



Occupational Health & Safety Authority

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Occupational Health and Safety Good Practice Awards

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The contribution in the area of health and safety at the workplace by enterprises during the course of the last year was acknowledged by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority during an award-giving ceremony. The certificates of participation and the award were presented to the winners by Dr Louis Galea, the Minister of Education, Youth and Employment, Dr Mark Gauci, the Chief Executive Officer of the OHSA and Ms Roberta Messina, the Chairperson of the OHSA.

The award giving ceremony was one of the various initiatives taken to mark the European Week for Safety and Health at Work which this year focused on young workers.

This was the fifth year that such awards were presented and the aim of the 2006 award scheme was to recognise companies or organisations that made valid contributions to the prevention of risks in three main categories:

- Small and medium-sized enterprises initiative
- Management system initiative
- Young Workers initiatives

The awards aimed to demonstrate, by example, to all employers and workers the benefits of following good safety and health practices to control risks at work. The

nominations were adjudicated by a panel of independent judges and the winners were announced this morning during a ceremony held at the OHSA premises in Pieta'.

This year only one award was given – that in the management system category which went to HSBC Bank Malta plc who carried out an extensive risk assessment with the input from their employees in a structured way. They also drew up and implemented a remedial plan of action to carry out the necessary changes. This plan was then reviewed to determine the effectiveness of the remedial actions.

[Photo: Hon Dr Louis Galea presenting Mr Shaun Wallis, HSBC Bank Malta's CEO with the OHS Good Practice Award 2006. Also present Ms Roberta Messina (Chairperson, OHSA) and Dr Mark Gauci (CEO, OHSA)]