



**Society of Petroleum Engineers**

## **Opening Ceremony Keynote Speakers and First Panel Plenary Discussion announced for SPE's 4<sup>th</sup> CTCE**

**London, UK (9 October 2017)** – The Oil & Gas industry keenly awaits the Annual Caspian Technical Conference and Exhibition (CTCE), organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), taking place next month in Baku, Azerbaijan. The event will be hosted by SOCAR and supported by the entire oil & gas industry from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan.

Opening ceremony Keynote speakers have now been announced and include some of the leading experts from the oil and gas industry, confirmed speakers are:

- Darcy Spady, 2018 SPE President
- Academician Khoshbakht Yusifzade, First Vice President, SOCAR Denis Lemarchal, Managing Director, TOTAL E&P Azerbaijan
- Ibrahim Guliyev, VP of the National Academy of Sciences
- Oleg Karpushin, EVP Operations, Production and Oil Field Services, JSC NC KazMunayGaz
- Ted Etchison, General Director, Tengizchevroil
- Mars Khasanov, Director of Technology, Upstream, PJSC Gazprom Neft, CEO, Gazpromneft STC
- Sergey Kolbikov, Head of Reservoir Engineering, NOVATEK
- Ali Al-Jarwan, CEO, Managing Director Exploration and Production, Dragon Oil

The first high level Panel session on Modernisation, following the Opening Ceremony, will be looking at how major projects, typically with long procurement and engineering lead times need to leverage the accelerating and compounding capabilities of digital technologies, data analytics, improved sensors, geotagging technology, autonomous systems, and computer power to be able to move to the next level of production and efficiency and will see participation from:

1. Gazprom Neft, **Mars Khasanov**, Director of Technology,
2. NOVATEK, **Sergey Kolbikov**, Head of Reservoir Engineering
3. TOTAL, **Yves Le Stunff**, Digital Officer
4. ADA University, **Abzetedin Adamov**, Director, Center for Data Science Research and Training
5. Statoil, **Oddvar Vermedal**, Vice President for Emerging IT

For more information on the CTCE programme, please visit:

<http://www.spe.org/events/en/2017/conference/17ctce/schedule-overview.html>

This year's CTCE will again be collaborating with the Azerbaijan Society of Petroleum Geologists (ASPG), the Local Chapter of European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), providing delegates with the opportunity to attend - at no extra cost - all three conferences under one roof. It will provide the region's oil and gas industry with an all-encompassing technical conference.

CTCE will take place from 1-3 November at the Fairmont Hotel in Baku and registration is now open. To find out more and to register, please visit:

<http://www.spe.org/events/en/2017/conference/17ctce/home.html>

## **About SPE**

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