

SPE Board Approves New Programs

The SPE Board of Directors voted to approve several new programs and a new technical section at its June meeting in Paris. Among the initiatives, the board voted to

- Institute a pilot program to translate into Spanish the Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS). The new PRMS was approved by the Board in March 2007, culminating two years of collaboration with the World Petroleum Council (WPC), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (SPEE). The system consolidates, builds on, and replaces guidance previously contained in the 1997 SPE/WPC Petroleum Reserves Definitions, the 2000 SPE/WPC/AAPG Petroleum Resources Classification and Definitions publications, and the 2001 SPE/WPC/SPEE Guidelines for the Evaluation of Petroleum Reserves and Resources.

- Create a new Production and Operations Technical Section to allow SPE members with a common interest in a technical area to share ideas, promote competence, and develop projects related to their technical interest. Among the goals of the new section are to identify major issues and technology areas on which to focus cooperation and discussion; share best practices; promote relevant technology; and provide an effective means of communication among the production and operations community. The SPE Board began establishing technical sections in 2003.

- Establish a new benefit for retired members. SPE will collaborate with Expert Alumni to match members who are interested in continuing to use their expertise on a contract or part-time basis with companies that are seeking assistance. Links to Expert Alumni will be made available from www.spe.org.

SPE Members Invited to Edit, Expand New Multi-Language Glossary

The SPE E&P Glossary is a new multi-language reference for upstream oil and gas terms. SPE members are encouraged to directly add or edit terms, definitions, and translations. To start the glossary, SPE member George E. King, BP, contributed a collection of about 4,000 English terms and definitions that he developed. Initial languages targeted for translation are Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese. English terms may also be added or edited. Instructions are provided with the glossary. The glossary can be found at www.spe.org/glossary/wiki.

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Applications Due for Nico van Wingen Memorial Graduate Fellowship

Applications for the Nico van Wingen Memorial Graduate Fellowship in Petroleum Engineering are due 1 November. Up to two awards will be given in the amount of USD 5,000 each per year. Eligible students must be members of an official SPE student chapter and must be at the PhD level intending to pursue careers in academia.

The fellowship, supported by the SPE Foundation, is renewable up to 4 years. Each university with an SPE student chapter and that offers a PhD degree in petroleum engineering may nominate a candidate.

Nico van Wingen was a graduate of the California Institute of Technology and worked as an evaluation engineer, consultant, and a professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Southern California. He played a major role in the development of oil production technology in the US, Austria, Canada, West Germany, Iran, Turkey, and Venezuela. He was active on many SPE committees and won the Anthony

F Lucas Technical Leadership Gold Medal in 1985 and SPE Distinguished Member Award in 1985.

Requirements for an application include:

- Nomination submitted by the SPE student chapter faculty adviser or department chair
- Application completed by student
- Statement of purpose completed by student
- Official transcripts for all institutions attended
- Two sealed letters of recommendation
- Student resume

All documents must be submitted together with the nomination form from the faculty adviser/department chair to the Nico van Wingen Memorial Fellowship Committee, SPE Foundation, P.O. Box 833836, Richardson, Texas, 75083-3836, USA. The submission deadline is 1 November of each year. The application can be viewed and downloaded at: www.spe.org/spe-app/spe/about/foundation/van_wingen.htm. Please direct all inquiries to studentactivities@spe.org.



On 16 June 2008, at the Mexican Petroleum Institute auditorium, 2008 SPE President Bill Cobb spoke to 80 SPE members during a visit to Mexico. From left, Julio E. Castillo-Ybarra and Alfonso González-García, students from National Polytechnic Institute; Jacobo Medina-Gutiérrez and Jonathan M. Monterrubio-Rodríguez, students from National University; Solange Ferreira, SPE Senior Manager for Latin America and Caribbean; Bill Cobb, 2008 SPE President; Juana Cruz-Hernández, SPE Mexico Section Subsection Head; Luis Macías-Chapa, SPE Mexico Section Chairperson; Guillermo Martínez-Cedillo, Yaniak Cedro-Resendiz, Sergio Sosa-Solis, and Ruben Rodríguez-Tapia, students from the National University of Mexico.



At the Congreso Mexicano del Petróleo, held 29–31 May 2008, in Monterrey, Mexico, Rodolfo Camacho, Manager of Exploitation Technology for Pemex E&P, was presented the SPE Regional Service Award, Gulf Coast North America, by Georgina Kessel, Mexico's Minister of Energy, in the presence of Jesús F. Reyes-Heróles, Director General of Pemex. The ceremony marked the start of the Mexican Oil Congress.

SPE Donates Money to Help Disaster Victims

SPE sections and the international SPE Board of Directors donated more than USD 13,000 to aid victims of recent natural disasters in China and Myanmar. SPE's Shekou Section donated 6,250 Chinese RMB (USD 900), the whole income of an event attended by 36 members, to China's Red Cross to help those affected by the May earthquake in central China that killed more than 60,000 people. The SPE Northern China International Section solicited donations from those attending

its annual crawfish boil and gave 15,751 RMB (USD 2,265) to the China Red Cross earthquake fund. Section members Angela Li and Andy Benson, both of Core Lab, helped organize the fund-raising effort. The event, held in Beijing, was attended by 370 members. In addition, the SPE Board of Directors donated USD 5,000 to the Red Cross in China to help earthquake relief efforts and another USD 5,000 to the Red Cross in Myanmar to aid victims of the cyclone disaster.



SPE Northern China International Section Board members at the annual crawfish boil, from left: Andy Benson, Special Events Director; David Power, Section Chairperson; Mark Dick, Program Chairperson; and Marty Schwantz, Director At-Large.



At the annual crawfish boil, attendees donated money for the China Red Cross earthquake fund.

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