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SPE to Honor Award Recipients and Distinguished Members at ATCE 2009

RICHARDSON, Texas, USA (4 October 2009) – The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) recognizes E&P industry professionals from across the globe at the 2009 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE), 4–7 October 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, for their outstanding contributions to SPE, their communities, and the oil and gas industry.

SPE will present international awards and honors related to professional and technical achievements, as well as lifelong service to the industry and SPE, at the ATCE Annual Reception and Banquet on Monday, 5 October.

Heading the list of honorees are the 2009 Honorary Members, those select few who have achieved the highest honor SPE bestows on an individual. Honorary membership is given to individuals for outstanding service to SPE and/or in recognition of distinguished scientific or engineering achievement in fields encompassed in the society's technical scope.

The four honorary members are

- James P. Brill, University of Tulsa
- Abbas Firoozabadi, Reservoir Engineering Research Institute
- Alain C. Gringarten, Imperial College
- Joseph E. Warren, Frontier Resources

SPE also will present the following professional and technical awards:

John Franklin Carll Award

Akhil Datta-Gupta, Texas A&M University

Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal

Mukul M. Sharma, The University of Texas

Lester C. Uren Award

Anil K. Ambastha, Chevron IndoAsia

Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty

Mohan G. Kelkar, University of Tulsa

DeGolyer Distinguished Service Medal

Kent Thomas, Consultant

Cedric K. Ferguson Medal and Certificate

Bernhard Hustedt, Brunei Shell (Medal)

Paul van den Hoek, Shell (Certificate)

Distinguished Service Award

Danny Bell, EXCO Resources*

Joyce M.I. Holtzclaw, Nations Petroleum

Robert W. Chase, Marietta College

Completions Optimization and Technology Award

Joseph A. Ayoub, Schlumberger

Drilling Engineering Award

Phillip D. Pattillo, BP

Formation Evaluation Award

T. S. Ramakrishnan, Schlumberger

Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Social Responsibility Award

John Veil, Argonne National Laboratory

Management and Information Award

Mehrzad Mahdavi, Dexa Systems

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Production and Operations Award

Hisham A. Nasr-El-Din, Texas A&M University

Projects, Facilities and Construction Award

Norman D. McMullen, BP (Retired)

Public Service Award

William J. Milliken, Chevron*

Reservoir Description and Dynamics Award

Ram G. Agarwal, PetroTel

Young Member Outstanding Service Award

Abhishek Anchliya, Texas A&M University

Anthony E. Onukwu, Eclipse Petroleum

Julio Soriano, Encana Oil and Gas

* These award recipients also receive distinguished membership with their award.

SPE will name new Distinguished Members at the ATCE President's Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Members on Wednesday, 7 October. Distinguished Members are industry professionals who have attained eminence in the petroleum industry or the academic community, and/or who have made significant contributions to SPE.

- Anil K. Ambastha, Chevron IndoAsia
- Hazim H. Abass, Saudi Aramco
- Hisham M. AlQassab, Schlumberger-DCS
- Ramona M. Graves, Colorado School of Mines
- J. Roger Hite, Business Fundamentals Group
- Roger B. Hough, Lowell Professional Services
- Russell Johns, The University of Texas
- Mridul Kumar, Chevron ETC
- David O. Ogbe, Greatland Solutions
- Erdal Ozkan, Colorado School of Mines
- Hemanta K. Sarma, The Petroleum Institute
- Wolfgang E. Schollnberger, Independent Energy Advisor
- Mohamed Y. Soliman, Halliburton
- Salam P. Salamy, Saudi Aramco

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