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British Safety Council renews educational ideas for free seminar programme at Health and Safety 09

Now the Official Educational Partner of the Health and Safety 09 series of regional events sponsored by DuPont, the British Safety Council has unveiled new ideas and seminar topics that will be included in the educational programme at the first event of 2009. Health and Safety 09 - South takes place on the 24th and 25th February at Sandown Park in Esher, Surrey.

On the first day of the event, new presenters and topics include *Constructing Best Practice* by Michelle Aldous of Constructing Better Health. Constructing Better Health is the 'not for profit' organisation set up by the construction industry to implement a national scheme for the management of occupational health across all sectors. Michelle's presentation will give an update of the progress made to date in the implementation of this important national scheme and outline future developments.

Also taking place on the first day is *Getting Workers Actively Involved in Managing Risks to Health and Safety* by Nigel Bryson of Bryson Consulting. This presentation will identify the business benefits that effective workforce involvement brings as according to the HSE (Health and Safety Executive), 60% of employers in the UK do not consult their workforce about health and safety. Nigel will be examining the legalities of such information and the fact that businesses are missing out on all the benefits that such involvement would bring.

On the second day a new presenter, David Thomas of William Hare, the structural engineering company, will cover a subject which continues to be responsible for a high number of deaths, *Working at Height*. David's seminar will cover all aspects of safety when working at height, setting out the simple hierarchy for managing and selecting equipment for work at height and outlining some of the fundamental measures required for a safe system of work as required by The Work at Height Regulations 2005.

Also taking place on the second day is a seminar entitled *Shattered Lives: A STEP in the right direction* from Mark Thomas of the HSE. Mark's presentation will demonstrate the new, innovative Slips and Trips eLearning Package (STEP), the latest addition to the HSE's extensive range of guidance and materials available under the 'Shattered Lives' Campaign. Mark will also talk about the second phase of the campaign which is about promoting action in the workplace to address the risks of slips, trips and falls from height.

Neal Stone, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the BSC, commented on the educational content: "We have put together a topical educational programme which addresses major health and safety issues of the day including Working at Height and Noise while also looking at important workplace health issues. The event offers those in the South a real opportunity to hear from expert speakers and update their knowledge without having to travel a great distance."

The full list of seminars and speakers is available to view at: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk

Registering for Health and Safety 09 - South including seminars is free. Registration is via: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk or for those without internet access registration can be completed by calling the event helpline on: 0870 4866816.

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Editor's Notes:

Western Business Exhibitions organises a number of successful exhibitions and conferences in the UK. As well as the Health and Safety 09 events, the company organises The Energy Event which

has swiftly and successfully established itself as the number one exhibition and conference in its sector. Health and Safety '09 – South will take place at Sandown Park on 24th and 25th February 2009.

For further information on Health and Safety 08 visit: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk

About the British Safety Council

Founded in 1957, and operating in over 50 countries, the British Safety Council (BSC) is one of the world's leading independent authorities on health, safety and environmental sustainability. As a registered charity with a global network of 8,000 members and subscribers, the BSC provides information, audits, expert training and qualifications, all designed to promote a healthier, safer and more sustainable society, and in the longer term, to influence these agendas on the worldwide stage. The BSC is the only organisation to offer the fullest suite of health and safety qualifications, including the NEBOSH National General Certificate and IOSH, IIRSM and IEMA accredited Diploma courses

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