

Application for Outstanding Section Young Professional (YP) Program

The SPE Young Professionals Coordinating Committee initiated the Outstanding Section YP Program Award in 2008. This award is intended to acknowledge the section and YP program officers for outstanding efforts in the areas of interest to young professionals and other industry newcomers.

The 2010 winner will be announced at the President's Luncheon at SPE's Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE). A plaque will be presented to the YP program and section officers. Please note that the award for Outstanding Section YP Program does not replace the section excellence awards.

To be considered for this award, the section YP program chairperson should complete the form below and submit it with the section's annual report. The deadline is 1 June.

Section Name: Aberdeen

The Outstanding Section YP Program application is not intended to be a duplication of the items indicated in the annual report or a list of all activities that the YP program has completed. Instead, list the most prominent event or initiative in each category, emphasizing those programs, events, or circumstances that were new or changed during the past year. Your responses are limited in character length. The selection committee will contact you if additional information is needed.

Higher scores will be awarded to questions 1, 4 and 8 (the most innovative program).

Please complete the chart below:

Year the YP Program Started	2002
Current Number of YP Members in the Section	970
Number of Events Organized For the Year by the YP Program	9

1. Did your YP program have any extraordinary recruiting success for new young professional members of SPE? Yes If so, describe. (500 char. limit) The YP workshop organized at offshore Europe'09 attracted a lot of non-members to join SPE. YP has been quite instrumental in supporting student chapters in local university recognizing the fact that they are indeed the future of the industry and SPE. The convergence of most of the student members to fulltime SPE members is a testimony to the effectiveness of this programme. This has resulted in increase in number of paid YP members from 870 last year to 970 paid this year.
2. Describe the most successful technical event organized by your YP program and why? (500 char. limit) YP workshop "Making the unconventional energy resource conventional" was the most outstanding technical event. It was focused on tight gas reservoirs and coal bed methane, considered to be the future of UK gas supply. Two industry leaders presented technical issues encountered in the development. In a facilitated discussion, YPs proposed innovative technical solutions to produce them economically. It will go a long way ensuring YPs are equipped with technical skills to manage these resources.

3. Did your YP program organize any community service events? Yes If so, please describe the most exemplary one? (500 char. limit) This year YP section has been instrumental in spreading the theme of volunteerism among its members. This is inline with the keynote message of Dr. Behrooz Fattahi. We managed to kindle a strong enthusiasm among YPs to support us in activities such as “Maths in the Pipeline”, and “Oil and gas radio quiz”. YPs were also encouraged to support SPE in implementing energy4me kit. This initiative has been quite popular among YPs since it also gives them a lot of flexibility to participate.
4. Did your YP program organize any student related activities? Yes If so, please describe the most successful one. *Ex: Ambassador Lecture visits, Bridge Events or any other event organised for students to introduce them to the industry and SPE.* (500 char. limit) This year the most prominent student support activity was the “Education day” at offshore Europe’09. It was aimed at raising awareness of industry and SPE among secondary school students. Over 30 YPs served as a guide to about 300 students in a major industry exhibition. The students were taken on an interactive journey to meet the exhibiting companies and discover the exciting career opportunities awaiting them in the oil and gas sector. Another edition of this is being planned for this year.
5. Did your YP program organize any soft skills events? Yes If so, please describe the most successful one. *Ex: Effective Communication or How to Write a Technical Paper, etc.* (500 char. limit) Yes, Technical vs. Managerial Career discussion; see question 6 for more details
6. What was your most outstanding YP program event of the year and why? (500 char. limit) We had a highly successful career and personal development evening “Technical vs. Managerial Career”. It was aimed to help YPs understand the pros and cons of opting for a particular career ladder. Two industry leaders presented their views followed by an interactive session with the audience. An extremely positive feedback was received from YPs with most of them gaining a clear insight into these career choices. A TWA article is already in funnel based on the discussion during this event. If listed above, please indicate which question number. --select--
7. Please describe the biggest challenge or difficulty your YP program overcame in the past year. (500 char. limit) It was difficult to generate interest among YPs to volunteer. The prime reason was lot of them were not willing to take a long term responsibility. We spread the message among them to participate only on few occasions rather than most of the time. A committee manages these volunteers and assigns responsibilities as per their convenience. YPs are happy to participate this way. We have created a pool of volunteers which will let us allow not being dependent only on few individuals in the future.
8. Describe an innovative initiative your YP program oversees. (500 char. limit) There have been constant requests from YP members who were not able to attend some of the key events to share outcome of those with them. In order to honour those requests, we audio recorded one of our events. The audio clip will be shared with all YP members. In another instant, we prepared a document outlining key points discussed at an YP workshop and shared it with all our members. This will help create a sense of loyalty among our YP members and will go a long way to create SPE brand image.
9. Describe how your YP program shares information (technology, best practices and lessons learned) with other YP programs and also how best practices are adopted from other YP Programs? (500 char. limit) The YP workshop at DEVEX’10, organized in association with

PESGB and AFEs is a prime example of cross border YP initiative being taken forward by us. YP workshop at offshore Europe'09 was organized by YPs around Europe with SPE YP Aberdeen as the host. Three YPCC members in section have lead to an active communication with other YP sections to share ideas and best practices. The section's new initiative to promote women among industry-Another perspective sees a lot of YP participation.

10. Have any YP members in your section submitted articles to *The Way Ahead* or any other SPE publication or meeting? Yes If so, please list their names and a brief description of the article(s). (500 char. limit) Anthony Onukwu was selected as editor in chief of TWA. Abhijeet Kulkarni is serving as the editor in technical leader section. Yekemi Otaru, Lead editor, Soft Skills section. We have also published our activity reports in SPE Review-monthly aberdeen and london section magazine to highlight our events. One such example is announcement of our outstanding YP program award for year 2009-10. Additionally, an article on technical vs managerial career (refer to question 6) for TWA is in progress.
11. Please list any SPE national, regional, or section awards; nominations; or distinguished recognition from other organizations received by section YP members. (300 char. limit) Anthony Onukwu: SPE Int'l Outstanding Young member award. Anahi Suarez: Outstanding regional young member award. Leigh-Ann Russell: Regional Completions Optimisation and Technology award. Ryan McPherson: Rising star, Scottish offshore award. YP section was awarded outstanding YP program at ATCE'09.
12. What types of initiatives, activities, or requirements does your YP program have in place to encourage effective integration with the main section board? *Ex: Mentoring, succession planning, participation at meetings, etc.* (300 char. limit) Our outstanding succession plan develops YPs to full Board members. John Donnachie: YP Chair to main Section Chairmanship and regional director. 4 YP members are Section Directors: Masud Javed (Treasurer), Anthony Onukwu (Membership), Jairo Ching (SD committee), Maria Trujillo (AP Chair).
13. Can you comment on ways your YP program assists with the transfer of knowledge from seniors to young professionals? Have you identified new initiatives to encourage this process? (300 char. Limit) We have continued to invite speakers with right level of experience to relate to YPs in our events. Recognizing, importance of students for future of the industry, we offer them discounts for events. Next year, we plan to have a student representative in YP committee to address student needs.

Please return this form to the Section Chair who will submit it to SPE International along with the Section Annual Report.

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