



SPE Membership Reaches Highest Ever

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RICHARDSON, Texas, U.S.A. (29 January 2004)—SPE announces membership at 2003 year-end reached a total of 60,559.

Membership has been on a steady incline since 2000. SPE now boasts more than 60,000 members in more than 100 countries, including engineers, scientists, technicians, managers, operators, educators, students and other professionals involved in the global upstream oil and gas industry.

Year	Total Membership
2000	51,918
2001	53,025
2002	55,361
2003	60,559

"With Halliburton underwriting annual membership dues for all student members, we've seen that area really grow," said Mark Rubin, SPE Executive Director. "This program started on 1 October 2002, when SPE had 5,000 student members. Now it has grown to nearly 12,000 students. We now have a more globally expansive student membership and they are realizing the benefits our society offers as they enter into and grow their professional careers."

SPE has 152 sections in 58 countries. 2003 marks the highest number of members since 1985, which had a total of 56,509 members. During 2003, SPE formed new sections in Northern China and Tomsk, Russia. At year-end SPE also had established four new student chapters at Universidad Surcolombiana in Colombia, Universidad Nacional de Piura in Peru, Tomsk Polytechnic University in Russia, and Enugu State University of Science and Technology in Nigeria.

"SPE continues to respond to member needs by providing new and efficient ways to disseminate the latest information on technologies and developments in the industry," said Kate Baker, 2004 SPE President. "We continue to enhance SPE.org. SPE also is reaching into new regions of the world to build membership. SPE opened a new office in Dubai in October of 2003 and plans to manage new international meetings in the Middle East as well."