



Emmanuel O. Egbogah, SPE, has been named special adviser to the president on petroleum matters, Federal Republic of Nigeria. The appointment was made as part of a restructuring of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria by the federal government. Egbogah is the founder and Executive Chairman of Emerald Energy Resources and is SPE Director, Africa Region. He has more than 35 years of geological and petroleum engineering experience in consulting, teaching, research and development, project planning, and implementation and management in Canada, the US, the North Sea, Africa, the Middle East, and the Asia Pacific region. Previously, he was vice president, International Production, for Niko Resources in Calgary; technical adviser and technology custodian for Petronas; and enhanced oil recovery adviser for National Oil Corporation Tripoli. Egbogah is a Distinguished Member of SPE.

Daniel Fehnert, SPE, was named region engineer of the Middle East/Asia Pacific region for BJ Process and Pipeline Services. Before this appointment, he was commissioning engineer for BP on the Shah Deniz Project in Azerbaijan. Fehnert earned a BE degree in marine technology and offshore engineering from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.



W. John Lee, SPE, was named an Academic Engineering Fellow for the US Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporation Finance. He holds the Peterson Chair in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University. He is a former SPE Board of Directors member and the recipient of numerous SPE awards, including the 1982 SPE Award for Distinguished Achievement for Petroleum Engineering Faculty, 1995 John Franklin Carl Award, 2003 Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal, and the 2004 DeGolyer Distinguished Service Medal.



Ali Danesh, a well-known professor at the Heriot-Watt Institute of Petroleum Engineering, died 21 September 2007 in Mashhad, Iran.

Danesh earned a PhD degree in chemical engineering from Manchester University in Iran and became a professor of petroleum engineering at Abadan Institute of Technology. He also worked in the oil industry in Iran before joining Heriot-Watt University in April 1986. Danesh was also a professor at the faculty of engineering of Tehran University from 1991, where he initiated the first MS degree program in petroleum engineering. He was a member of several panels in both the petroleum and education ministries of Iran.

At Heriot-Watt, Danesh supervised research and taught in the fields of pressure, volume, temperature (PVT), hydrates, gas condensates, reservoir fluids, and hydrocarbon recovery mechanisms. He guided and mentored many research students and played a large part in establishing Heriot-Watt as a leading institute in petroleum engineering, and he was director of research for the Institute of Petroleum Engineering during 2003–05.

Danesh's book *PVT and Phase Behaviour of Petroleum Reservoir Fluids* is a widely used reference book for researchers and students of petroleum engineering. He published more than 150 papers on his research projects, including many SPE papers. Danesh had been a member of the SPE Aberdeen Section since 1987 and chaired the SPE Editorial Review Committee during 1998–2004.

Paul F. Barnhart, an SPE Legion of Honor Member who advised several US states on energy policy, died 29 September 2007.

Barnhart graduated from high school in 1931 and spent several years working for his father's company building gas pipelines in Mississippi. He earned a degree in petroleum production engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Barnhart was the founder of BBM Drilling Company (which later merged with Humble Oil and Gas) and the founder of Barnhart Company, an independent oil company. He was past vice president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, a director of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and an executive member of Louisiana and Arkansas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and he was active in many other oil and gas associations.

Barnhart played a prominent role in developing policies for the energy industry in several states including Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida, Colorado, and Utah, and he was a member of a select governor's commission for oil and gas in Texas.

Barnhart was a life member of the Executive Committee of the Chancellor's Council of the University of Texas at Austin, where he endowed the Annie Barnhart Giles Centennial Presidential Scholarship. He was past chairman and a life member of the Executive Committee of the Kinkaid School in Houston.



Jack Newberry, SPE, was named vice president—US, Latin America, and Asia Pacific Sales and Operations for TAM International. Before this appointment, he was manager—US, Latin America, and Asia Pacific Operations for TAM International. Newberry joined the company in 1994.

MEMBER DEATHS

J.B. Appling, Midland, Texas
Emmet H. Balch Jr., Fort Worth, Texas
Alberto Bertoli, Roma, Italy
Harry J. Gaston Jr., Caldwell, Texas
William S. Scott, Pinehurst, Texas
Abdullah M. Shalamesh,
 Sanaa, Yemen