



NEW FEATURES AT 9th IPTC TO BOOST PETROLEUM INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

10 November 2015, Doha – For the first time, the 9th International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) to be held later this year will include a range of exciting new features, including six interactive *'Ask The Expert' sessions* as well as presentations from each of the *IPTC Excellence in Project Integration Award* finalists.

In the Ask The Expert sessions, delegates will have the opportunity to learn from and interact with top industry professionals who are experts in their respective fields. Delegates can influence the themes discussed, by submitting questions before the conference. Speakers for these sessions include:

- **Eric Verschuur**, Associate Professor, **Delft University**
- **Jorg Herwanger**, Principal Geoscientist, **Ikon Science**
- **Shawn Maxwell**, President & CTO, **Itasca ImaGE**
- **Jason Rush**, Senior Research Associate, **Kansas Geological Survey at the University of Kansas**
- **Nasser Al-Mohannadi**, Research and Technology Center Manager, **Qatar Petroleum**
- **Joseph Ayoub**, Production & Completion Engineering Discipline Manager, **Schlumberger**
- **Fikri Kuchuk**, Chief Reservoir Engineer, **Schlumberger**
- **Tom Blasingame**, Professor of Petroleum Engineering, **Texas A&M University**
- **Shahab D. Mohaghegh**, Professor of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, **West Virginia University**

Questions for the experts can be submitted in advance by visiting the following page:

http://www.iptcnet.org/2015/doha/pages/schedule/ask_the_experts.php

As the upstream oil and gas industry moves towards increasingly complex and capital-intensive projects, conventional practices must be challenged. It is critical that lessons are shared from successfully integrated projects that embody excellence.

Integrated projects such as these will be recognised at IPTC on the evening of 6 December, at a ceremony and dinner to be held at the prestigious St. Regis Hotel in Doha. For the first time at IPTC, the three finalists – **Shell**, **Total** and **Saudi Aramco** - will then present their projects in separate sessions on 8 December. These dedicated sessions will give delegates the opportunity to learn and understand the methodologies and technology behind each project.

"Better collaboration along the full value chain of our industry will sure lead to improved efficiency – particularly crucial in a period of lower prices. This year we are pleased to offer attendees the chance to get greater insight into some of the best integrated oil and gas projects around the region" said Waleed Refaay, IPTC Project Director.

Under the theme *'Technology and Partnerships for a Sustainable Energy Future'* the 9th IPTC, to be held at the state-of-the-art Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha from **7 to 9 December 2015**, is expected to draw 5,000 delegates from over 70 countries. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit more than 80 exhibitors, hear from senior speakers and attend a variety of networking events.

For more information on the 9th IPTC, and to register, please go to www.iptcnet.org/2015/doha

This edition of IPTC will be hosted by Qatar Petroleum, co-hosted by Shell and take place under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, The Emir of the State of Qatar.



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About IPTC

The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is an annual event rotating between Asia Pacific and the Middle East. IPTC is organised to further the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge related to the exploration, development, production, transportation and processing of oil and natural gas.

The IPTC is a collaborative effort among the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG); the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE); the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG); and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). The synergy of these four leading, individual member-driven societies provides the most comprehensive opportunity to form multi-disciplinary committees and an outstanding technical programme.