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The 2007 Australian International Aerospace & Defence Exposition is holding the 'Safety in Action' Conference on Thursday 22, March & Friday 23, March 2007.

Avinet and Air Maestro™ proudly presents Dr Adam Fletcher, Managing Director, Integrated Safety Support and Len Pearson, General Manager, Faid@Safe Business Group, InterDynamics speaking at the Fatigue Safety Management Seminar at 10.30-11.30am on Thursday, 22 March, 2007 in conference room number 5.

Workplace fatigue has been recognised as a major cause of accidents leading to significant injuries and loss of life. In the modern world, this is unacceptable in terms of personal loss, disruption to the workplace, loss of productivity and community cost.

It is in the interest of all concerned, including government, employers' and the workforce to reduce accidents and injury of any type by the introduction and continual development of a Fatigue Safety Management System.

Fatigue safety management is a key strategy to allow aviation organisations to improve safety, staff turnover, productivity and motivation.

As outlined within the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's website the current system for managing aircrew fatigue in Australia is Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 48. This regulation is best described as 'prescriptive and relatively inflexible'. CASA is proposing that CAO 48 is repealed, and it is intended that operators will be required to manage fatigue as a condition of their Air Operators Certificate. There are compelling reasons for operators to develop their own Fatigue Risk Management System.

Hazard Analysis >> System Design >> Compliance

Dr Adam Fletcher
Managing Director, Integrated Safety Support

- Fatigue as a cause of impairment
- Hours of work, workload and environmental contributions to fatigue
- Enhancing fatigue safety using a risk-based approach
- Integrated fatigue management

Len Pearson
General Manager, Faid@Safe Business Group, InterDynamics

- Organisational Fatigue Risk Grading
- Determining the risk and fatigue tolerance levels for new contracts
- Education of fatigue risk management
- Analysis/Diagnostics

If you are interested in gaining further knowledge about fatigue safety management then make sure you attend to this highly practical and interactive seminar.

Dr Adam Fletcher

Managing Director, Integrated Safety Support

Adam holds a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology and pharmacology from the University of Adelaide. He also holds a research PhD from the University of South Australia, which was obtained for investigations of work-related fatigue, shiftwork and human performance. Using an algorithm developed during his PhD studies - in conjunction with InterDynamics and Professor Drew Dawson - he developed Faid®, which is a computerised hours of work assessment model for fatigue. In addition to his clinical experience gained from working in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital sleep disorders unit (in Adelaide), Adam has gained considerable industry experience investigating shiftwork and recovery sleep associated with 24-hour-per-day operations. Dr Fletcher also holds a Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training.

After leaving Australia in January of 2005, Adam spent time working as a research psychologist for the US Army based at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, DC. The projects worked on for the Army specifically related to sustained operations, recovery sleep and modelling of performance.

Adam is now living in Melbourne and advises organisations and governments on risk-based management systems for fatigue, training and education for 24-hour operations, and rostering solutions. Organisations that Adam has advised include Qantas, BHP-Billiton, Fosters, AirServices Australia, Energex, Kimberly Clark (USA and Australia), Kaltim Prima Coal (Indonesia), the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Brambles, Thiess Infrastructure and Rio Tinto. Adam also regularly presents at national and international scientific, medical and industry conferences.

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Len Pearson

General Manager, Faid@Safe Business Group,
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Len is responsible for the provision of marketing, business development and training services focused on implementing the Faid@Safe program into the global fatigue risk management marketplace.

He has professional qualifications as an Associate Chartered Accountant, is a graduate of the Marketing Management Program at Macquarie University and has Certificate IV, Workplace Training & Assessment accreditation through NSW TAFE.

Over the past seven years Len has worked with many major companies in the mining, energy, medical emergency, ambulance, manufacturing, aviation, marine, rail, and road transport modalities in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK and the USA and is assisting their implementation of the Faid@Safe fatigue risk management program.

Previous Speaking Experience

- Simulation Industry Association of Australia “SimTecT Conference 2002”. (Melbourne).
- NSW Mining Industry “Occupational Health & Safety Conference, 2002”. (Gosford).
- 7th International Supply Chain Conference 2002. (Melbourne).
- Joint Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine and Aviation Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference – “Stress and Fatigue Management in the Transport Industry” 2003. (Auckland).
- 5th Annual Rostering & Shiftwork Conference 2004. (Auckland).
- Leading Edge Management Skills for Rostered/Shiftwork Operations – 2 day intensive workshop 2006 (Auckland).
- 8th Annual Rostering & Shiftwork Conference 2007 (Auckland).