

Dear All,

In this note, we will give you an update on the activities to strengthen the PF&C discipline in SPE. Let us say up front that there are a number of initiatives that are being developed and SPE is very receptive to input. Please send us a note with your ideas, feedback, or any interest that you might have in participating.

The idea to strengthen PF&C events, membership, journal etc has been growing for quite some time. Several years ago, developments in the industry such as major offshore projects, deepwater, and subsea tie-backs provided the justification for a separate discipline. Today, new developments have dramatically increased the demands of our discipline, such as the intense IOR/EOR activity, ultra deep water, unconventional gas, sour hydrocarbons, subsea processing, water management, GtL, fLNG, etc. SPE sees both a need to better serve the discipline and an opportunity to grow the membership.

At the September 2010 meeting in Florence the idea for restructuring the PF&C journal was raised and a number of good ideas were put forward. This was partly driven by a lack of sustainable submissions for peer review papers. The new journal will be launched in early 2012. It will be called **Oil & Gas Facilities**. There is no doubt that it is about the exciting stuff that we do. We do need articles and items of interest. Visit www.spe.org or just send us a note with your ideas.

An initiative to strengthen the PF&C presence at the SPE Annual Conference has been kicked off. Typically we have 2 sessions. Starting in 2012, we will have 3 sessions for papers, plus a special session, and an evening event. The special session will involve a panel discussion, or a topical discipline presentation. One idea is to have a "Legends of Major Projects," where we hear the personal stories of the people who took on enormous risk and uncertainty in major ground-breaking projects.

There are a few more initiatives underway such as a Technical Section on Separations for the Gulf Coast; the Global Integrated Workshop Series in Water Handling; and of course a membership drive. Part of the membership drive will involve a couple of "PF&C ambassadors" to visit the directors of the major engineering and equipment providers to communicate the benefits of SPE membership and offer a companywide enrollment package.

At the ATCE-Denver in October, we will review the initiatives. We will have our Advisory Committee meeting (that's us!) on Tuesday, 1 November. A separate invitation has been sent out. That meeting is the best opportunity for open discussion. There will be a program committee meeting for the 2012 Annual Conference in San Antonio. The strategic and administrative aspects (i.e. resources, staff, costs, etc) will be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting. Sometime after October, we will give you an update on where we stand.

Finally, I (John) would like to thank the outstanding SPE staff and leadership. Also, on behalf of SPE, we would like to thank all of the industry professionals who have signed up for various roles in all of this. Needless to say, we kindly ask for your feedback, input, and participation.

Regards,

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