

**SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SPE SECTIONS MANAGER NO LATER THAN 1 JUNE.

Please submit electronically as a Word document, if possible. If handwritten, please use black ink or type. Attach additional sheets if needed. Please limit total submission (report and attachments) to 100 pages or less. Please include only 1 example of newsletters, meeting minutes, etc. If necessary, you may state “additional documentation available upon request”.

Where applicable, please distinguish between the ongoing annual events or programs and those initiatives that were new or begun during the past section year.

Section_ Northern Emirates Section Year October 2005 to May 2006, inclusive
(month)(year) (month)(year)

1. Technical Dissemination

1.1 List all regular meetings of the section, meeting topics, attendance and sponsors (if any)

Date	Name of Speaker (Note if Distinguished Lecturer)	Company/Affiliation of Speaker	Title/Topic of Speech	Sponsors	Attendance
1 Oct	Lynsey Anderson	ROXAR	3D Reservoir Modeling trends	ROXAR	35
7 Nov	Alan Salsman	Schlumberger	Well Perforating Techniques	SCHLUMBERGER	33 + 30 students
6 Dec	Peter Burton/ Phil Schlutz	DHV	DHV Case Studies	DHV	45 + 30 students
15 Jan	Mark Johnson (SPE DL Series)	BP	500 Sidetracks and counting	SCHLUMBERGER	42
15 Feb	Sara Thomas (SPE DL Series)	PERL	Chemical EOR	NE SPE	24
6 Mar	Cor Oldenziel	ELKEM	Mud Fluid Rheologies	ELKEM	24
26 Apr	Roger Griffiths	Schlumberger	Advances in LWD Technology	SCHLUMBERGER	34
16 May	John Niven	Weatherford	Advances in Rotary Steerable Drilling	WEATHERFORD	53

1.2 Did an SPE officer (SPE President, Past President, President-Elect, or Treasurer) visit during the section year?

Date of Visit	Name	SPE Office Held	Attendance

1.3 List all study-group meetings, with attendance numbers, of the section.

Date	Title/Topic of Speech	Name or Speaker (Note if Speaker is Distinguished Lecturer)	Attendance

1.4 List all short courses, seminars, and workshops, with attendance numbers, sponsored by the section.

Date	Title/Short Description of Activity	Funds Raised	No. of Participants

1.5 List all technical conferences, exhibitions and symposia, with attendance numbers, sponsored by the section.

On March 29th we hosted the 2nd Oil and Gas Career Fair at the Knowledge Village in Dubai. This event was totally organized and operated by the Northern Emirates Chapter of the SPE and targeted undergraduate, recent graduate and experienced professionals who were looking to enter or progress their career within the oil and gas industry. With an attendance of over 500 people and ten exhibiting companies along with presentations and lectures the Career Fair was considered to be a great success by both the attending companies looking for new personnel, and the students looking to gain an insight into what the industry held for them in terms of a career choice.

1.6 List ways your section shares technology with other sections, the Society and other industry groups.

In each edition of our monthly newsletter “Dates” we try to publish a new or innovative idea or piece of Technology that has been brought to our attention. This way it is possible for companies within the region to show off their products at no real cost to a target audience of interest. The demand for placing information in this medium is ‘hotting’ up and it is becoming interesting to see how the different companies in the region are using this opportunity to present their new technology to our members.

2. Section Operations

2.1 Officers – List current officers.

SPE Office Held	Name	Beginning-Term (month/day/year)	End-Term (month/day/year)
Chairman	Razik Shaikh	May 2005	
Treasurer	Radhakrishnan Karantharath	May 2005	
Social Chairman	Paul Barry	Jan 2006	
Student Liaison Officer	Tanja Oldenziel	May 2005	
Sponsorship Chairman	Bill Ayres	Jan 2006	
Technology Chairman	Graham Berry	Jan 2006	
Membership Chairperson	Mariola Lobo	May 2005	
Program Chairman	Adel Ibrahim	Jan 2006	
YP Chairman	Rafat Wahbeh	Jan 2006	
YP Vice Chairperson	Maitha Al Marashi	Jan 2006	
YP Program Director	Heather Larson	March 2006	
Section Director	Fatma Karim	March 2006	
SPE ME Liasion Officer	Abeer Al Zubaidi	Oct 2005	
Webmaster	Sadia Shaikh	Oct 2004	
Secretary	Vineeta Karve	1996	

Attach list of incoming officers (Form can be found in Chapter 20 of the Section Operations Officers Manual.)

2.2 List all board meetings of the section.

Date	Number of Board Members Present	Items Discussed
5 june	10	Last years performance/next years goals/teams roles
7 Aug	10	Team Photo for website; Social events for 2005/06; Tech Meeting Venues
31 Aug	3	2006 Golf Tournament Planning Meeting
17 Sept	5	2005 Shrimp Boil Planning Meeting
1 Oct	10	2005-06 Social Events review
31 Oct	7	Beach Clean Up update
7 Nov	7	2005-06 Social Events review; Tech Meeting update
10 Nov	7	Beach Clean Up Preparation
21 Nov	4	Shrimp Boil Preparation
6 Dec	5	Committee Member reshuffle
15 Jan	4	Golf Tournament Preparation
15 Feb	3	Golf Tournament Preparation
8 Mar	5	Golf Tournament Preparation
23 Mar	3	Career Fair Preparation
23 Apr	3	2006/07 Technical Meeting agenda & Sponsorship strategy
13 May	5	Young Professionals Meeting Agenda & Forward Planning

3. Financial

3.1 Include copy of section financial statement at end of the section year.

3.2 List the section's sources of income and list of sponsors (if any).

Technical Meetings: Roxar (OCT); Schlumberger (NOV, JAN & APR); DHV (DEC); Elkem (MAR)

Social Events: Nobel Drilling, Weatherford, Schlumberger, Sperry Sun, Andergague, Smiths Bits, DPC, PetroSkills (Shrimp Boil Main Sponsors)

Nobel Drilling, Baker Hughes Weatherford (Golf Tournament Main Sponsors)

Dubai Petroleum Company (Career Fair Main Sponsor)

3.3 Does the section require payment at the time a reservation is made for section meeting? At some venues, Yes

3.4 Does the section bill persons who make reservations for a meeting but do not attend? NO

3.5 Does the section have section dues? (Do not include charges for section luncheon/dinner meetings.) NO

4. Communication Within the Section

4.1 Enclose a copy of one monthly section newsletter or meeting notice with an average preparation and distribution per unit cost and total cost.

<http://dubai.spe.org/images/dubai/setup/December-05.pdf>

4.2 In what way does the section distribute its newsletter (circle all that apply):

postal hardcopy

email

fax

website download

other

4.3 Does the section have a website? **YES** If so, please list the website's address <http://dubai.spe.org>

4.4 List other methods your section uses to communicate with its membership (e.g., email, the internet, broadcast faxing, etc.) and describe how they are used.

We use the internet/website as our first point of contact with our members to communicate news and events. This is followed up by email bulletins which include web links to specific pages on our website or the spe.org site as necessary

5. Communication and Participation Outside the Section

5.1 Describe your relationships with other professional societies (national or international) which are active in petroleum engineering or related areas. Describe any joint activities and initiatives (ongoing and new).

We try to communicate our Technical meeting to our sister chapter in Abu Dhabi and also advertise their technical meeting to our membership. We hope to have a link on our website to both the Chapter at Abu Dhabi and in Muscat as there are many members from all three sections who regularly visit all three locations. If this is successful we may coordinate an annual meeting with the chapter at Abu Dhabi sharing a Distinguished Lecturer or two and vice versa.

5.1.1 Do you see ways to change your relationships with other societies to improve the benefits to members? Can SPE assist in any way?

We need a more diverse set of speakers in Town. I am trying to encourage more people to attend our meetings, but it's difficult as many people see the society as a closed club! How can I change this image? I want to change the focus of the technical meetings and maybe have a competition or raffle prizes to attract a bigger gate?

What do you think?

This year we had a photo competition, which was a moderate success. We will do it again, but we will maybe invite some school kids to present some of their views about what the industry is all about and have the winners attend a meeting to receive a prize.

5.2 List ways the section encourages its members to participate in SPE committees and subcommittees at the Society level and the SPE activities such as the Membership Workshop and the Section Officers Workshop.

We have heavily advertised the E-Mentoring Program in the Chapter as well as YP. Although, I'm not sure how many people have signed up for the former, the latter is progressing nicely under the hands of a very energetic sub-committee. Watch this space as I think that you will see big things in the YP world from the Northern Emirates!

6. Membership Development

6.1 Which, if any, major industry employers (include approximate number of SPE members if known) moved in or out of the section during each of the last 3 years? New: Paladon Gulf; Max Tube LTD; DHV LTD; Woodside Petroleum; NOVUS:

6.2 List methods the section uses to encourage member participation in the section and its activities.

We try to make all events, either social or technical both diverse and fun for all our members. We canvass opinion at all time and try to shake things up a bit to make sure nothing gets stale. Fortunately when we get sponsorship we are able to offer good prizes for the social events, which always attracts people to these fun activities. On the other hand, the climate forces us to squeeze in a large number of event into a short space of time which can cause a problem.

6.3 List activities related to recruitment, retainment, and/or reinstatement of members.

We have been very active in going to universities to promote both the Society and the Industry to Undergraduate Engineers and Non-Engineers alike. On top of this we have been able to get airtime on prime time radio to discuss what the Society is all about and how it promotes the growth of knowledge within the oilfield community. Hopefully the broad spectrum of technical and social activities that we offer is a good enough reason for members to keep up with their annual subscription.

6.4 Describe how the section recognizes membership recruitment efforts.

At the start of the year we mentioned in the newsletter about how the SPE rewards members who recruit more members to the society. Then we cascaded the membership posters to the companies within the region as well as posting them on the website and at the technical meetings.

6.5 List and describe efforts by the section to engage and organize young professionals and emerging leaders.

We have recently set up a YP Section with it's own sub committee and own budget. It has a mandate to set up 4 technical meetings and as many social events for the YP members in the Chapter as well as providing Career advice and development opportunities. The first YP Social Gathering took place on the 15th May 2006. At each Technical Meeting we invite a YP to give a brief 5 to 10 minute talk about themselves, what they do and how the SPE and YP has helped them in their careers.

6.6 List and describe efforts by the section to liaise with industry employers.

In March this Year we held our 2nd Career Fair to promote the Young talent to the local Industry employers in the region.

7. Student Activities

7.1 List all activities sponsored by the section that were attended by members of a student chapter. Include section meetings, study-group meetings, field trips, regional meetings, short courses, SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, Offshore Technology Conference, etc., with attendance numbers.

Date	Meeting	Location	Student Chapter	No. of SPE Student Members Attending

7.2 Discuss participation of the section in student paper contest and other student chapter activities.

7.3 List all activities sponsored by the section to educate students/instructors/counselors on the profession/industry. (Indicate at what level activities are directed; i.e., elementary, secondary, or senior high school; teachers; or counselors.)

At each Technical Meeting we invite Students from a different University to attend free of charge. So far this has been of moderate success as some of our meetings have clashed with the student's exam schedules or course times. However, when they have taken the effort to attend both the students and our members have benefited tremendously from their participation.

7.4 List all activities sponsored by the section that were attended by elementary, secondary, or senior high school students, with attendance numbers.

In November 2005 the Chapter sponsored a Beach Clean Up drive that was attended by 11 local Schools. Beforehand to promote the event we organized a competition to design a logo for a tee shirt and certificate, which was given away to each participant on the day.

Goals

Outline goals established at beginning of year and report progress in meeting both long- and short-term goals.

Long-Term Goals:

At the start of the year we hoped to have established three Student Chapters in the Region. However, although there is interest from a number of colleges and universities, we have been unable to get this project off the ground.

The YP initiative for the Northern Emirates seemed to creep up on us out of the blue, but we soon saw that where we could not control the student chapters' initiative we could directly control this activity. Therefore we pushed this issue to the limit in terms of finding suitable Young and Energetic Members to take the reins and lead the team. Once that had been done it was down to the YP Sub-Committee to come up with an agenda of what they wanted to do and it's coming along nicely. The first Social Program has recently taken place, and a full summer program is being planned.

Short-Term Goals:

I really hope to diversify the type of technical presentation we hold next season. We need to broaden the horizons a bit and try to attract more people to the meetings. I'm hoping to obtain a Section Officer dedicated to publicity and asking for feedback regarding meeting venues and timings and topics etc. I also hope to streamline the method of communication between the local SPE committee, the Regional ME SPE Council, the International SPE Organization and our members here in the Northern Emirates. At the moment all communication is done via the website and newsletter or via email. The email bulletins are usually issued by one or maybe two sources. However, next year I hope to gain a Publications Officer who will look after the distribution of the newsletter to the members, whilst the Publicity Officer will broadcast news regarding events and technical meetings. All of which will be updated via the website which is monitored daily by the Webmaster who will be in contact with both of these officers on a regular basis.

12. Constraints

List unusual constraints of the section in (1) membership development, (2) technical/educational activities, (3) scholarship activities, and/or (4) financial activities.

Our real constraint last year was the loss of about 4 Section Officers in one go due to them all leaving the region. They took with them a wealth of experience and also their contacts. The Committee this year literally had to pick up the pieces from scratch and build a new foundation of trust with the sponsors and more importantly the local membership. Nevertheless, the year turned out well, and the Committee members are doing a great job now they have got used to their roles and what they are supposed to be doing. It's hard to get members active, but with the onset of the YP Committee I hope to bring on more Young Members into the Technical Meetings and get them to present 5 to 10 minute "show and tell" to help them develop and expose them to their peers!

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13. The President's Award for Section Excellence is given to up to six outstanding sections each year based on the activities of the sections identified in the Annual Report. Why should your section be considered for the President's Award for Section Excellence? (If this question is answered, this annual report will serve as an application for the award.) See award rules, attached. If a qualification category does not apply to your section, you may attach an additional page that provides details about why that category should not be used in considering your section for the award. When detailing the reasons why your section should be selected for this award, emphasize those programs, events or circumstances that were new or changed during this past year.

At the start of the year the Committee canvassed ideas from the local membership as to the type of Technical Meeting they wished to attend. In the past the meetings, which are geared to "Drilling", always seemed to pull in the bigger audiences, but we feel that we need to diversify the subject matter somewhat. We committee decided to try altering the venues so as to make it easier for some people to attend as the Chapter covers a large area and we also opened each Technical meeting to Students (as long as they joined the SPE!).

Meeting notification initially was via email, on the website and via a hardcopy newsletter. However, feedback from our membership showed that the PDF version on the website was more popular, and so we stopped printing the hardcopy version. The Newsletter is published each month and the PDF is sent out as a web link via email to the members some 10 days before a technical meeting. So far there have been no real complaints over this electronic method of communication.

The Chapter has also been in discussion with our sister Chapter in Abu Dhabi on a number of issues. We were hoping to share a fieldtrip earlier this year, but we were shot down by a combination of funding and timing. However, next year, with better planning we hope that this can be taken to the next level. We are also hoping to share a Technical Meeting, possibly a Distinguished Lecturer, so to get the best from the SPE DL Series. Discussions have also taken place in order to place web links to the Omani and Abu Dhabi section websites on our website in order for our members to gain access to the other chapters' events, as there is frequent travel within the industry within the region. This may extent to Doha and Bahrain with their permission.

As well as this, the Chairman represented the SPE when he presented to the Dubai Natural History Group for 2 hours in January discussing Petroleum Technology.

Attracting people to join the SPE within the chapter has focused particularly on undergraduate students. The Chairman and Student Liaison Office have made frequent visit to Universities within the region explaining what the SPE is all about as well as describing life within the industry and also offering career advice. Each visit is usually coupled with a presentation and a walk through the society web site (<http://dubai.spe.org>) plus an invitation to one of our Technical Meetings. This initiative has been followed up by the 2nd NE SPE sponsored Oil and Gas Career Fair which was attended by over 500 people and by 10 major oil industry related companies from the region.

The Chapter is extremely active on a both Technical and Social basis. This Year we have held a number of social events for our members including a Magic Show, a Shrimp Boil with a Country and Western Theme, a Night at the Races at Nad Al Sheba Race Track and the Annual Golf Tournament. Along with these fun events we also held a Beach Clean Up drive where we invited a number of schools to join the local SPE Chapter to clean one of Dubai's public beaches. This exercise received a huge response from the local community as well as press and radio coverage.

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