Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of SPE and the conference program committee, we are pleased to invite you to the **SPE Deepwater Drilling and Completions Conference**, 14-15 September 2016 in Galveston, Texas, USA.

The current downturn in crude prices is the most severe, and possibly most enduring, since the deepwater plays and subsequent project developments started. Pure cost cutting by operators will be insufficient to adequately address the negative impact on project economics due to lower crude prices. Cost cutting as a first priority can also unintentionally increase risks and reduce reliability of wells, subsea components, and facilities. We do know that much innovation and value focus came out of the 2008-2009 downturn and we benefited as an industry from those improvements. Innovation and a broader understanding of risk is a likely outcome from listening to peers address common technical challenges and risks.

Industry-wide collaboration is one of the most beneficial activities provided by the SPE and is vital to the future of deepwater wells and projects. It is also crucial to adequately summarize and transfer the experience of the past 25 years, as the “great crew change” enters its final five years to 2020. The program committee has carefully selected relevant topics such as drilling challenges, casing and tubular design, cementing, sand technology, and case histories. Olivier Le Peuch, President, Completions with Schlumberger, will provide us with his insights and experiences during a keynote address titled “The Future is Completions!”

We encourage all operators to look medium and long term and make sure their company and the best interests of the industry are served by active participation and collaboration at the conference. Our goal is to provide participants with the opportunity to learn from their peers in all aspects of deepwater operations. Take advantage of this conference to enhance your knowledge and professional development.

Sincerely,

**Syed Ali**, Consultant  
**Kevin Lacy**, PetroSkills
Deepwater Drilling and Production Technology
12–13 September | 0800-1700
Instructor: Terry N. Gardner
Recent years have witnessed a dramatic advance in the technology employed to identify and develop deepwater reserves. Through innovation and exploitation of high tech advances in related fields, the offshore industry has succeeded in overcoming major technological and economic challenges of deepwater. Deepwater operators as well as equipment and service providers have all made major contributions. This course will cover topics such as marine seismic exploration, production risers, station keeping (mooring and dynamic positioning), pipelines/flowlines, and more.

Introduction to Offshore Decommissioning and Well P&A
12–13 September | 0800-1700
Instructor: Brian Twomey
This course is an introduction to the new and growing discipline of offshore decommissioning. With a focus on the GOM Region, this course introduces the complex cross-discipline nature of offshore decommissioning. The course is a mixture of presentations, discussion, videos, animations, and workshop exercises.

The Future is Completions
Olivier Le Peuch, President, Completions Schlumberger
During the last two decades, the Drilling industry has seen significant leaps in performance and impact of technology, particularly related to the horizontal drilling and well placement. By contrast, the Completions industry did not witness similar step-change in technology or reservoir recovery impact, with the exception of the unconventional shale solutions. Looking forward, the industry is at an inflexion point where the Completions technology has the potential to unlock the value of assets to the next level. New technology advances in integration capability, operational efficiency, or reservoir management all combine to enable a leap in Completion techniques for future wells. A few examples of Completions technology introductions will illustrate this trend and highlight significant impacts on operational costs, recovery factors or capital expenditure. The future is increasingly Completions and is accelerating.

Olivier Le Peuch is President of Completions for Schlumberger, a position he assumed in October 2014. Based in Houston, Le Peuch is responsible for setting the strategic directions, prioritizing the technology investments and overseeing the segment operations for the Completions business unit of Schlumberger. In this role, Le Peuch assumes responsibility for the overall service and product delivery of the Completion technology portfolio to the oil & gas customers across all geographies.
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**About this Conference:**

The SPE Deepwater Drilling and Completions Conference brings together experts from around the world to highlight the latest advancements and technologies related to drilling and completions in the deepwater market.

Attendees will experience a comprehensive technical program to help address current challenges in deepwater basins. The event will include technical papers, case histories, training courses, and an exhibition to share innovations and best practices.

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