

Dear All,

We wanted to send out one final note this year. This will summarize what we talked about at the ATCE in Denver, and will help set the stage for activities next year.

The first issue of the new Oil and Gas Facilities (OGF) bi-monthly magazine will be published in February 2012. Editors have been identified and SPE has recently added Pam Boschee to its team of staff writers. Each issue will contain staff-written features, articles from industry, guest columns, and a few peer-reviewed technical papers. The April issue will specifically target OTC registrants and include a special membership offer.

In mid-October an announcement describing the magazine's objective and features was posted to the PF&C Discipline Page on SPE.org. Additional promotions included an SPE TV spot and video on the SPE website. A special PF&C membership drive will commence in early 2012 including "ambassador" visits to directors of major engineering and equipment providers. Key leaders will share a value proposition, the benefits of SPE membership, and offer a companywide enrollment package.

The SPE Annual Meeting in September 2012 will feature expanded programming for PF&C professionals. Three technical paper sessions, a special session involving a panel discussion or topical presentation, and *Legends of Groundbreaking Projects* is being planned. Ken Arnold has agreed to moderate the first-time PF&C Legends event. To ensure the success of these activities it is important to begin organizing in early January. We need your input to identify speakers, propose topics, and designate individuals who can share personal stories of frontier projects. Organizational teleconferences are tentatively planned for early January, so please let Shasta and I know if you are willing to participate.

Efforts to increase collaborative opportunities for facilities professionals resulted in another important milestone. At its Denver meeting the SPE Board of Directors approved establishment of the Separations Technology Technical Section, the first to represent the PF&C discipline segment. The technical section will promote industry awareness of separation-related issues and technologies and enhance technical competencies that meet industry needs.

A Global Integrated Workshop Series on Water Handling has been organized in the last several months. Eleven workshops will be presented between 2012 and 2014 with a region-specific focus. Events will feature an online community component from which scribe reports may be accessed and discussed. The first workshop is planned for March 2012 in Cyprus, followed by Bakersfield, California in June 2012. A Best Practice Manual on Water Handling is an anticipated deliverable.

SPE has launched an initiative with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to identify ways to partner on training programs. An initial idea is to hold a jointly managed "Training Week" during which selected courses from both societies would be offered. An appropriate venue would be selected, likely in Houston, and tentatively scheduled for next April.

Regards,

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