

# Dangerous Goods Symposium for Instructors



## DGIS II Program Agenda – Dangerous Goods Instructors' Symposium II – Best Practices Focus

### Tuesday, November 27 – Arrivals and Registration

4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. – Hotel Lobby

Register at the desk located in the lobby and pick up your welcome packet.

Then join your hosts – Neil McCulloch, Labelmaster, and Jaime Escobar, Atlas Air Dangerous Goods Training – in the Poolside Lounge.

### Wednesday, November 28 – Workshop Day I

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. – Registration, Hotel Lobby

The focus for this second Dangerous Goods Instructors' Symposium is on identifying "Best Practices in Dangerous Goods Training." Instructors will participate in workshops based on their "function specific" training focus. These highly interactive workshops will provide every instructor the opportunity to air and share their experience and opinions on what constitutes a dangerous goods training "best practice" and to suggest how these might be used to improve and enhance the effectiveness and universality of dangerous goods training.

#### Stream 1 – Best Practices Working Forum, Martinique Room

Moderator: Rhonda Jessop, Labelmaster

These workshops are designed to capture top ideas for best practices from dangerous goods instructors from across the globe. The results will be shared in the Plenary Session on Friday morning.

Time	User Group	Session Leader	Description
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Professional Trainers	Scott Dunsmore, Lion Technology	Individual instructors and training schools who offer dangerous goods courses to third parties.
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee		
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	In House Compliance Managers/Trainers	Todd Strobel, 3M	Best practices in developing and implementing company-wide training policy.
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch/Break		
2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Training Regulations and Enforcement	Bob Richard, PHMSA	What do government agencies expect from an industry's hazmat training program? What is the enforcement "standard" and how do they measure it?
3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Networking		

#### Stream 2 – Practicum, Guadeloupe Room

The practicum stream allows instructors to learn from the experts in specialist areas. Note these sessions are concurrent and will be repeated (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) if there is sufficient interest.

Time	Topic	Session Leader	Description
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Uses and Abuses of Computer Based Training (CBT)	Steve Hunt, ShipMate	An in-depth interactive discussion on the use of CBT in the dangerous goods training environment.
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee		
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	What's in a Package or is that a Packaging?	Tracie Cady, Labelmaster Jay Johnson, Inmark Dean Ricker, Skolnik Industries	What trainers should know about the various packaging types.

#### Stream 3 – Program Development, St. Barthelemy Room

Included in these specialized topics is a group discussion in Spanish as best practices and application of the regulations are different in Latin America. This group will try to identify some key action items for the Latin American instructor community. Concurrently, there will be a review of how the UN standard regulations are structured to evaluate if the format and structure of 49 CFR is a barrier to training efficiency.

Time	Topic	Session Leader	Description
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Training in Latin America	Jorge Cardena, Instituto de Cap Int en Carga	Session conducted in Spanish.
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	User-Friendly Regulatory Standards	Neil McCulloch, Labelmaster	Extensive examples chosen from Labelmaster's A.I.R. Shipper™

#### Reception

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – BT's Lounge Patio

Buffet at 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Martinique Room

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## DGIS II Program Agenda—Continued

### Thursday, November 29—Plenary Day, Martinique Room

Time	Topic	Session Leader	Description
8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Opening	Neil McCulloch, Labelmaster	Why is this an exciting time in dangerous goods transport?
<b>International Regulatory Updates</b>			
9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	UN Updated	Bob Richard, DOT PHMSA	Regulatory updates with a focus on training implications.
9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	ICAO Update	Katherine Rooney, ICAO	Dr. Rooney comes to the symposium straight from the DG.
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	IMO Update	Haldis Fearn, HMF2	The forgotten mode?
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee		
<b>Enhancing Quality Initiatives</b>			
11:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	ICAO Competency-Based Standards	Katherine Rooney, ICAO	ICAO's project for the development of competency-based standards.
11:20 a.m.-11:40 a.m.	DGAC/PHMSA Voluntary Instructor Guidelines	Frits Wybenga, DGAC	DGAC's project to define instructor best practices and guidelines.
11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	COSTHA/PHMSA Enhancing the Image of the DG Professional	Jeanne Zmich, Labelmaster	COSTHA's project to build a framework for a dangerous goods transportation career path.
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch		
<b>Enhancing Quality Training</b>			
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Humor in Training	Mike Hoysler, FedEx	How to keep your training material fresh and interesting.
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	The Health of the Dangerous Goods Transportation Industry—A Global Review	Peter MacKay, Hazardous Cargo Bulletin	With decades' worth of monitoring and reporting the health and state of dangerous goods transport, Mr. MacKay reviews the current conditions.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Safety Management Systems	Daniel Sylvestre, Transport Canada	Training must fit integrally with safety management systems that are becoming more and more a component of enforcement and operational systems.
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Coffee		
<b>The Basics—What an Instructor Should Know</b>			
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Blocking and Bracing: A Look Inside the Freight Container and ULD	Haldis Fearn, HMF2	Not a DG training requirement, but we have to take care of the packages in transport. What are normal conditions of transport? What do packages have to withstand?
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	The Impact of Ethanol Fuels for Hazmat Transportation	Kristy Moore, Renewable Fuel Association	New technologies forum focusing on ethanol.
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Domestic Update	Bob Richard, DOT PHMSA	Bob Richard will provide one of his trademark updates on the 49 CFR.
5:00 p.m. -	Open Mic Forum	Neil McCulloch, Labelmaster	An opportunity for participants to address the plenary, ask a question or provide an in-depth comment or answer.

### Friday, November 30—Workshop Day II, Martinique Room

Time	Topic	Session Leader
	<b>Best Practices and Instructor Standards</b>	Dick Elbourne, DG Instructor Net Candace Simon, DOT PHMSA
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Open forum with focus presentations from participants in the Wednesday workshops. Topics might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is needed for awareness training?</li> <li>• What is needed for recurrent training?</li> <li>• How long should a course be?</li> <li>• What training do specialist employees require (automotive distributors, health care workers, patients, etc.)?</li> <li>• What technical skills do instructors need?</li> <li>• What qualifications must/should an instructor have?</li> <li>• What should students expect from their hazmat instructor? And more...</li> </ul>	Topics and discussions will be led by participants self-selected from Workshop Day 1. This will be a highly interactive open forum.  This is our opportunity to make a concrete difference to the way goods training is conducted. Comments and feedback—both formal and informal—will be forwarded after the conference to the DGAC/PHMSA Best Practices group.
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Emergency Incident Response	FEMA Florida Task Force 2 Urban Search & Rescue Team

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