

Special Technical Meet

Interactive Session with Dr. Antony Cantrell



The Executive Committee of SEA (India) had an opportunity to have an interactive discussion session with Dr. Antony Cantrell, Deputy Director, National Centre for Occupational Health, Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Cantrell, who visited India, in connection with his training programmes at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai could spare some time for discussions with SEA (India) on 11th October 2003. Along with the members of the Executive Committee of SEA (India), representatives from Regional Labour Institute, Govt. of India, Chennai and Loss Prevention Association, Chennai also participated.

Dr. Cantrell made an exclusive presentation on HSE Management System followed in South African industries. He narrated the chronological developments in HSE Management System right from the age-old mining activities upto the recent spurt in crude oil exploration and production. HSE regulations in South Africa were similar to Health and Safety Regulations of Health and Safety Executives in U.K. Punitive actions against erring industries were severe, he added. Focus on major hazardous industries and Safety Training were the government's present priority, he concluded.

He answered a number of questions, raised by participants and the interactive discussion was very enlightening and lively till the end.

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