



Shawn P. Altizer, SPE, was named Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairperson of T H Hill Associates. Before this appointment, he was Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for T H Hill Associates. Altizer earned a BA degree in psychology from Dartmouth College and an MBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin.



Khalid Aziz, SPE Honorary Member, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Calgary. Aziz, professor of energy resources engineering and the Otto N. Miller Professor of Earth Sciences at Stanford University, was recognized for contributions made in the petroleum engineering field through his research, through the educa-

tion and mentoring of students, and to the University of Calgary's oil and gas engineering program.



Greg Bailey, SPE, was named Vice President of Engineering and Technology for Enventure Global Technology. Before this appointment, he was Vice President of Engineering in the tubular technical division for Grant Prideco. Bailey earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama.

MEMBER DEATH

Edwin A. Zwald, Houston



Charles S. Matthews, coauthor of the first SPE Monograph, *Pressure Buildup and Flow Tests in Wells*, died 8 May 2008. Matthews was a longtime employee of Shell, holding numerous leadership positions, and received major SPE awards, including the Lester C. Uren Award and the Distinguished Member and Honorary

Member designations.

Matthews worked at Shell for more than 40 years. He joined Shell Development in 1944 as a chemical engineer in San Francisco after graduating from Rice University. Matthews transferred to Houston 4 years later to work on production research and became Chief Reservoir Engineer for Shell's Technical Services Division in 1956. In 1965, he became Manager of Exploitation Engineering in New York City. Matthews later served as Director of Production Research with Shell Development and as Manager of Engineering in the Production Department. Other positions he held during his career with the company included Senior Reservoir Engineer for Shell Development and Senior Petroleum Engineering Consultant for Shell. His early career centered around research involving Shell's first waterfloods and in developing methods for interpreting transient well tests. He also did pioneering work in enhanced recovery of oil and gas, tar sands, and geothermal energy.

The publication of SPE's first monograph in mid-1967—*Pressure Buildup and Flow Tests in Wells*, coauthored with Donald G. Russell—was a landmark in SPE publication history. The Monograph Series was created to give practicing engineers authoritative references on the state of the art of various applications of petroleum technology and was part of the Society's effort to greatly enhance its

technical literature and other professional service offerings to members. The Matthews and Russell book sold more than 9,000 copies in its first 2 years after publication and quickly became required reading in university petroleum engineering courses as well as a text for continuing education courses.

Matthews was a member of SPE and its predecessor organization, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, for more than half a century, receiving the Legion of Honor designation in 1999. He chaired major Society committees, including the Reservoir Engineering Technical Program Committee for the 1969 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition and the Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal Committee during 1972–73. Matthews received the Lester C. Uren Award in 1975 for major achievements in petroleum engineering technology through his work on pressure-transient behavior, and with special recognition for his role as lead author for the paper, "A Method for Determination of Average Pressure in a Bounded Reservoir." Matthews was named an SPE Distinguished Member in 1983 and an Honorary Member in 1993. The Honorary Member designation, which signifies outstanding service to SPE and recognizes distinguished scientific or engineering achievement, is the highest honor the Society bestows on an individual and is limited to 0.1% of SPE's total membership.

Matthews was also a member of the US National Academy of Engineering, National Petroleum Council, a consultant for the US Department of Energy, and a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Rice University. He wrote numerous articles for professional journals and held many patents. He earned a BS degree in chemical engineering and a PhD degree in chemistry from Rice University.



Ian Dunderdale, SPE, was named Senior Vice President and partner of Asia Pacific Exploration Consolidated. His career includes positions at Harrison Lovegrove/Standard Chartered Bank; Gaffney, Cline & Associates; Halliburton; and Scientific Software-Intercomp. Dunderdale has more than 24 years of experience in the oil and gas industry.



Maximilian Fellner, SPE, joined RWE Dea as General Manager and Managing Director of Suez Oil. Before this appointment, he was Asset Development Manager and member of the Board of Directors for the Petrom Kazakhstan Branch. Fellner earned a college diploma in technical chemistry, an MS degree in petroleum engineering from the Mining University of Leoben, and an MBA degree from Danube University Krems.



James Pappas, SPE Production and Operations Director, was named 2008 Engineer of the Year by Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He is a senior engineering adviser and Global New Technology Coordinator for Devon Energy. Pappas was selected for his service to the profession of engineering.

He earned a BS degree in chemical engineering and a BA degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin, and an MBA degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.



Perrin



Walker

Sensornet reported two appointments. **John Perrin**, SPE, was named Vice President for North and South America. Before this appointment, he was a petrophysicist in Canada for an international oil services

company. Perrin has more than 10 years of industry experience specializing in wireline oilwell logging. **Doug Walker**, SPE, was named Vice President for the Asia Pacific region. Before this appointment, he held senior management positions for a global energy services business. Walker has more than 20 years of experience.



John Wearing, SPE, was named Vice President of Petris. He has held marketing and sales positions in a number of software companies. Wearing earned a BSc degree in geology and geophysics from Nottingham University.

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