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NASC & CISRS Success at The Health & Safety Event, NEC, March 22-24

The NASC and CISRS shared a successful stand at last week's The Health & Safety Event - aka 'Three days to save a life' - at the NEC in Birmingham (March 22nd-24th).

Their trade stand #C66, directly opposite the main conference theatre attracted hundreds of visits from health and safety professionals, scaffolding contracting and manufacturing firms (members and non-members), as well as representatives from local authorities and main contractors. And almost 1,000 NASC/CISRS eco bags, filled with key publications and marketing material were handed out to some of the 6,000 exhibition delegates - widening the reach of both organisations to industry experts.

Fresh from the printers, the NASC's 2016 Safety Report was incredibly well received - reiterating the message that NASC audited and regulated member companies are responsible for diminishing accident and injury statistics and recorded zero fatalities again in 2015.

And there was great interest in the NASC's recently unveiled core Safety Guidance, SG4:15 'Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations' along with continued enquiries for the NASC's innovative TG20:13 'Good Practice Guide for Tube and Fitting Scaffolding' Technical Guidance.

In addition, NASC staff fielded questions on recent changes to the NASC membership subscription rate (introducing a lower threshold of £995+ VAT for companies with a sub-£1M turnover), and there were enquiries about the newly re-launched, mobile-optimised NASC and CISRS websites, amongst other matters.

As ever at these events, the CISRS scheme, course standardisation process, new two-day scaffolding supervisor refresher training course, System Scaffold Product Training Scheme (SSPTS) and Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme (OSTS) attracted many enquiries from delegates - confirming the scheme's success.

The striking centre-piece of the NASC and CISRS 12-metre stand was a free-standing scaffold tower - unmissable across the exhibition hall - constructed by Birmingham-based NASC Full Contracting member company, Scaffold Erection Services Ltd, who built the structure from Haki system scaffold product (Haki Ltd are NASC Hire, Sales & manufacturing members).

In addition to exhibiting, the NASC and CISRS were represented at the event's main conference theatre on day two by Rick Statham, joint MD of Safety & Access Ltd (CISRS training providers in Nottingham and Lincolnshire) – who took part in a successful panel debate on 'construction competence' chaired by Neal Stone, Policy and Standards Director of the British Safety Council.

NASC MD, Robin James said: "By all accounts, this event has been the most successful and far reaching exhibition in recent years. The level of enquiries about what NASC does to improve safety and working standards within the scaffolding and work at height industries has been second to none. And we'd like to thank members Scaffold Erection Services Ltd and Haki Ltd for providing the free-standing scaffold tower for the event stand, which attracted a lot of attention."

CISRS Training Manager, Dave Mosley added: "This event has provided a fantastic opportunity to promote many of the positive things currently happening within scaffolding training. It was particularly pleasing to have the accredited training providers and CISRS scheme represented in the conference panel debate by Rick Statham of Safety & Access Ltd. We'd like to thank him for his time and expertise, which were very well received."

Health & Safety Events (run by Western Business Publishing, WBP) were first launched in 2007 and have expanded rapidly with support from the industry's leading stakeholders, such as the British Safety Council. The event organisers say: "The Health & Safety Event provides the perfect networking and educational opportunity to anyone responsible for running a safe and efficient workplace, anywhere in the UK. Each event brings together the very best of the UK health & safety industry at a strategically positioned venue. Combining ease of access for the visitor with affordability and measurable ROI for the exhibitor is what makes these events so popular."

Due to the unprecedented success of this 2016 NEC event, NASC and CISRS will be attending next year's NEC event, on Stand H32, March 21-23, 2017. And they will also be exhibiting at the 'Scotland Works' event run by WBP, held at Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) in Glasgow on May 3-4 2017.

For 2016, the NASC and CISRS will be exhibiting later this summer at the Safety & Health Expo at ExCeL London UK, June 21-23 on **stand S1850**.

For details about becoming an NASC member and to find out more about the NASC – the scaffold industry guidance trade body organisation – please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk. And for further details on the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS), please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.