## JIG Newsflash





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JIG had many reasons to celebrate in Abu Dhabi last week as it hosted the JIG Inspectors' Workshop, the JIG Members' Technical Forum, and recognised the achievements of JIG members and JIG locations, under the Sustained Performance Award (SPA) and Improved Performance Award (IPA) Programme.

Over 80 people attended the Workshop and Forum as well as joining an evening dinner, during which 45 years of the JIG Standards was celebrated.



The evening started with presentations to the JIG 10-year members **APSCO, Naftal & Oilibya**, and moved on to present special recognition awards to **APSCO** and **PUMA** for their support and commitment to the JIG "**Inspected to JIG Standards**" programme, which is now moving towards around 200 locations, and counting.



JIG made a further 2 awards to both **OFC** for their help towards JIG Training at Athens Airport, for hosting JIG Committee meetings and for supporting the production of JIG training videos at their site, as well as to **Kyriakos Gennadis** for his personal commitment to JIG, to the JIG Committees and to the safety of the industry.

The event then moved on to recognise the locations that have achieved a Sustained Performance Award. This award is based on JIG Inspection and HSSE performance over a 3-year period and shows a remarkable commitment to safety and operational excellence.

The programme has awarded 30 SPA awards and 5 IPA awards, with the full list of recipients displayed on the JIG website under 'latest news'.

Some of the locations who had achieved this recognition were able to attend the event and share the success with Forum attendees.



Finally, the evening acknowledged the changes within JIG following the arrival of **Mark Newstead** as the new JIG General Manager, and the departure of **Tony Conway**, who has been with JIG for nearly six years.

**Martin Tippl** of ExxonMobil, and new Chair of the JIG Operations Committee, gave a speech celebrating the significant achievements in JIG's world over Tony's tenure, and presented Tony with a model 747 signed by many of the JIG members, and an "ExxonMobil Nozzle Lamp" (thanks to Rick Williams of ExxonMobil for the design and craftsmanship).