



SAFETY  
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SOCIETY

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# What I am going to cover

- Continuing Professional Development – why do we need it?
- Benefits of Professional Registration
- How can SaRS help?
  - What is SaRS?
  - What does SaRS offer?
  - Joining SaRS – helping you develop



# Continuing Professional Development

## What is it?

- It's the systematic way of keeping up to date in your professional work.

## Why do we need it?

- To refresh, widen and challenge our knowledge to keep us moving forward with our career development
- Establish a path to join a recognised body like SaRS and potentially to professional registration



- Good for you
- Good for your company

# How can SaRS help?

## CPD:

- Help with career path planning and advice on mentoring
- Events and publications for learning new skills, networking and cross-industry learning
- Advice on progression to Professional Registration
- Provides recognised levels of membership (eg. Member, Fellow) to help employers and customers know the level you are working at within your professional domain.



# How can SaRS help?

## Professional Registration:

- Safety and Reliability engineering is a specialist area
- SaRS has worked hard to get Safety and Reliability expertise recognised for Professional Registration with the Engineering Council via the Society of Environmental Engineers
- A few words on Professional Registration



# Professional Registration

Benefits of achieving Chartered status\*:

- Improved career prospects
- Higher earning potential
- Demonstrate professional attitude to employers and customers
- Enhanced status leading to higher self-esteem
- International recognition
- Evidence of expertise

## Video

\*see the Engineering Council website:

<http://www.engc.org.uk/benefits.aspx>



# What is SaRS?

- The Safety and Reliability Society (SaRS) was formed in 1980
- SaRS is a Professional Affiliate of the Engineering Council
- SaRS has links with many organisations including European Safety and Reliability Association (ESRA) and British Standards Institute (BSI)
- SaRS is run by volunteers who know and understand Safety and Reliability
  - It's run by the members for the members
- It promotes Safety and Reliability learning, development and recognition across all industries in the UK and Internationally
- Honorary Fellows include individuals such as Lord Cullen and Mike Weightman



# What does SaRS offer?

- National conferences and regional branch events for cross industry learning and networking
- Regular newsletters and a peer reviewed quarterly Journal which is indexed on Thomson and Reuters databases
- A comprehensive website which has been developed with the needs of the membership in mind – [www.sars.org.uk](http://www.sars.org.uk)
- Recognised membership levels
- SaRS provides a pathway to Incorporated Engineer and Chartered Engineer registration with the Engineering Council
- Career path planning through ‘mycareerpath’ on the website



# Types of Individual Membership

The Society has six grades of individual membership;

**Fellow**

**Member**

**Experience Route to Member**

**Associate Member**

**Student**

**Associate**

**Details on the website - [www.sars.org.uk](http://www.sars.org.uk)**

# Membership

- SaRS currently has 650+ members
- A stringent membership criteria maintains an expert gold standard for practitioners
- Anyone can join SaRS as an Associate or a Student
- To become a corporate member (Associate Member, Member, Fellow) an application must be submitted which is reviewed by a panel of cross industry experts
- SaRS provides a route to Incorporated and Chartered Engineer with the Engineering Council

# Expertise

The membership of the Society includes experts from both safety and reliability, from many specialisms, from a wide range of disciplines and across many industries including:

- Defence
- Rail
- Oil and gas
- Transportation
- Nuclear
- Energy
- Aerospace
- Maritime

This provides a unique learning environment where lessons from enquiries and incident reports can be analysed for cross-industry differences and commonalities

# Affiliate Organisation Membership

- SaRS has 30+ Affiliate Organisation Members
- These include companies, universities and consultants
- SaRS provides benefits to supporting organisations such as
  - Discounted advertising rates (recruitment or general)
  - Entry into online Affiliate Organisation Directory
  - Entry in quarterly Journal Affiliate Directory
  - Free full page entry per annum in quarterly Journal
  - Discounted delegate fees at SaRS events and co-sponsored events
  - Discounted membership fees (subject to minimum numbers and block payment terms)

A full directory of Affiliate Member Organisations can be found on the SaRS website and in the SaRS Journal

# London Branch programme

- Making Balanced Safety Decisions – November 16<sup>th</sup> – 4 speakers and a panel discussion
- System Safety of large projects – January 18<sup>th</sup> – speaker from Crossrail
- Cyber security – 15<sup>th</sup> March – 3 speakers and a panel discussion
- Goal Structured Notation – May 17<sup>th</sup> – 2 speakers

**Register on the website**

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# So what has SaRS ever done for us?



# For me?

- Cross industry learning
- Networking – established valuable contacts and friends
- Introduction to new techniques and technologies
- Raising my profile by speaking at events
- Recognition of expertise through being a Member and then a Fellow



# Summary

- SaRS is run for the benefit of its members and wider the development of safety, reliability and engineering risk management practice
- Being a member of SaRS is recognition of your skills and expertise
- SaRS provides a route to Professional Registration
- SaRS relies on its members to ensure its continued success
- It's never too early to join
- Join and get involved

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Thank you for your interest in the Safety and Reliability Society