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SPE Russian Petroleum Technology Conference Hits Breaking Attendance Record by 20%

On **22--24 October 2019**, SPE held the best oil and gas conference in Russia¹, the **SPE Russian Petroleum Technology Conference** that gathered **800+ delegates** at the Holiday Inn Sokolniki Hotel, where they listened to **235+ technical presentations**.

"... for professionals, it makes great sense to participate in this conference, because here they meet with the elite of our industry and have the opportunity to share their ideas and gain technical knowledge and new ideas..." Sergey Kolbikov, NOVATEK.



The conference was attended by **190+ IOCs and NOCs**, including operators and service companies, research institutes and universities, government agencies and professional public organisations across 22 countries. Among the largest companies in attendance included *Rosneft, Saudi Aramco, Gazprom and Gazprom Neft, LUKOIL, Schlumberger, Halliburton, Tatneft, Zarubezhneft, Surgutneftegaz, Skolkovo* and many more.

This year's conference programme committee was chaired by Denis Sugaipov, **Gazpromneft - Development**, Alexander Shpilman, **V.I.Shpilman Research and Analytical Center for the Rational Use of Subsoil** and Olivier Houzé, **KAPPA**.

The programme was rich in diversity and included an **opening panel session, 24 technical sessions, 6 knowledge sharing sessions, 6 round tables and many other events**. The presentation topics were devoted to field geophysics, digital technology, development of oil and gas fields, well construction, stimulation of production and hydraulic fracturing.

"At this event you can find information, meet interesting people and listen to challenging presentations covering a full range of interests. It will always be the central conference among all workshops and conferences." Mikhail Samoilov, RN-TSEPiTR

¹ According to the 2018 Energy Providers Rating.



It is widely known that historical knowledge is essential to shape our future. Eventually, we will be faced with seemingly 'new' problems, where we will need to delve back into the past and find the solutions. SPE developed the panel session that opened the conference which was dedicated to the **"Evolution of Oil and Gas Technologies: Learning the Past, Unlocking the Future"** and was held under the motto *"The further back you can look, the further forward you are likely to see"* by Winston Churchill.

This year SPE launched a new format of an event, *"Ask the Expert"*, where attendees were able to ask questions to the world distinguished industry experts. The invited experts were:

- *Martin Rylance*, Regional VP Wells, **BP Russia**. Martin presented a report on **"Proppant When, Where and Why?"** and the main purpose of this presentation was to identify the value of the use of proppant and it's associated conductivity.
- *Richard Tarran*, Executive Coach and Human Factors Expert, **Mission Performance**, shared with attendees on **how to optimise reliability, risk and compliance through Human Factors leadership**.
- *Alexander Shandrygin*, Head of Department, Field Development Engineering Center, **Gazprom Geologorazvedka**, informed delegates about **chemical flooding and its past, present, and future**.

"The annual SPE conference which traditionally takes place in October in Russia, is the largest professional platform that gathers specialists and experts in field development. Every year a tremendous number of people come here, because it is the only place where every year you can meet industry experts, not only from all over the country ... but also from abroad", Diana Shigapova, Roxar



In addition to the conference, the **SPE Russia and Caspian Regional Student Paper Contest** also commenced for students. In total, 26 students competed for the 1st place in their divisions – Bachelors, Masters and PhD Students.

The 2020 conference will take place on 12-14 October 2020 in Technopark Skolkovo, Moscow, Russia.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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