



Health of the Nation

The need for solid health and safety systems procedures and practices is more important than ever as we move out of the European and customs union into World Trade Organisation rules for the global market. While it is hoped that in time that the UK will negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with many of our trading partners throughout the world, there is a need to make sure we do not miss out on opportunities during this period of change.

As the exchange rate fluctuations have worked in the UKs favour for UK companies looking to export goods and services, the cost of imported goods included in products and systems has increased our overall cost base. The need for differentiation from our competitors is vital for our long-term future and by being more professional, innovative and providing reliable systems is one way to ensure we can all succeed in these changing times. This is where Shapa can help with 110-member organisations covering all aspects of the Solids handling industry from power testing to full turnkey bulk handling systems.

Continuing this quest for rounded expertise to be available to members and the whole of the solids handling industry in general, SHAPA was involved in the recent BOHS / LEV seminar held in early February during which many papers were presented by Occupational Hygienists, LEV, HSE and BOHS Engineers on the need to improve the health of the working population through the accurate monitoring and control of dusts. The seminar was well attended, and SHAPA Members were instrumental in organising and running the event, the main focus of the event was to improve the well being of the nation through sharing best practice and techniques. SHAPA was pleased to be an integral part of the successful seminar. For more information on dust and dust control just visit the equipment finder and technical papers on the Shapa website at www.shapa.co.uk

Celebrating Success

This year SHAPA Solids Handling Industry awards are now in their fourth year and the quality of the nominations is outstanding. This year's categories include, innovation, export, newcomer and company of the year. The awards ceremony is to take place at the SS Great Britain located in Bristol on the 17th April 2018, which is a fantastic venue for these prestigious awards. In addition to the Solids handling Industry awards, SHAPA in conjunction with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, (IMechE) has awarded the Bulk Handling Award to Gordon Ince for his work in the tunnelling industry

Continuing the help and support for the solids handling industry SHAPA have recently published two more technical papers, Total cost of Ownership and How to Prepare a Case Study, these papers are available to download from the technical section of the SHAPA Website at www.shapa.co.uk