

# Fall Protection for Engineers

3-day Seminar - 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 - BG BAU, Haan / Germany

## DAY 1 Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011

- 10:45 a.m. Registration of participants
- 11:15 a.m. **Introduction**  
*Karl-Heinz Noetel*  
*BG BAU - German statutory institution for industrial health and safety in the construction industry*
- Andrew Sulowski*  
*Sulowski Fall Protection Inc. (Toronto, Canada)*
- Greg Small*  
*High Engineering Corp. (Calgary, Canada)*
- 11:30 p.m. **Fall Protection Regulations in the European Union and European Standards for Personal Fall Protection Equipment**  
- EU Directive Regarding Personal Protective Equipment  
- Standards for Components  
- Standards for Testing  
*Wolfgang Schäper*  
*BG BAU - German statutory institution for industrial health and safety in the construction industry*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 01:15 p.m. **Introduction to Human Body Physiology for Fall Protection Engineers**  
- The Effects of the Maximum Arrest Force (Shock Load) and Orthostatic Intolerance (Static Suspension)  
- The Limits of Energy Absorbers  
- The Post-Fall Rescue Time  
*Andrew Sulowski*
- 03:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 03:30 p.m. **Typical Fall Protection Equipment**  
- Harnesses  
- Lanyards  
- Vertical Lifelines (VLLs)  
- Ladder Systems  
- Self Retracting Lanyards (SRLs)  
*Andrew Sulowski*
- 05:00 p.m. **Design Assumptions - Equipment**  
Worker; Harnesses; Lanyards; Vertical Lifelines; Ladder Systems; Self Retracting Lanyards  
*Greg Small*
- 06:00 p.m. End

**DAY 2 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011**

- 08:30 a.m.      **Calculations of Clearances**  
- Free Fall  
- Deceleration Distance  
- Stretch-Out  
- Swing Falls  
- Clearance Margin  
*Greg Small*
- 09:15 a.m.      **Mathematical Modelling - Personal Energy Absorbers (PEA) and Vertical Lifelines**  
- Derivation  
- Example Hand Calculations  
*Greg Small*
- 10:30 a.m.      Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.      **Mathematical Modelling - Energy Absorbers and Vertical Lifelines (cont'd)**  
- Software Calculations  
- Use on Sloping Surfaces  
*Greg Small*
- 12:15 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 01:15 p.m.      **Selected Industrial and Military Fall Protection Systems**  
Various best practices from around the world  
*Andrew Sulowski*
- 03:15 p.m.      Coffee Break
- 03:30 p.m.      **Mathematical Modelling - Simple Horizontal Lifelines (HLLs)**  
- Equations  
- Software Calculations  
*Greg Small*
- 05:15 p.m.      **Mathematical Modelling - Balance Sag Equation**  
- Horizontal Lifelines using Horizontal Lifeline Energy Absorbers (HLLEAs)  
Derivation of Equation  
- Hand Calculations  
*Greg Small*
- 06:00 p.m.      End

**DAY 3**      **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011**

- 08:30 a.m.      **Mathematical Modelling - Horizontal Lifelines with Horizontal Lifeline Energy Absorbers**  
- Hand Calculations  
- Calculations using Software  
*Greg Small*
- 09:30 a.m.      **Software Modelling of Complex Horizontal Lifelines**  
- Multiple Spans  
- Flexible Anchors  
- Thermal Effects  
*Greg Small*
- 10:30 a.m.      Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.      **Assessing Risk in Industrial Fall Accidents and Managing Human Performance**  
- Calculation of a New Form of Personalized Risk for First Line Supervisors  
*Andrew Sulowski*
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch
- 01:00 p.m.      **Software Modelling of Complex Horizontal Lifelines**  
- Hybrid Systems  
- Simultaneous vs. Sequential Falls  
*Greg Small*
- 02:30 p.m.      **Residual Risks in Fall Arrest Systems**  
*Andrew Sulowski*
- 03:15 p.m.      **Discussion, Questions and Answers, Certificates, Closing Remarks**  
*Greg Small*  
*Andrew Sulowski*  
*Karl-Heinz Noetel*
- 04:00 p.m.      End