As One Year Ends, Another Begins...

It's that time of year again, when we begin to look back at the past 12 months and reflect on all that has happened. Doing so reminds us just how much progress has been made both in the industry as a whole, and within our own work. It also gives us an idea of what we can hope for in the coming year.

Following on from our work with Virgin Atlantic Cargo during the first half of this year, we have now provided training to 60 key personnel. We are proud of our work with the Virgin Atlantic Cargo team, and you can read more about it here.

Over the Summer, our CEO, Amy Shortman, was accepted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. It is important to us to be part of leading organisations in this industry, and you can read more about this here.

Season's Greetings

As has become our annual tradition, we have chosen to make a charitable donation to a good cause in lieu of company Christmas cards and gifts.

This year we decided to support Suzanne and Spence, who are raising funds towards a 12-18 month voluntary position in Papua New Guinea. In January 2018, Suzanne and Spence will be heading off to East New Britain (a small,
rural island, off Papua New Guinea) to set up and run a Diabetes Nursing Clinic at Nonga General Hospital.

"ASC's very generous donation will help us provide education resources and essential tools i.e blood glucose meters and test strips, to facilitate self-management, empowerment and prevention of the very devastating micro- and macro-vascular complications of the chronic long-term progressive condition that is Diabetes.

"We will endeavour to keep in touch and update our very generous donors of our journey and the progress we make. Again, many thanks for your donation it is so nice when small businesses wish to reach out and help others."

We wish Suzanne and Spence all the best of luck in their work. To find out more about the project, visit their fundraising page here.

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### Looking Towards 2018

We have several exciting plans and projects for 2018, beginning with a couple of events we'll be speaking at in the First Quarter...

**IQPC Conference 2018**

Once again, ASC will be heading back to speak at the IQPC Conference in 2018. Held in London, between 28th and 31st January, this annual event is always a great start to the year. TCL 2018 will focus on the entire supply chain, with 3 distinct streams - Pre-Transportation; Transportation; and Post-Distribution. Find out more about the event here.

**University of Huddersfield**

On 7th March, our CEO Amy Shortman will be speaking at the University of Huddersfield on Healthcare Logistics and Supply Chain Management. This event is being organised by the CILT and will bring together experts and key stakeholders from within the industry. More information about this will be published on our news page here.
Industry News

We keep a close eye on developments within our industry, and these are the news items that have particularly stood out over the past 6 months.

EMA move to Amsterdam

On 20th November, after months of bidding and voting, it was announced that Amsterdam will become the new home for the European Medicines Agency (EMA) following Brexit. European Biotechnology have written a great piece about the potential challenges facing the EMA as it makes this move, which you can read here.

New Pharma Zone at LHR

Virgin Atlantic Cargo have developed the Pharma Zone at London Heathrow in order to better meet the needs of the Pharma Logistics industry. The new 4,000 sq foot Pharma Zone provides a segregated area dedicated to pharma handling, and all staff have been fully trained in GDP best practise by ASC. Find out more about it here.
The Value of Air Freight

Pharma Logistics IQ recently found that 55% of temperature controlled logistics professionals prefer Air Freight over other modes of transport. Their research, which surveyed 150 pharma logistics professionals, can be found here. They also interviewed two industry experts on the importance of Air Freight, whose thoughts have been shared here.

PCSC Joins the HDA

At the beginning of November the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA) announced that it was adding the Pharmaceutical Cargo Security Coalition (PCSC) to its organisation. Both the HDA and PCSC are passionate about promoting pharmaceutical supply chain security, and you can read more about their new partnership here.

You can keep up to date with other news on our website or by connecting with us either on LinkedIn or Twitter...

With Best Wishes,

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