

2008 SPE Western Regional Awards Presented

The SPE Western Regional Awards were presented at the 2008 SPE Western Regional and Pacific Section American Association of Petroleum Geologists (PSAAPG) Joint Meeting held 31 March–2 April in Bakersfield, California. At the meeting, 60 papers and 17 posters were presented. Session topics ranged from artificial lift, downhole fluid production, and low-density cement to pressure management, drilling risks, and water-shutoff evaluation. The meeting was attended by 803 participants.

SPE Western North America Regional Director Medhat Kamal presented the awards during an awards luncheon, and, afterwards, Bill Cobb, 2008 SPE President, made a presentation. SPE Western Regional Award winners included: Christopher Jenkins, SPE Regional Outstanding Young Member Award; Ahmed Badruzzaman, SPE Regional Production and Operations Award; Charles L. Yonke, SPE Regional Management and Information Award; Tim Frame, SPE Regional Distinguished Corporate Support Award (on behalf of BJ Services); Yannis Yortsos, SPE Regional Reservoir Description and Dynamics Award; Jalal Torabzadeh, SPE Regional Service Award; Mark Johnson, SPE Regional Drilling and Completions Award; Cynthia Hennigan, SPE Regional Service Award; and Randal Roadifer, SPE Regional Service Award.



Award winners, front row, from left: Christopher Jenkins, Ahmed Badruzzaman, and Charles L. Yonke. Back row, from left: Tim Frame, Yannis Yortsos, 2008 SPE President Bill Cobb, Medhat Kamal, Jalal Torabzadeh, and Mark Johnson.

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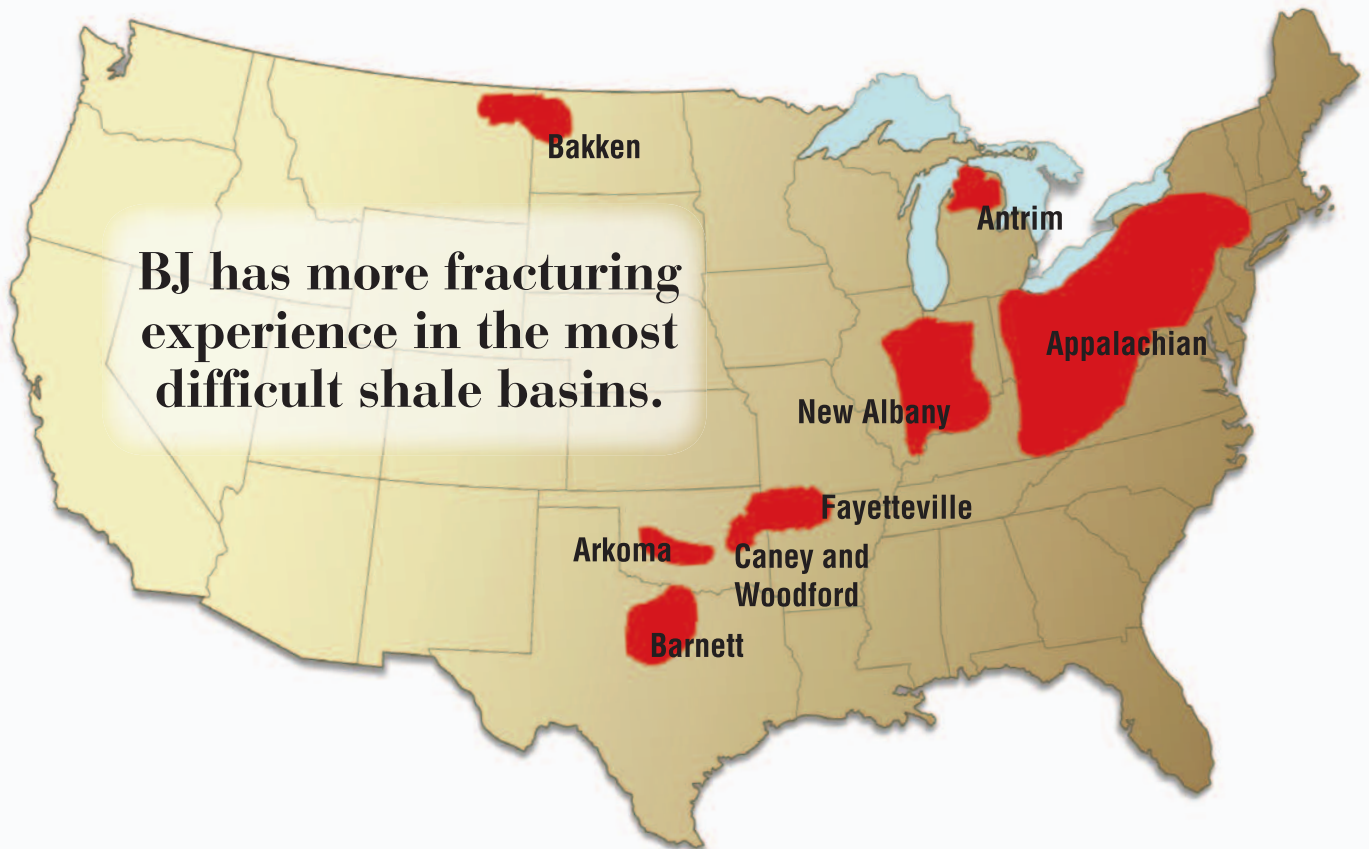
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Bangalore Section Holds Inaugural Meeting

SPE recently celebrated the inauguration of the Bangalore Section. John Hoppe, Discipline Manager, Shell Technology India and SPE Bangalore Section Chairperson, gave an enlightening talk on the mission, values, and objectives of SPE and the Bangalore Section. He encouraged all the members to strive for excellence, integrity, and professionalism aimed at lifelong learning and innovation with social responsibility being the priority.

The guest speaker, Birol Dindoruk, Principal Technical Expert in Reservoir Engineering, Shell E&P, gave a talk titled "Modeling of Reservoir Fluid Properties and Phase Equilibria." Rahul Bali, SPE New Delhi Section Membership Chairperson, who was the guest of honor, shared with the audience how SPE New Delhi Section has become one of the most successful sections in India.



Members of the SPE Bangalore Section Committee. Front row, from left: Rahul Bali, SPE New Delhi Section Membership Chairperson; James Lau, SPE Bangalore Section Program Chairperson; John Hoppe, SPE Bangalore Section Chairperson; and Birol Dindoruk, Shell E&P. Back row, from left: Arun Kumar, SPE Bangalore Section Secretary; and Chiranjit Barua, SPE Bangalore Section Treasurer.

SPE Bangalore Section officers for 2008 were also announced at the inaugural meeting: John Hoppe, Chairperson; James Lau, Program Chairperson; Bakathavachlam Gopinath,

Membership Chairperson; Arun Kumar, Secretary; Chiranjit Barua, Treasurer; Divya Reddy, Newsletter Editor; and Sandeep Kumar, Webmaster.

PEOPLE



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Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services reported three appointments. **Richard Beason**, SPE, was named Regional Manager for south and east Texas. Before this appointment, he was Regional Technical Supervisor for south and east Texas. Beason earned a bachelor's degree in natural and applied science from Oklahoma State University. **R.E. Gee**, SPE, was named Regional Sales Manager. Before this appointment, he was Dallas/Fort Worth Sales Manager. Gee is a geology graduate from Marshall University. **Brennan Zaunbrecher**, SPE, was appointed Executive Sales Representative. Before this appointment, he was a Technical Service Representative offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in south and east Texas. Zaunbrecher earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Houston.

Arnaud Bobillier, SPE, was named Executive Vice President, Assets for Transocean. Before this appointment, he was Senior Vice President of the Europe and Africa Unit for Transocean. Bobillier earned an engineering degree in fluid mechanics and

thermodynamics from the Ecole Supérieure des Techniques de l'Ingénieur de Nancy.



Steven Carter, SPE, was named Vice Chairperson of the PIDX Global Business Practices Workgroup. He is cofounder and Principal of Eirô Consulting. Carter is a graduate from the Royal School of Mines. He serves as the Treasurer for the Digital Energy Study Group of the SPE Gulf Coast Section.



John D. Clayton, SPE, was named Vice President of Asset Operations for Rosetta Resources. Before this appointment, he was Manager, Lower 48 Business Development for ConocoPhillips. Clayton earned a BS degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana State University.

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