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IPTC Announces Prominent Programme Committees, Topics

DUBAI, U.A.E. (16 August 2004) - The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is a collaborative effort involving 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 conference will be held from 21 - 23 November, 2005 at the Sheraton Doha Conference Centre and the Qatar International Exhibition Centre, Doha, Qatar.

IPTC will be held under the patronage of the **H. H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar.**

The conference will be led by the Executive Committee, which is comprised of senior officials from national and international oil and gas organisations. The Executive Committee is co-chaired by **Mr. Nasser Jaidah**, Director Oil and Gas Ventures, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar, and **Dr. Malcolm Brinded**, Group Managing Director, Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies, The Netherlands. Currently there are 22 Executive Committee members representing 18 companies from 12 countries.

The Conference Programme will encompass four main technical areas of the oil and gas industry: Exploration, Reservoir, Production and Midstream Gas. **Mr. AbdulJaleel Al-Khalifa**, Manager, Reservoir Description & Simulation Department, Saudi Aramco, is the 2005 IPTC Conference Programme Chairman. The Conference Programme Subcommittee Co-Chairmen are:

Panel Sessions Chairman:	Dr. Fikri J. Kuchuk , Schlumberger Fellow and Chief Reservoir Engineer, Schlumberger, U.A.E.
Exploration Subcommittee:	Omar Suwaina , Strategy and Exploration Team Leader, Abu Dhabi Natl. Oil Co., U.A.E. Dr. Olivier Dubrule , Manager, Geoscience Training & Technical Image, TOTAL S.A., France
Reservoir Subcommittee:	Dr. Ganesh Thakur , CT Fellow and Senior Principal Technical Advisor—Reservoir Management, ChevronTexaco Corp., U.S.A. Mr. Neil Humphreys , Manager Petroleum Engineering, Ras Gas Co. Ltd., Qatar
Production Subcommittee:	Dr. Ibrahim Abou-Sayed , Advisor, Special Projects Division, ExxonMobil Upstream Co., U.S.A. Mr. Yves Guenard , Productions Department Manager, TOTAL S.A., France
Midstream Gas Subcommittee:	Mr. Faisal Al-Mahroos , Manager Petroleum Engineering, Bahrain Petroleum Co., Bahrain Mr. Martin Trachsel , Vice President Middle East—Gulf, Shell International Gas & Power Ltd., U.A.E.

The 2005 IPTC Conference Programme Committee consists of 84 members representing 50 organisations from 25 countries.

The IPTC conference theme is "Sustaining World Growth - Technology and People." The theme covers the vision of 2005 IPTC committees for a worldwide summit of engineers and geoscientists, aiming at sustaining world growth through nurturing talent and embracing technology. It acknowledges the oil and gas industry's role in global economic growth, and it also allows for a focus on the industry's technology, covering heavy oil, EOR, gas, offshore technology, with an additional emphasis on people - both those currently working in the industry and young people about to enter the industry.

H. H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, will officiate the opening of the event, followed by the Keynote Session.

The conference programme will feature six panel sessions which will be focused around the conference theme:

- Global Oil and Gas: Supply and Demand
- Developing People: Education, Training & Cultural Diversity
- Reserves: Definition, Financial, Certification, Risk & Uncertainty Management
- Research & Development



- The Future of Exploration, Cooperation, Partnerships, Middle East - New Frontiers
- HSE and Sustainable Development

Presentation of more than 100 technical papers during concurrent sessions are planned. In addition, during the conference oil and gas industry leaders will participate in the Keynote Session and speak at the daily Topical Luncheons.

The focus of the conference programme includes Exploration Concepts and Models, Prospect Risking and Ranking, Drilling and Testing, Mature Reservoirs, IOR: Displacement & SOR Reduction, Reservoir Characterisation & Dynamic Modelling, Production System Optimisation, Well Productivity Enhancement, Facilities, Water Management, Gas Technology, Gas Markets, and HSE Issues, among other topics.

Abstracts to be considered for inclusion in the conference programme were called in early August 2004. Abstract submission deadline is 15 January 2005. Abstracts may be submitted online at the IPTC website, www.iptcnet.org.

A Technical Exhibition is planned in support of the Conference to allow delegates to view current and emerging technologies. The list of confirmed exhibitors can be found on the IPTC website.

The combined strengths of AAPG, EAGE, SEG and SPE promise an outstanding technical conference programme at IPTC. This conference is set to attract influential industry leaders, professionals and decision makers from around the world. IPTC will become one of the most significant and comprehensive gas and oil conference and exhibitions in the Eastern Hemisphere, drawing attendees from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Russia, Asia Pacific, the United States and beyond.

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