

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Branch: UAE

Date: 17th April, 2019

Time: 18:30 Hrs – 20:30 Hrs

Venue: Etihad Training Academy

Meeting No: 78

ATTENDEES:

Name	Name	Name
Matt Cox	Abdullatif Albitawi	Haridas Palangattu Veettil
Aamir Khan	Aashish Kumar	Ahmed Abdul Kader
Ajith Sivan	Alwin John Augustin	Ameen Ayoub Sbaih
Asila Sulaimon	Azhar Hamza	Belinda Griffiths
Boris Becker	Branco Dennenberg	Christian Rivera
Emmanuel Almanani	Everitus Chukwumage	Ghulam Murtaza
Gurmukh Singh	Hafiz Waqas	Javid Ahamed
Lamis Al Kaisi	M. Satish Kumar	Melvin Mallari
Mohammad Asif	Moimen Al Ahmady	Muhammad Hamada
Mujahaid Abbas	Nasim Hussain	Osama Al Saleiby
Palmer Ikechukwu	Patricia Onou	Rahim Kasim
Rana Javed	Sairam Bandaru	Sankarapavannsam
Satya Narain	Srinivas Ganish	Sumesh Sukumaran
Supreeth Attavar	Vasuki Vasudevan	Vidya Sagar

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APOLOGIES:

Name	Name	Name
Luay Salih	Kevin Coleman	Jason Woods
Suzanne Nally		

ITEM	MEETING AGENDA	PRESENTED BY
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping	Matt Cox (Chairman - IIRSM UAE Branch)
2.	Presentation – ‘Establishing Systems in compliance with ISO 1400’	Matt Cox (Chairman - IIRSM UAE Branch)
3.	Networking break	-
4.	Presentation – ‘Identifying Environmental Aspects’	Abdullatif Albitawi (UAE Branch Treasurer)
5.	IIRSM Overview & UAE Branch Update	Matt Cox (Chairman - IIRSM UAE Branch)

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1.	<p>Matt Cox welcomed all attendees to the 78rd UAE branch meeting. He then gave the attendees a venue safety briefing, inclusive of some other specific housekeeping arrangements. Matt ran through the planned agenda, before commencing with the first presentation for the evening.</p>	Info Only	-
2.	<p>Presentation 1 – ‘Establishing Systems in Compliance with ISO 14001’</p> <p>The first session of the evening was facilitated by Matt himself, following the unfortunate withdrawal of a planned speaker who had flown out of the country, for medical treatment</p> <p>Matt introduced the topic of Environmental Management Systems development, set against the backdrop that whilst many HSE practitioners in the region had ‘E’ in their job titles, many tended to focus on, or were suitably qualified to manage the ‘S’ only. Accordingly, the presentation covered many considerations for development of an EMS, to both drive and evidence compliance with the ISO standard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to ISO 14001 2. Changes in 2015 std from previous version (2004) 3. Benefits to organisations of implementation 4. Indicative examples of what documents may be used / developed to satisfy the various clauses of the standard <p>This was a well-received presentation, which generated lots of discussion by those in attendance.</p>	Info Only	-

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3.	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>Attendees were invited to network with others during a brief adjournment. It was very pleasing to see some of our sponsors representatives such as Myriad Global Media and PASMA interacting with those in attendance.</p>	Info Only	
4.	<p>Session 2 – ‘Identifying Environmental Aspects’</p> <p>Dovetailing nicely with elements of Matt’s presentation, the second presentation of the evening was on the topic of ‘Identifying Environmental Aspects’. This was presented by Abdullatif Albitawi (UAE Branch Treasurer) which covered the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirements of the ISO standard 2. Differences between and Environmental Aspect and Impact 3. Obligations of organisations 4. Different standardised techniques available for Environmental Aspect identification <p>Due to the excellent delivery and examples provided, the presentation generated lots of discussion from those in attendance.</p>	Info Only	-

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5.	<p>IIRSM & UAE Branch Update</p> <p>Matt Cox then provided attendees with a round-up of key IIRSM and UAE Branch Updates, inclusive of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IIRSM Risk Excellence Awards, citing representation from GCC amongst finalists 2. Celebrating success : recent GCC IIRSM Fellowship approvals 3. Recent IIRSM Strategy Day held in UK 4. Upcoming UAE branch AGM and committee elections 	Info Only	-
5.	Finally, Matt thanked all for their attendance before the meeting was closed at 20:30hrs	Info Only	-

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