

In this issue, *TWA* introduces a new section for photography lovers to publish their "best shot." Yes, keep taking pictures out there when you are in the field and let us publish your work. For this issue, we have two pictures submitted by our editors from their own experiences in the fields. Energy, whether it is fossil fuels or renewables, will continue to play a critical role in the global economy in the future. What do you think of fossil fuel vs. renewable resources within the next decade? Can you tell it in pictures?



Alpha and Beta Centaurus

Andrés Zoldi, Petroleum Engineer, Chevron, Buenos Aires

Alpha and beta centaurus, the shiniest stars of the southern hemisphere, as seen above the El Trapial Field in Argentina's Neuquén Province. Sundown is always peaceful in the desert. The well seen in the picture was the fruit of many months of reservoir characterization, and a late-night visit to "nurse" it gave me the chance to take this photo. *Equipment used: Nikon D40, 18 mm, 1 sec. at f/3.5, ISO400.*



Oklahoma Wind Power

Lisa Song, Field Engineer, Schlumberger, Oklahoma

It was a foggy afternoon just before the sun went down when I captured this picture in central Oklahoma. Oklahoma is large oil and gas producing state in the central US, located in "tornado alley," and wind power has become one of several options for Oklahoma's energy resources. *Equipment used: Sony DSC-W7, CyberShot*

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Dhabi and 21 people passed the exam in another session in 2007. Later that year, 17 passed the exam in Bahrain, 1 in Jakarta, and 3 people took the exam at the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition. In 2008, 22 passed the exam given in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, engineers from France and Nigeria have traveled to Middle East exam sessions.

The YP Benefit

Young professionals can benefit from taking the exam as well as more experienced professionals. "My mentor encouraged me to take the exam," said Carlos Bahamon-Velasquez, a petroleum engineer from Colombia who is currently working for Occidental Petroleum in Houston. He passed the exam in November 2008.

"This is a good time to get young professionals to seek this as an opportunity for professional growth, to distinguish themselves from other candidates in the job market, to be committed to the profession, and to achieve a standardized minimum knowledge requirement to be called a petroleum professional (or engineer)," he said. "The exam assesses how much we learned from school and the practice of the profession, whether it is drilling, completing, producing, or understanding the reservoir. It also just feels good to know that you accomplished passing a difficult exam. It gives you more confidence performing your work." **TWA**

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have proved to complement technical competence in oil and gas industry managers and leaders.

A Student Paper Contest was also held in conjunction with the conference, so the workshop audience included not only Moscow students but representatives from 17 student chapters in the Russian and Caspian region as well. Presentations on each of the above-mentioned values were given by both YPs and students, and discussion focused on how to apply these values in the real world. Many participants emphasized that putting these values into practice would be beneficial not just for their working careers, but for their life as well.

The mission of bridging YPs with industry seniors was well carried out at the Moscow workshop, and the represented student chapters declared their intention to work more closely with YPs on initiatives in the future. **TWA**