



SPE Opens Moscow Office to Serve Growing Russian Membership

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RICHARDSON, Texas, U.S.A. (23 October 2007) -- The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) has announced the opening of a new office in Moscow to enhance service to its members in Russia and develop technical programs for the domestic oil and gas sector. The office, which officially opened on October 1, is SPE's sixth worldwide office.

"Russia is one of SPE's fastest growing regions. We are very excited about opening the Moscow office to assist in membership development in this important region and to develop more SPE technical programs in Russia," said Lawrence Slade, director of SPE's Europe, Russia, and West Africa regional office, located in London, which oversees the Moscow operation. "We are especially pleased to have extremely knowledgeable Russian staff headed by Claudia Rodionova, our general manager for Russia."

Iskander Diyashev of IRDC in Moscow, who serves on SPE's Board of Directors, added, "The opening of SPE's Moscow office illustrates global recognition of the importance of the Russian oil and natural gas industry. SPE provides access to technological advances from around the world and also provides an important opportunity to highlight the unique advances in technology that have been made by Russian engineers and scientists."

In addition to providing membership support to SPE's six Russian professional sections and 10 university student chapters, the Moscow office will help develop SPE Applied Technology Workshops, which focus on the latest applications of relevant technology, illustrated with field case studies and examples. The office also will help support the 2008 SPE Russian Oil and Gas Technical Conference and Exhibition, scheduled for 28-30 October 2008 in Moscow. This is the second major international event for the upstream oil and gas exploration and production community organized in Moscow by the Society of Petroleum Engineers and Reed Spearhead Exhibition. The first conference was held in October 2006. In 2008, SPE will also provide four leading technical experts to speak to Russian sections as part of its popular Distinguished Lecturer program.

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About SPE

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a not-for-profit professional association whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE serves more than 73,000 members from 110 countries worldwide, with offices in Dallas, Houston, London, Moscow, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry and provides services through its publications, conferences, workshops, forums and website at www.spe.org.

SPE Russia Fact Sheet

Russia Professional Membership (year-end 2006): 627

Russia Student Membership (year-end 2006): 414

SPE Professional Sections

- Moscow Section, Moscow - Formed in 1992
- Sakhalin Section, Sakhalin - Formed in 1994
- Nizhnevartovsk Section, Nizhnevartovsk - Formed in 1995
- Tomsk Section, Tomsk - Formed in 2003
- Volga Section, Almetyevsk - Formed in 2004
- Western Siberia Section, Noyabrsk - Formed in 2004

SPE Student Chapters

- Tomsk Polytechnic University, Tomsk
- Gubkin University, Moscow
- Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg
- Ufa State Aviation Technical University, Ufa
- Irkutsk State Technical University, Irkutsk
- Tyumen State Oil and Gas University, Tyumen
- Moscow State University, Moscow
- Ufa State Petroleum Technological University, Ufa
- Samara State Technical University, Samara
- Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Moscow
- Moscow State Geological Prospecting University, Moscow

SPE Events in Russia

2008

ATW – Electronic Submersible Pumps

May 2008

ATW – Gas Condensate Recovery Factor Improvement

May 2008

Reserves Workshop

September 2008

Russian Oil & Gas Technical Conference and Exhibition, Moscow

28-30 October

ATW – Heavy Oil

December 2008

2007

Gas Condensates Workshop – Moscow (April)

2006

Russian Oil and Gas Conference –Moscow (October)

SPE Moscow Staff

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