

IPTC Focuses on Meeting Global Energy Needs

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With global energy demand continuing to soar, the third International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) will focus on developing strategies to help meet that growing demand. The conference will be held 3–5 December in Kuala Lumpur at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center with the theme “Meeting the Energy Needs of a Growing World Economy.” The first IPTC was held in 2005 in Doha and the second was held in December 2007 in Dubai. This will be the first IPTC held in the Asia Pacific region.

The conference will provide a platform for industry professionals to engage in constructive dialogue on developing and producing reliable and sufficient energy, the importance of mutual partnership and cooperation in meeting the world’s growing demand for energy, and on creating a common agenda for the future. Plenary and panel discussions and technical sessions will address a broad range of topics including sustainable production rates to meet future demand, partnerships and complex relationships, new technologies to improve efficient operations, the impact of high oil and gas prices, climate change and environment, unconventional oil and gas resources, and E&P integration.

IPTC is sponsored by four leading industry societies—SPE, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers, and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. The con-

ference has also secured endorsements from the following organizations that will actively promote participation through their membership: Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, Malaysian Gas Association, Engineers Australia, Japanese Association of Petroleum Technology, Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia, Malaysian Oil and Gas Services Council, and Society of Indonesian Petroleum Engineers.

This year’s event offers several new programs, including Education Week for international university students and Education Days, an initiative to introduce high school students in Malaysia to the industry. More than 1,000 technical paper abstracts representing 230 organizations from more than 50 countries were submitted to the conference, with more than 380 selected for presentation.

A Young Professionals Workshop titled “Young Professionals Energizing the Industry” will be held on Tuesday, 2 December. More than 75 attendees will interact, discuss, and share their industry experiences. The workshop will include talks from industry leaders and provide interactive activities to encourage networking and personal development.

The Environment Pavilion will show the industry’s proactive involvement in reducing carbon in the course of meeting the rising energy needs of the world. A task force is charged with seeking proposals from companies for short 15-minute presentations to be presented

during the exhibition opening, coffee breaks of the technical sessions, and the Wednesday and Friday luncheons.

Opening Ceremony, Plenary and Panel Sessions

The Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, 3 December, will feature speakers Dato’ Seri Abdullah Hj Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia; Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Mohd Hassan Marican, President and Chief Executive of Petronas; and Mark W. Albers, Senior Vice President of ExxonMobil. A Topical Luncheon featuring Albers will take place on Thursday, with the topic “Partnerships for Progress—Working Together to Meet the Energy Needs of a Growing World Economy.” IPTC will also feature a plenary and four panel sessions during the conference:

- The plenary session “High Price! High Cost! High Stakes?” will include session moderators Ahmad Nizam Salleh, Vice President, Corporate Service Division, Petronas; and Tim Cejka, President, ExxonMobil Exploration. Speakers for this session will include Brad Bourland, Head of Research, Jadwa Investment; Francisco Nepomuceno Filho, E&P Corporate Executive Manager, Petrobras; Nasser K.I. Jaidah, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Qatar Petroleum International; Ramlan Malek, Vice President, E&P Business, Petronas; and Jean-Marie Masset, Senior Vice President, Total.

- The panel session “Climate Change and Environment” will include session



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moderators Scott Tinker, Director, Bureau of Economic Geology and State Geologist of Texas, University of Texas at Austin; and Phil Rae, Director, InTuition Energy Associates. Speakers for this session will include Chow Kok Kee, Managing Director, Sustainable Technology Resource Center, STREC; Brian Flannery, Science Strategy and Programs Manager, ExxonMobil; Graeme Sweeney, Executive Vice President, Future Fuels and CO₂, Shell International Petroleum; and Ian Duncan, Associate Director Earth and Environmental Systems, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas at Austin.

- The panel session "Sustaining Production Rates to Meet Future Demand" will include session chairpersons Rocky Becker, Vice President, Geoscience, ExxonMobil Production; and Hosnia Hashim, Deputy Managing Director, Kuwait Oil. Speakers will include Abdulla Al Naim, Vice President, Petroleum Engineering and Development, Saudi Aramco; Jose Formigli, Executive Manager-EP ENG, Petrobras; Liu Zhenwu, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, China National Petroleum Corp.; Charles Mattenet, Senior Vice President, Asia and Far East, Total; and Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin, Vice President, Gas Business, Petronas.

- The panel session "Complex Relationships" will include session moderators Bruce Laws, Vice President, International-Europe/Africa/Latin America, Murphy E&P; and Zlatka Kraljevic, Dean of Institutional Relations, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia. Speakers will include Rob S. Franklin, Vice President Production, Europe, Caspian, Russia, ExxonMobil International; Do Van Hau, Vice President, PetroVietnam Group and Chairperson, PetroVietnam E&P Members' Council; Sergio Guaso Montoya, Sub Director for New E&P Contracts, Pemex E&P; Michelle Michot Foss, Chief Energy Economist, Jackson School of Geosciences, University of Texas at Austin; and Abdul Muin, Vice Chairperson, Government Executive Agency for Upstream Oil & Gas Business Activities.

- The panel session "E&P Technologies" will include session chairpersons Muhammad Saggaf, Manager, EXPEC Advanced Research Center, Saudi Aramco; and Ashok Belani, Chief Technology Officer, Schlumberger. Speakers include Datuk Abdul Rahim Hj Hashim, Vice President, Research

and Technology Division, Petronas; Matthias Bichsel, Executive Vice President Technical, Shell International E&P; Bobert Brunck, Chairperson and CEO, CGGVeritas; Manoelle Lepoutre, Vice President, R&D, Total; and Sara N. Ortwein, Vice President, Engineering, ExxonMobil Development.

Awards Banquet

The IPTC "Excellence in Project Integration" Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet, which will

take place on Wednesday evening, 3 December. Five projects will be awarded. The awards recognize project teams that have made significant and unique achievements in managing and directing integrated oil or gas projects from discovery to delivery. Information on the winning projects also will be displayed during the conference. **JPT**

For more information about the conference, registration, and hotel accommodations, please go to www.iptcnet.org/2008.

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