

Latin American Energy Conference To Focus on Integration

With the theme, “The Power of Integration is Energy,” the 2009 SPE Latin American and Caribbean Petroleum Engineering Conference (LACPEC) will focus on the maximum productivity and recovery of oil and gas in the Latin American and Caribbean regions through the integration of people, technology, assets, and organizations. The conference will be held 31 May–3 June in Cartagena, Colombia. Technical topics at the conference will include:

- Deepwater developments
- Drilling and completions
- Facilities
- Gas technologies
- Heavy oil
- Mature fields
- Naturally fractured reservoirs
- Smart fields
- Unconventional resources
- Water management
- Risk/uncertainty/economics

LACPEC focuses on the entire Latin American and Caribbean regions and will feature plenary and panel sessions, a young professionals workshop, short courses, and a student paper contest. Néelson Navarrete, Ecopetrol, will serve as LACPEC 2009 General Chairperson with Ecopetrol as the principal sponsor for the conference.

Opening Ceremony

On Sunday, the opening ceremony will feature local, regional, and national dignitaries and oil and gas executives from the region speaking on topics of significant interest to the region. Immediately following will be the opening of the exhibition and reception in the exhibit hall.

Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions begin on Monday. The first, titled “Future Perspectives on the Oil Industry in Latin America and the

Caribbean,” will examine the increase in oil production and new significant discoveries in this region. Moderators will include Néelson Navarrete and Edgar Ortiz, Consultant, Ecopetrol. The session will feature executives of the region’s operators, who will discuss recent trends and the expectations that they have for the hydrocarbon sector.



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Colombian Petroleum Institute Director, Ecopetrol, and feature speakers Heber Cinco-Ley, Director, Mexican Petroleum Institute; Eduardo Blanco, Engineering Manager Argentina & Chile, BJ Services; Jeff Spath, President Reservoir Management, Schlumberger; Roberto Munoz, Vice President Latin American Region, Halliburton; Peter Fontana, Vice President Latin American Region, Weatherford; Patricia Vega, Vice President Latin American Region, Baker Hughes; and Ricardo Beltrao, Production R&D General Manager, Petrobras. The plenary session will include discussion of recent presalt discoveries, the remaining oil, access to environmentally sensitive areas, and other topics.

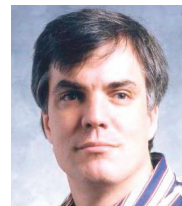
On Wednesday, a third plenary session titled “Areas for New Reserves” will

provide insight into the emerging and evolving opportunities for new reserves in Latin America. The session will feature moderators C. Marcelo Hirschfeldt, Founder, Oilproduction.net, and Thomas A. Blasingame, Professor, Texas A&M University. Speakers include Armando Zamora, Director, ANH; Evandro Correa Nacul, E&P Region Pacific Countries Director, Repsol YPF; and Ronald Egusquiza, General Manager, Perupetro.

Panel Sessions



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Blasingame

On Monday, the first panel session “Presalt—New Technology and Challenges” will be moderated by Thomas Blasingame and Rodolfo Camacho, Manager of Exploitation Technology at Pemex. Panelists will include Jose Formigli, Presalt Executive Manager, Petrobras, and Francois Alabert, Head Field Reserves Development, Total. The session will provide insight into other regions of the world where deepwater and deep reservoir targets are being pursued, as well as the rationale behind those efforts.

The second panel session, “Caribbean Basin Potential” will take place on Tuesday. The session will be moderated by Wagner L. Trindade, Production/Reserves/Reservoir Manager, Petrobras, and Nestor F. Saavedra, and feature panelists Marcos Toledo, Offshore Assets Manager, Petrobras; Claudia Ruiz-Graham, Exploration Manager, BP

Colombia; Orlando Chacin, Exploration Director, Petróleos de Venezuela; Diego Carvajal, Vice President Exploration, Ecopetrol; Deborah Pfeiffer, Latin American Exploration Manager, BHP Billiton; and Helena Innis-King, Director of Resource Management, Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries. Panelists will share their recent experiences, current planning, and the way forward for the Caribbean basin.



Thakur

The panel session “Improved Oil Recovery” will take place on Wednesday. The session will feature moderators Ganesh Thakur, Vice President and Global Adviser, Chevron, and Jose L. Ortiz-Volcan, Technology Manager, Halliburton. Panelists will include Humberto Mendoza, Director of Reservoirs and Geology, Mansarovar; Edward J. Behm, Asset Development, Occidental Oil & Gas; and Anelise Q. Lara, Reservoir Engineering Manager, Petrobras. Panelists will discuss key topics on the current technologies used in oil and gas

assets ranging from gas to extra-heavy oils; from shallow and simple to deep and complex geologic formations; and from exploration and development to more mature assets, as well as inactive fields. The panel discussion will offer practical lessons learned and viewpoints on the future of improved oil recovery in Latin America, the Caribbean, and around the world.

Young Professionals Workshop

A young professionals workshop on Sunday will feature a keynote speaker who will discuss a range of topics from economic cycles to industry trends. That will be followed by panel speakers representing national oil companies, independents, R&D, and academia, discussing personal experiences in the field that attendees will be able to apply to their own careers.

Young professionals will also participate in an exercise in which they will separate into groups to prepare an analysis of a given topic that was introduced during the panel session. By the end of the workshop, the participants will have improved their soft skills, technical knowledge, and teamwork skills.

Other Events

Five short courses will be available Saturday and Sunday on enhanced-oil-recovery fundamentals; practical aspects of CO₂ flooding and sequestration; reservoir aspects of horizontal and multilateral wells; waterflooding concepts, design prediction, and optimization; and intelligent-well design.

A student paper contest will take place on Sunday. Advanced undergraduate and graduate level students attending universities in the Latin American and Caribbean regions have submitted essays covering the topics in hydrocarbon E&P subjects and related technologies, either on technical, economic, or environmental issues. Prizes will be awarded to the top three papers in each division (undergraduate, master's, and PhD). First prize includes a trip to the 2009 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans, where the students will present their papers at the international student paper contest.

For more information about the conference and to register, please go to www.spe.org/events/lacpec/.

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