Meet the Panel

First members of Canadian Hoisting & Rigging Safety Council named ahead of inauguration at CRC Canada 2012.



MCM EVENTS HAS named

the first members of the Canadian Hoisting & Rigging Safety Council (CHRSC), which will be inaugurated at its Crane & Rigging Conference (CRC) Canada 2012 on Sept. 13-14 at the Sutton Place Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.

A new, independent crane safety council of high-profile industry executives will be unveiled at the event, where it opened to a standing roomonly crowd in Sept. 2011 at the nearby Fantasyland Hotel. Professionals from all the western provinces and many from the United States attended.

Fraser Cocks, executive director of the British Columbia Association for Crane Safety and acting chairperson for the CHRSC, said: "The panel members, which are the initial starting directors, are composed of companies, organizations and associations. It is structured in this way to ensure every industry sector as well as all applications of lifting equipment are included. The intent of the council is to ensure that the members consist of applicable major stakeholders across Canada."

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Canadian Hoisting & Rigging Safety Council Directors

Gordon Atkinson

National Safety Training Manager **HSE** Integrated

Tim Bennett

Vice President

Northern Crane Services Group

Bennett has more than 20 years of experience in health, safety, and environmental practices involved in the construction of major pipelines and industrial facilities. He is also chairperson for the Occupational Health & Safety Council for the government of Alberta.

Knut Buschmann

President Unirope Ltd.

Bushmann started out as a merchant seaman and has worked with wire rope and rigging all his life.

Fraser Cocks

Executive Director

British Columbia Association for Crane Safety (BCACS) Prior to joining BCACS, Cocks worked for the BC Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission, coordinating

apprenticeship training resources and promoting the trades as an attractive career choice. He is the acting chairperson of the Canadian Hoisting & Rigging Safety Council.

Dave Earle

Human Resources Services & Government Relations

Construction Labour Relations (CLR) of British Columbia

Earle spent over 15 years in the B.C. Provincial Public Service, with leadership roles in labor,

specializing in OHS prevention and advocacy and workers compensation claims.

Daryl Harvey

Senior Staff, Health & Safety Training & Implementation Cenovus Energy Inc.

Harvey has worked in the oil and gas industry for more than 33 years.



Lorne Kleppe

Executive Director

Manufacturers Health & Safety Association (MHSA) of Alberta, together with Alberta **Construction Safety Association (ACSA)**

Grant McMillan

President **Council of Construction Associations**

McMillan's career has included university teaching and 17 years of senior management at the Workers' Compensation Board (WorkSafeBC).



Judy Mellott-Green CE0

All Canadian Training Institute Inc.

Mellott has 20 years of experience in the crane industry, getting her start as a partner in a successful

overhead crane inspection and maintenance company. In addition to ACTi, she is a member of the CSA and the ASME B30 committee.



Fred Wolsey

System Engineer **Bruce Power**

Over the past 16 years, Wolsey has written maintenance and operating procedures for crane operations and is the lead author of the Bruce Power Crane and Rigging Handbook.



All the World's a Stage



By Richard Howes

WELCOME TO THE September issue, a month that marks the restart of the trade show, conference, and event season after the summer lull. Industrial Lift & Hoist starts this busy period at MCM Events' Crane & Rigging Conference (CRC) Canada, which returns Sept. 13-14 to the Sutton Place Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Material Handling Industry of America annual meeting, Lift and Access Showcase and Symposium, LiftEx, and ProMat are just a handful of the other events where ILH will be distributed over the coming months. Whether we're organizing, exhibiting or visiting, every opportunity to meet existing and prospective advertisers and talk to readers about their work spaces and equipment is priceless.

With our own growing events portfolio—CRC is MCM Events' lead brand—we understand the importance of delivering value when asking end users to take time away from your workplace. Nearly all trade events rely on a returning and growing audience; they need to offer return on investment and create positive change.

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By the time the conference concluded, the theme had expanded to cover all of Canada and beyond, with U.S. delegates also voicing a desire to be included in the harmonization of standards.

I remember writing on this page that CRC Canada 2011 was a career highlight, but one that would count for nothing if we couldn't come back a year later and prove we have channeled positive energy into something beneficial to industry.

The inauguration of the Canadian Hoisting & Rigging Safety Council, a new, independent crane safety council of high-profile industry executives, justifies the high praise I leveled at the conference 12 months ago.

I have supported and overseen many international and regional lifting industry conferences—in my hometown of London, the Middle East, Far East, and North America—and CRC Canada has the foundations to influence the biggest changes for the better we have seen an event like this achieve. The market should be congratulated for recognizing that potential.

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Cold weather lifting, rigging and multi-crane lifts are just a few other topics on this year's agenda. Register at www.craneandriggingconference.com

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