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AAPG, EAGE, SEG, SPE Join Together to Organise New International Technical Conference

International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC)
Set for Qatar in 2005

HOUSTON, Texas, U.S.A. (4 May 2004) – Four major oil and gas industry societies – American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers (EAGE), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) – announced today a new, jointly developed technical conference and exhibition.

This inaugural, biennial event is the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC), scheduled for 21-23 November 2005 in Doha, Qatar. Set in the region of one of the world’s most extensive gas reserves, it focuses not only on E&P but also on midstream activities, both with particular concentration on gas.

"SPE is pleased to join in this cooperative effort with three sister societies to develop what we believe will be a significant addition to the major gas and oil conferences worldwide as well as the most comprehensive gas and oil conference in the Eastern Hemisphere," said SPE President Kate Baker. "This is an exciting opportunity for us to build together a multi-disciplinary technical programme and an important new means for collecting and disseminating technology for the energy business."

"We expect attendees to represent a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to petroleum engineers, geologists, and geophysicists," said EAGE President Don Milne. "We plan to draw industry executives, professionals, and decision makers from across the globe – the Middle East, Europe, Africa, the former Soviet Union, Asia Pacific, and the Americas."

The four societies together bring to the event a technical focus that is a key differentiator for IPTC. "The unique value this conference brings to the industry is derived from a strong technical programme that covers a spectrum of operations, with the latest and most relevant information from top technologists, and from one of the most comprehensive technology exhibitions in the industry," said AAPG President Steve Sonnenberg. "Attendees benefit from hearing experts’ insights and best practices on key issues and trends and from visiting companies’ displays of proven technical capabilities."

SEG President Peter Duncan also pointed out, "This conference provides a focused setting for key players to engage with in-region gas and oil providers, regional energy ministers, and international executives to initiate relationships and new business opportunities." Duncan continued, "The contacts and relationships established at this conference could help key industry players open new markets and channels extending far into the future."

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