point in a design and shared some of his career experiences. Next up was Aaron Pushparatnam from Technip Oceania. His presentation highlighted some of the difficulties a project encounters during execution. His video's and crowd interaction kept the audience very engaged. Seamus Granger from DOF Subsea rounded out the presentations by highlighting the time he spent in DOF's HSE department. His presentation gave an excellent perspective of today's safety culture and how important it is for everyone to contribute to the safety message.

The speeches went a little faster than anticipated, which ended up being quite advantageous, as the Q&A session was one of the highlights of the night. The audience participation was quite dynamic and it appeared that everyone received something out of it. The Q&A session ended up going for the better part of 20 minutes.

Ibrahim then closed the evening and outlined the final activity. To earn an additional drink token, audience members were invited to write their name, position and company on a white board using their non-dominant hand. This activity was well received with everyone having a bit of fun and once again showed that our hands are one of our most useful assets.

Once the formalities were complete the audience, YES! committee members and the three panelists took part in networking drinks and more light food. The night couldn't have been the success that it was without the financial support from DOF Subsea and Technip Oceania. The evening also marked the final event for the current YES! committee and the YES! community noted their keen interest in seeing what the new committee will bring!

