



**International Society of
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Dear Mr. Wallin;

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you as a member of the Board of Directors, International Society of Explosives Engineers. It is our pleasure to have you involved in the ISEE as we move forward to build alliances in the very serious business of developing a global workforce with education and training programs for blasters/shot firers.

As a follow-up to our conversations with you, at the ISEE 38th Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Technique in Nashville, Tennessee USA, I must tell you on behalf of the ISEE that we are pleased to open the door to our mutual support of continuing education for blaster/shot firers.

In our discussion with the representatives of an international community within the commercial explosives industry, we find that we are a community that wants to see the, safe and secure handling of commercial explosives, in their application and use.

As is mentioned in your final report on the EUExNet project, it is “necessary to develop conditions where education and training for specialists in the sector accept the fact that safe and competitive handling is based on tacit skills, experience and knowledge developed during hundreds of years of craftsmanship combined with new and old academic knowledge.”

The ISEE and its membership represent many of the industry explosives sector stakeholders, education providers, government and workers in many parts of the world. We see a parallel in the in the work being done in Europe and the work that we have started here in North America and the fit with our respective missions.

In your report you note, “EUExNet has the ambition to highlight the need of developing a systematic approach for competence development, education and training and to offer a methodical approach to how to bridge the gap between demand and supply.” We in North America have the same goals for our continent where our headquarters resides, as we do for the members of the Society around the world.

Following our discussions, we trust that in the year ahead that we can have discussions that will lead to a clear support of our mutual education goals and that we will finds opportunities for working together to develop the training needed to sustain the work force and trained human resources that we must have in this industry in the years ahead.

ISEE looks forward to further discussions and exchanges on this subject.

Sincerely,

John E. Capers III
President,
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