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History

Officially founded in 1957, SPE's predecessor organizations date from the birth of the oil industry in the late 1880s.

Background

SPE is a not-for-profit professional society whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and provides services through publications, events, training courses and online resources at www.spe.org. Income from SPE events and services are invested back into SPE to support many other society programs.

Mission

To collect, disseminate and exchange technical knowledge concerning the exploration, development and production of oil and gas resources and related technologies for the public benefit; and to provide opportunities for professionals to enhance their technical and professional competence.

Major Technical Disciplines

Upstream oil and gas operations, including Drilling; Completions; Health, Safety, Environment and Sustainability; Data Science and Engineering Analytics; Management; Production and Operations; Projects, Facilities and Construction; and Reservoir.

Membership

More than 119,000 members in 138 countries participate in 206 sections and 426 student chapters. SPE includes more than 52,000 student members.

pResources

SPE.org: Find upcoming SPE events conferences, workshops, webinars, and training; watch on-demand interviews and educational videos; access industry reference information; read SPE publications and journals. Members manage their account, collaborate in online communities, submit abstracts for conferences, and nominate colleagues for awards.

SPE Technical Resources: Technical reports and papers, eBooks, industry guidelines, certification and training, [PetroWiki](#), [OnePetro technical library](#), [SPE Energy Stream](#) multimedia platform, [AI-powered Research Portal](#).

SPE Publications: *Journal of Petroleum Technology*, *SPE Drilling & Completion*, *SPE Journal*, *SPE Production & Operations*, *SPE Reservoir Evaluation & Engineering*, *The Way Ahead*, *HSE Now*, *Oil and Gas Facilities*, and *Data Science and Digital Engineering*.

Energy4me.org: SPE energy education website providing resources for speakers, teachers, and students on all energy sources and energy careers.

Conferences and Exhibitions

SPE sponsors more than 110 conferences, exhibitions, forums and workshops each year. The technical programs are presented and created by SPE members and industry professionals. For a complete listing of SPE events and dates, visit www.spe.org/events.

Governing Body

Board of Directors: four officers, one director for academia, one at-large director, 13 regional directors, and six technical directors.

Board Committees: engagement and development; finance; knowledge capture and delivery; member programs; meetings and training; audit.

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