

## 2008 SPE Regional Award Winners Named

The SPE Regional Awards program recognizes regional achievements in six technical disciplines: Drilling and Completions; Health, Safety, and Environment; Management and Information; Production and Operations; Projects, Facilities, and Construction; and Reservoir Description and Dynamics. Regional awards are designed to recognize excellence and contributions made at the regional level. Regional award recipients become eligible for the societywide awards in the following year for categories in which a comparable award exists. Outstanding young members and distinguished corporate support are also recognized.

The awards are in addition to the existing SPE Regional Service Awards program that allows every region to recognize up to three members each year for exceptional contributions to SPE at the section or regional level. A regional committee chaired by the SPE Regional Director selected award recipients.

This year's award recipients are listed below by award category.

### Regional Service

Scot Buell, Charles Ibelegbu, and Lawrence Osakwe (Africa); Danny Bell, Melanie Perry, and Greg Stutes (Central and Southeastern North America); Robert Bruant, Rodolfo Camacho-Velazquez, and Craig Hunt (Gulf Coast North America); William V. Grieser and William F. Lawson (Mid-

Continent North America); Khaled A. Al-Buraik, Rahul Bali, and Jamie Irvine-Fortescue (Middle East); Gary Rodvelt and Richard Kyle Smith (Northeastern North America); Ramlan Bin Abdul Malek, Yuzhang Liu, and Maurizio Senese (Northern Asia Pacific); S.A. Mehta and Darien O'Brien (Rocky Mountain North America); Jose Eduardo Frasca Poyares Jardim, Alejandro R. Luppi, and Jose Luis Ortiz-Volcan (South America and Caribbean); Francesco Guidi, Paul McMorran, and Ivo Steiner (South, Central, and East Europe); Paul Massarotto and Desvita M. Widyas (Southern Asia Pacific); Laurence G. Ashdown, Elizabeth Einhorn, and Scott W. Parkison (Southwestern North America); and Cynthia M. Hennigan, Randahl D. Roadifer, and Jalal Torabzadeh (Western North America).

### Outstanding Young Member

Solomon Etta Agbor (Africa); Annan M. Pascoe (Central and Southeastern North America); Gabrielle Guerre (Gulf Coast North America); Ahmed Daoud (Middle East); Anthony Onukwu (North Sea); Trevor Mallernee (Northeastern North America); Pham Huu Hau (Northern Asia Pacific); David Anderson (Rocky Mountain North America); Mariano Felipe Raverta (South America and Caribbean); Henny Gunawan (Southern Asia Pacific); Brian T. Windham (Southwestern North America); and Christopher Jenkins (Western North America).



**Juan Manuel Ubeda, left, SPE Argentine Section Chairperson, presents the SPE South America and Caribbean Regional Service Award to Alejandro R. Luppi.**



**At the SPE Gulf Coast Section Awards Banquet in Houston, Allen Shook, left, SPE Gulf Coast Section Past Chairperson, presents the SPE Gulf Coast North America Regional Health, Safety, and Environment Award to Thomas L. Knode, Halliburton.**



**At the SPE Trinidad and Tobago Section's Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Nigel Sookdeo, left, outgoing chairperson of the SPE Trinidad and Tobago Board of Directors, presents the SPE South America and Caribbean Regional Production and Operations Award to Wayne Bertrand.**

### Drilling and Completions

Adewale Dosunmu (Africa); Byron Sketchler (Central and Southeastern North America); William David Norman (Gulf Coast North America); Zuhair Al-Hussain (Middle East); Johan Eck-Olsen (North Sea); Andre Leibsohn Martins (South America and Caribbean); and Mark O. Johnson (Western North America).

### Health, Safety, and Environment

Ali Ghalambor (Central and Southeastern North America); Thomas L. Knode (Gulf Coast North America); Ashok Chakraborty (Middle East); Leopoldo Rosario Henriquez (North Sea); Phongsthorn Thavisin (Northern Asia Pacific); Angelo Madera (South, Central, and East Europe); and Prijo Hutomo (Southern Asia Pacific).

### Management and Information

Omowumi Odeniyi Iledare (Africa); Rick Fowler (Central and Southeastern North America); Mehrzad Mahdavi (Gulf Coast North America); Emad Buhulaigah (Middle East); Eduardo Rocchi (South America and Caribbean); and Charles Lwanga Yonke (Western North America).

### Call to Submit 2009 Nominations

A maximum of 154 Regional Awards may be given annually, and every region is encouraged to nominate outstanding members for technical and service contributions. All recipients for Outstanding Young Member Service and the technical/service awards are automatically submitted for societywide awards the following year if they meet the eligibility requirements. Nominations for the 2008–09 awards are being solicited through SPE regional directors and will be accepted through 15 February 2009. For more information or to request nomination forms, go to [www.spe.org/regionalawards](http://www.spe.org/regionalawards).



**At the SPE Permian Basin Section meeting in Midland, Texas, the 2008 SPE Southwestern North America Regional Awards were presented. From left are: Hoxie Smith, SPE Permian Basin Section Past Chairperson; Elizabeth Einhorn, SPE Southwestern North America Regional Service Award recipient; Prentice Creel, SPE Southwestern North America Regional Director; and Billy Harris, incoming SPE Southwestern North America Regional Director.**

### Production and Operations

Joseph Ajienska (Africa); Clay Harrelson (Central and Southeastern North America); Jorge Manrique (Gulf Coast North America); Hazim Abbas (Middle East); Wayne Bertrand (South America and Caribbean); Mauro Tambini (South, Central, and East Europe); Steve A. Metcalf (Southwestern North America); and Ahmed Badruzzaman (Western North America).

### Projects, Facilities, and Construction

Melissa Cummins Blanscet (Gulf Coast North America); Wael El-Laithy (Middle East); and Mary Stella Corsaro (South America and Caribbean).

### Reservoir Description and Dynamics

Emmanuel Erhianor Ogagarue (Africa); Ronald T. Evans (Central and Southeastern North America); J. Michael Black (Gulf Coast North America); Kahalid Zainalabedin (Middle East); Antonio Claudio de Franca Correa (South America and Caribbean); Alexander Shandrygin (South, Central, and East Europe); and Yannis C. Yortsos (Western North America).

### 2008 SPE Distinguished Corporate Support Award

NPDC (Africa); Halliburton (Central and Southeastern North America); Grant Prideco (Gulf Coast North America); Kuwait Oil Company (Middle East); Total (North Sea); Universal Well Services (Northeastern North America); PTT E&P Public Company (Northern Asia Pacific); Fekete Associates (Rocky Mountain North America); Brazilian Petroleum Institute (South America and Caribbean); Weatherford (Southern Asia Pacific); Kinder Morgan CO<sub>2</sub> (Southwestern North America); and BJ Services (Western North America).

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