CALL FOR PAPERS
PROPOSALS DUE: 20 JUNE 2016

SPE/IADC DRILLING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

14–16 March 2017
The Hague, The Netherlands

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Dear Colleague,

The SPE/IADC Drilling Conference and Exhibition is one of the key annual industry events. It is renowned for excellent technical content. This reputation could not have been achieved without active engagement from the industry.

I would like to invite you to help maintain our high standards by submitting a paper proposal for the 2017 conference programme, which will take place in The Hague, The Netherlands on 14–16 March. We anticipate that the location and our programme will facilitate an even more international event.

The conference typically covers a variety of subjects, including drilling technologies, HSE, deepwater, subsea, new technology, and competency and training. The 2017 conference will also address the future of providing energy in an unstable environment. The process of recovering hydrocarbons is becoming increasingly challenging, for a variety of economic, technological, social, and environmental reasons. However, our industry has faced and overcome similar challenges before. The programme will address these challenges by bringing together expertise with some great insights from other industries.

I encourage you and your colleagues to share your experience at this prominent and important event. I look forward to meeting you in The Hague in 2017.

Sincerely,

Leigh-Ann Russell
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1. Drilling Process and Technology
   • Rigs and Rig Equipment
   • Bits
   • Drilling Fluids
   • Cementing and Zonal Isolation
   • Downhole Tools
   • Directional Drilling and Hole Placement
   • Drilling Mechanics (Vibration, Stick Slip, etc.)
   • Geoscience (Rock Mechanics)
   • HP/HT

2. Tubulars
   • Risers and Conductors
   • Drilling Tubulars
   • Casing and Zonal Isolation Tools
   • Production Tubulars

3. Deepwater and Subsea
   • Deepwater Drilling and Completions
   • Deepwater Methods and Technologies
   • Deepwater Drilling Rigs
   • Deepwater Well Control
   • Subsea Wells
   • Surface BOP and Related Technologies
   • Sub Salt Drilling, Tar and Hydrates

4. Completions and Field Development
   • Completion Technology
     • Well Intervention
     • Field Development

5. Management and Systems
   • Health, Safety, Environment
   • Process Safety
   • Drilling Management
   • Performance Drilling
   • Well Control: Procedures and Technologies
   • Planning: Risk Management, Well Cost, Scheduling
   • People: Competence and Training
   • Contracts

6. Leading and New Technologies / Methodologies
   • Innovative Technologies
   • Special Techniques (Through Tubing Drilling, Drilling and Casing, Expendables)
   • Drilling Systems Automation
   • Factory Style Drilling
   • Managed Pressure and Underbalanced Drilling
   • Dual Gradient Drilling
   • Real-Time Operating Centres and Remote Data Gathering
   • Waste Management

7. Case Studies
   • Shale Drilling
   • Low-Cost Wells
   • Mature Fields
   • Extended Reach Wells
   • Deep Well Drilling
   • Frontier Operations and Extreme Environments
   • Unconventional Projects
   • Challenging Projects that Overcame Adversity
Paper Proposal Submittal Guidelines

General Guidelines
1. Obtain the necessary clearance from your management.
2. The paper proposal must be a minimum of 225 words and no more than 300 words in length. Submissions need to be formatted into four specific paragraphs to include the following: 1. Objectives/Scope; 2. Methods, Procedures, Process; 3. Results, Observations, and Conclusions; 4. Novel/Additional Information, and the technical category most applicable to your paper.
3. The paper proposal must be received by 20 JUNE 2016.
4. Submit your paper proposals online at www.spe.org/events/dc/2017. The website also offers guidelines for preparing and submitting your paper proposal on time.
5. Do not include the title or authors' names in the body of the proposal. The title and author information will be requested separately through the submission system.
6. Please note that, if accepted, your paper proposal may be published, as submitted, in conference information media, including on the SPE website.
7. Authors whose paper proposals are accepted will be required to provide a manuscript for inclusion in the conference proceedings. Authors who do not submit a manuscript and the associated publication forms by the manuscript due date will be withdrawn from the programme and will not be allowed to present. The programme committee will review draft manuscripts before the final versions are submitted to SPE for publication. Draft manuscripts are due for review by 28 October 2016. Final manuscripts will be due to SPE no later than 14 November 2016.

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