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Under the patronage of His Excellency Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, Kingdom of Bahrain, ASIS Middle East 2017 attracted over 600 registrants to the Ritz Carlton, Bahrain, on November 5 to 7.

The event was opened by His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Minister of Oil, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr. Muhammad M. Al-Saggaf, senior vice president of operations and business services, Saudi Aramco, provided the opening Keynote Address. He helped the security practitioners in attendance understand the broader context of economic diversification in the region, so that efforts can be better directed to support those strategic objectives.

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One of the event highlights was a panel discussion where the opening keynote speech was interpreted from a variety of security professionals' perspectives. The panelists were His Excellency Major General Tariq Al-Hassan, public security chief, Kingdom of Bahrain; Aali Al-Zahrani, general manager of industrial security, Saudi Aramco and senior regional vice president of ASIS International Region 12, which covers the Middle-East and North Africa; Eduard Emde, head of the health, safety and security section at ESA European Space Agency, and past president, ASIS International; and Thomas J. Langer, CPP, ASIS International 2017 president and vice president of Security at BAE Systems.

The conference covered a broad range of key topics such as critical infrastructure protection, soft target protection, compliance, the human factor in cybersecurity, offshore security, future skillsets for security professionals, IoT risks, maritime security, travel risk management and risks, and solutions related to unmanned aerial vehicles.



ASIS International President, Thomas J. Langer, CPP, remarked, "This event highlighted just how many security challenges we face in common, regardless of which region of the world we operate in. There is a clear need - not just for security professionals - but also their colleagues, and especially leaders, to be

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aware and supportive of integrated approaches to managing risk. In many sessions, we saw a natural link to ASIS' strategic priority around using Enterprise Security Risk Management (ESRM) as a means to mitigate an interconnected range of threats to our organizations."

The event was supported by Knowledge Partners: Saudi Aramco, the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC), and the ASIS International Dhahran Chapter. Sponsors included AMNCO, Secutronic, Building Defence Systems, G4S, BT Group, NESMA Security, and Nesma Trading.

## Dhahran Chapter Annual Seminar



**Keynote Speaker Major General Dr. Khalid Al-Aqeel.**

*By Alanood Alrabiah*

In coordination with Ministry of Interior, High Commission of Industrial Security (HCIS), ASIS Dhahran Chapter conducted its annual seminar on 24 October at Al-Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The theme of the event was "Securing an Evolving Nation" which provided an understanding of the new directives and their impact on the projects and existing security of industrial facilities in Saudi Arabia.

The Secretary General of the HCIS, Ministry of Interior, Major General Dr. Khalid Al-Aqeel was a keynote speaker in the seminar titled "Securing an Evolving Nation." Addressing the audience, Al -Aqeel demonstrated the importance of HCIS standards in improving and unifying security measures in industrial facilities. The national security of Saudi Arabia, including the security of the economy and the well-being of its population, depends directly on physical and operational safety of all types of industrial facilities across Saudi Arabia.

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The event also hosted an exhibition providing a platform for various companies and organizations contributing to the safety and industrial security sector in the Kingdom to showcase their products and services.

"The event is one of many events hosted by Dhahran Chapter in its pursuit to make a difference and have a variety of activities throughout the year and to continue our mission to promote security awareness among members and local communities" said Mr. Jaber Al-Suhaimi, CPP, Dhahran Chapter Chair.

The event attracted more than 425 participants, comprising both members and guests, and was very successful.

*Alanood Alrabiah is Women in Security Liaison for the ASIS Dhahran Chapter.*

### Turki Al-Turki Awarded Lifetime Membership



Former ASIS International Regional Vice President, Turki Al-Turki was awarded lifetime membership at ASIS Middle East 2017.

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Having first joined ASIS 28 years ago in 1989, he was Chair of the Dhahran Chapter from 2007 to 2008 and served as a regional vice president and member of the Middle East Advisory Council from 2009 to 2017.

Turki was presented with the award by ASIS International 2017 President, Thomas J. Langer, CPP, and Aali Al-Zahrani, senior regional vice president, Region 12.

## Dubai Chapter October Meeting

*By Peter Page, CPP*

The ASIS International Dubai Chapter held its October meeting in the contemporary surroundings of the Rove Downtown Hotel, located in the centre of Dubai, close to Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.

The event was kindly sponsored and hosted by WSP. Two themes were addressed: information resilience as a key component of enterprise resilience, and the benefits and opportunities of the SABRE security certification for the built environment in the region.

Peter Page, CPP, Dubai Chapter vice chair, opened the proceedings before Peter Richards, head of security risk management at WSP gave an opening keynote address on the synergies between organisations such as ASIS and WSP.

Richards was followed by Notis Iliopoulos, manager of cybersecurity at WSP who spoke on linkages between information security management systems and IT security, and their evolution into an information resilience methodology.

After a networking break, the presentations continued with an introduction to Security Assessment and Certification for Buildings and Infrastructure (SABRE), and benefits of auditing threat, risk and security strategy.

A well-received panel discussion on the applicability of SABRE within a regional context followed. SABRE is a security assessment and certification scheme for new and existing buildings and built infrastructure assets that can be used to assess many types of building and infrastructure.

The Dubai Chapter will be holding its Annual General Meeting in November before a short break over the festive period.

*Peter Page, CPP, is vice chair of the ASIS Dubai Chapter.*

Articles for the next *ME Dynamics* can be submitted until December 3.

## ASIS International News

### Critical Infrastructure Protection: Focus of November's Spotlight

# SECURITY SPOTLIGHT

[Security Spotlight](#) features free ASIS-curated information and resources for

security management professionals, including recorded webinar and Seminar sessions, *Security Management* articles, book excerpts, and more. This month features resources on protecting critical infrastructure.

### Participate on Standards and Guidelines Commission - Deadline 24 November

The ASIS Commission on Standards and Guidelines is undergoing a new membership formation process, effective January 2018, and with a heightened global emphasis.

The work of preparing standards and guidelines is carried out through the ASIS Standards and Guidelines Technical Committees and governed by the Commission on Standards and Guidelines. The Commission ensures that standards and guidelines development is voluntary, nonproprietary, and consensus-based, utilizing the knowledge, experience, and expertise of ASIS membership, security professionals, and the global security profession.

Instructions for applying are posted on the [ASIS Standards and Guidelines Commission webpage](#).

**The due date for applications is Friday, 24 November.**

## Middle East Overview

### Saudi Arabia Tightens Security at Oil Facilities After Bahrain Pipeline Attack



The Saudi Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources has tightened security at all its oil facilities following the Bahrain pipeline attack on 10 November. It also suspended pumping oil to Bahrain after the attack on the crude oil pipeline.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Al-Arabiya*

### Saudi Arabia Sets up New Authority for Cybersecurity



[ASIS Europe 2018](#) will take place on 18-20 April 2018, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Under the conference theme, "Blurred Boundaries - Clear Risks", the programme will tackle the impacts of Big Data and artificial intelligence, plus provide up-to-date risk outlooks, case studies, and analysis across the full range of key security management issues.

The "From Risk to Resilience" event format launched in Milan in March this year will be repeated, with its informative mix of conference, training, technology and solutions, exhibition, and career centre.

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