

Dear All,

First, let us say thanks to all of the Advisory Committee members who have helped put together an outstanding program for the Annual Meeting. Last year we had two sessions. This year we have five. We need to maintain focus and respond to last minute cancelations. However, the program is complete and it looks outstanding. So thanks.

At this point, we ask that you help recruit attendees. Good attendance will help reinforce to SPE that there is value in the time, effort and resources being devoted to our discipline.

We recognize that not everyone can participate as strongly as they may wish, due to other commitments, etc. This happens to us all from time to time. We do ask that you continue to provide input, ideas and feedback, which brings us to the next item...

Shasta will send out an invitation to an Advisory Committee meeting to be held at lunch time on Wednesday 10-October. This is obviously the last day of the Annual Meeting. The timing is such that we can do a Lessons Learned / Best Practices review of the PF&C program. Your input would be greatly appreciated. Also, please feel to invite colleagues who might be interested in joining our Advisory Committee. Given the level of activity, we do need to grow the Committee.

There are several other encouraging developments in PF&C and some activities that need further support, such as Distinguished Lecturers. We will return attention to these items in the fall, after ATCE, and will kick off discussion at the committee meeting on Wednesday 10-Oct.

Mon, 8 October 1400–1700	Paper Session – Enhancement of Facilities Technology. The session covers many facility applications such as water handling equipment, gas development, and application to abandon facilities.
Mon, 8 October 1930–2200	Special Event – Learnings from Facilities Megaprojects Dinner This event will recognize some of the largest and most innovative projects from a projects, facilities, and construction standpoint. Join us to benefit from the lessons learned from these challenging projects. Invited panelists will describe the effort that went into the concept, design, execution, and production of the following select projects: installation of massive production facilities in a short time span for several million BOPD in Saudi Arabia; large offshore facilities in Brazil; pioneering of deepwater projects in the Gulf of Mexico; and the Canadian oil sands projects in Alberta. <i>Sponsored by Saudi Aramco.</i>

<p>Tues, 9 October 0830–1155</p>	<p>Technical Panel Session – Challenges in Projects, Facilities, and ConstructionThis session will focus on the challenges that engineers and managers in the Projects, Facilities and Construction discipline are facing now and are likely to face over the next five years. Panelists will discuss the technical challenges and risks in bringing projects to completion in a timely and cost effective manner. The session will also address issues facing PF&C discipline professionals, as well as opportunities for individuals to move into exciting new areas, including the skills required and what they can expect in terms of demand for their knowledge.</p>
<p>Tues, 9 October 1400–1700</p>	<p>Paper Session – Facilities Technology ApplicationsTechnology application is always a question of selecting the right technology to fit for the field facilities. This session comprises an interesting selection of topical development concerns.</p>
<p>Wed, 10 October 0830–1155</p>	<p>Special Event – Knowledge Sharing on SeparationsReliable separation is becoming an enabling technology to develop remote location resources (e.g. arctic, deepwater, and subsea) and more difficult applications (e.g. heavy oil, produced water, and sand disposal). Separations expertise is scattered around the globe without opportunities to share separation technology, fundamental research, and device qualification, or network to discuss common problems. The SPE Separations Technology Section will help address these challenges by organizing events, capturing lessons learned, and eventually fostering some JIPs. This session covers separation topics ranging from issues with conventional separator design to emerging technology trends.</p>

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