



Safety / Health Awareness Research Program

SHARP Safety Conference 2015

CONFERENCE REPORT

**SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS,
THE ONES YOU KNOW,
SHOULD KNOW, OR BE WILLING TO LEARN**

Remember 'Someone is counting on you!!'

A big thank you to the 172 delegates who attended this year's conference and made it such a success. This was the Safety Health Awareness Research Program's (SHARP) latest in a series of safety conferences dating back to 2002 to raise awareness on safety and health related issues within the forest industry. The theme was about safety skills, revisiting the ones you know, being reminded of the ones you should know, and about being willing to change and learn new skills.

The presenters were fabulous from a Spaceman to a Disability Management Specialist, to a Rock Musician, to a Dynamic Safety Champion. Mix this with a highly skilled panel of industry experts discussing how far we've come in our efforts to eliminate hazardous wood dust, and you had the recipe for a great conference.



There was a warm welcome from industry leaders Ken Shields, Pres & CEO of Conifex, and Paul French President of USW Local 1-425. They not only expressed their support for workplace safety, they challenged the delegates to continue to provide the safety leadership they had already demonstrated back in their workplaces

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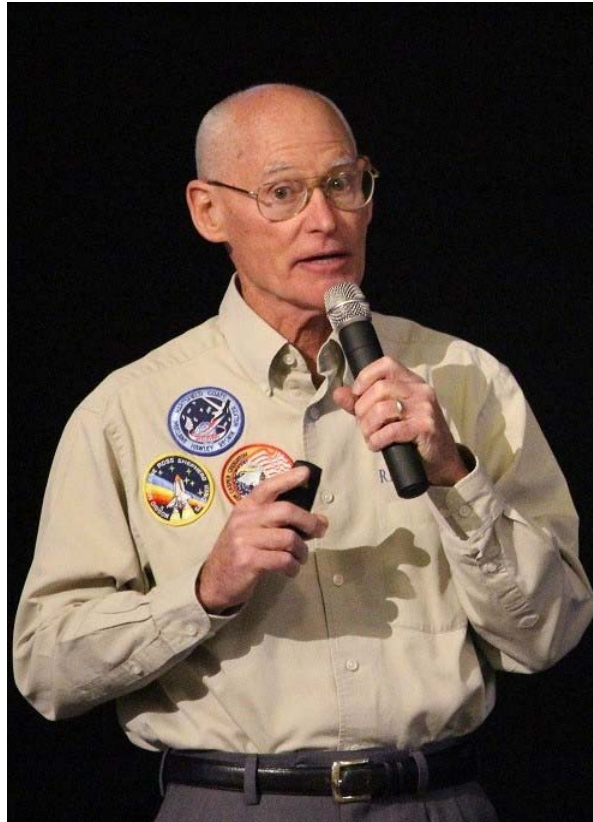
- Conifer and member companies
- USW Local 1-424
- USW Local 1-425
- Canfor
- West Fraser Mills
- Tolko Industries

SHARP Committee

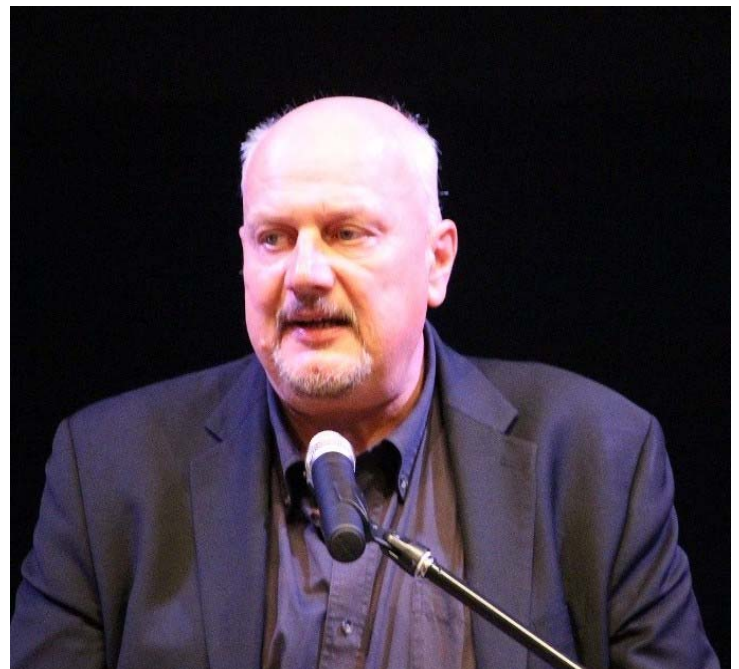
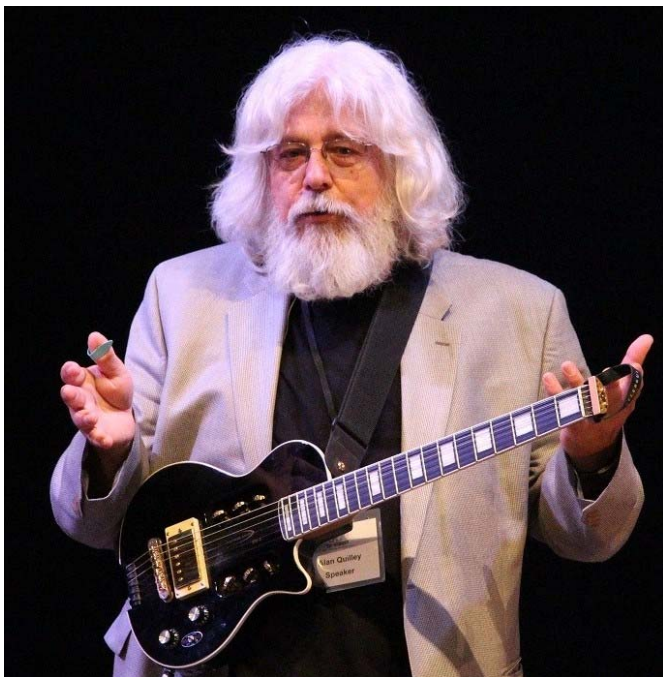
Cam Meroniuk, Conifer; Brad Evans, Excel Transportation; Frank Everitt, USW 1-424; Paul French, USW 1-425



Conference Panel Members and Presenters

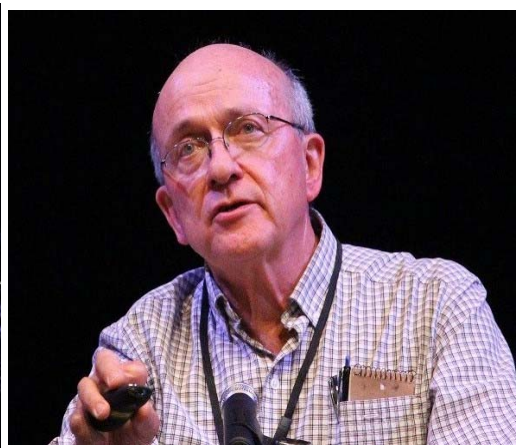


Keynote Speaker: Mike Mullane, Astronaut



Presenters: Alan Quilley, Make Safety Personal, & Al Bieksa, Getting Beyond Light Duties.

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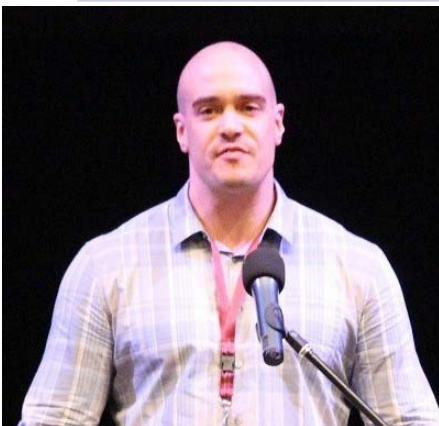
Wood Dust Panel Members:
Ed Kent, SHARP Dust Co-ord

Barry Nakahara, WorksafeBC

Bruce McLean, Sinclair



Closing Presenter: Eldeen Pozniak, 7 1/2 Things We Can Do to Save Lives



Round Table Discussion Facilitator
Cam Meroniuk

Thank you to our Market Place Participants:

Acklands Grainger; Guillevin;
Employers Advisor Group ;
AJ Safety; WorksafeBC;
Diabetes Association;
Walmsley and Associates

Conference Coordinator:
Don Hope, Hope H/R & Safety