

CPI Biennial Health and Safety Conference



Say No Say Yes Campaign Launch

L-R David Snowball, Yorkshire and North East Regional Director, HSE; Martin Oldman, Director General, CPI and Tony Burke, Assistant General Secretary, Unite

The Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) held its Biennial Health and Safety Conference yesterday (Tuesday 3rd November).

Over 180 delegates attended the conference, which was aimed at Chief Executive Officers, Operational Managers, Health and Safety practitioners and Safety Representatives from within the paper industry.

This year's programme was aimed specifically at helping companies:

- understand the importance of managing process safety, to avoid becoming complacent by relying purely on personal safety;
- understand why people act the way that they do, and why there is a need to design tasks that take human error into account;
- appreciate the value of co-operation and shared vision, and how worker involvement can help deliver sustainable improvements.

The programme included presentations from high-profile speakers, including:

- **Leading from the Top**
Clive Bowers, Chief Executive Officer, Smurfit Kappa Corrugated UK
- **Managing Process Safety**
David Snowball, Health & Safety Executive
- **Business Improvement Framework: Securing Change**
Martin Gummery and Sarah Stephenson, Newleaf International Ltd
- **Process Safety and Corporate Manslaughter**
Ron Reid, Shoosmith Solicitors
- **Managing Human Factors**
Pippa Brockington, HM, Specialist Inspector
- **Leading Change in Difficult Times**
Prof John Oliver, OBE, Director of Team Enterprise Solutions LLP

The conference also marked the launch of the 'Say No, Say Yes' campaign, a joint initiative between CPI and Unite the Union, to improve health and safety at all levels in the industry. It lays down a set of common goals for managers and employees that involve *Saying No* to taking risks, but *Saying Yes* to health and safety.

Speaking after the event, Andrew Braund, CPI, Head of Health and Safety, deemed the Conference a resounding success: "Even during challenging times, the support and commitment for this event by so many companies,

illustrates how seriously the paper industry takes health and safety. The programme was designed to be thought-provoking and to challenge the 'status quo'. Through an array of highly qualified speakers we have achieved that.

"The challenge for everyone now, is to return to their business with a "fresh pair of eyes" and, working together, undertake quality task and error analysis risk assessments and use the results to implement change."

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Notes to Editors

- For additional information on the UK paper industry, in the first instance, please contact Catherine Waterfield, External Affairs Coordinator, on 01793 889612 or email cwaterfield@paper.org.uk. Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.
- CPI is the voice of the paper industry in the UK, representing papermakers, tissue manufacturers, corrugated packaging producers and recovered paper merchants.
- CPI represents 265 member sites across 60 companies, with a combined annual turnover of £4 billion and 24,500 personnel.