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International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) to take place as an annual event held in alternate years between the Middle East and Asia Pacific.

Dubai, U.A.E. and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (5 April 2011) - In cooperation with national oil companies (NOCs) from China, Malaysia and Qatar, the IPTC Board of Directors announces the future plans for the renowned International Petroleum Technology Conference and Exhibition (IPTC), in an attempt to help oil and gas professionals plan their participation in advance.

IPTC, which brings together the industry's technology leaders, will now be held during the first week of December in the Middle East (primarily in Doha, Qatar) during odd years and during the first week of December in even years in the Asia Pacific region (rotating between Beijing, China, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia). Plans have been set to hold IPTC from 5-7 December 2012 in Beijing, China, IPTC from 2-4 December 2013 in Doha, Qatar, IPTC 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and IPTC 2015 in Doha, Qatar.

IPTC, the Eastern Hemisphere's largest professional society based oil and gas conference, is sponsored by 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).

Supported by national oil companies (NOCs), international oil companies (IOCs), and service companies, IPTC focuses on the dissemination of new and current technology, best practices and multi-disciplinary activities.

Mahmoud M. Abdulbaqi, IPTC Board Chairman, said: "IPTC is one of the most comprehensive events of its kind; it includes features that are relevant to every aspect in the oil and gas industry including technical sessions, the prestigious IPTC "Excellence in Project Integration" Award, educational field trips, a worldwide exhibition, young professionals' workshops, a social programme for delegates' partners and much more. Oil and gas professionals worldwide sought to attend this landmark event and we are pleased to bring certainty to its future scheduling in convenient and attractive locations".

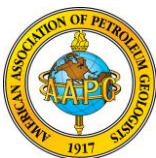
The success of IPTC is based on the knowledge, capabilities and strengths of the participating industry leaders and the sponsoring societies' global membership, along with the spectrum of multi-disciplinary technical knowledge shared during the event.

During IPTC, regional oil ministers, industry leaders and global government representatives will convene to discuss and share their views on timely industry topics and trends, exchange expertise and experience, present state-of-the-art technology and innovation, and stimulate further technical research.

The inaugural conference in 2005, hosted 2,800 delegates and visitors representing 49 countries from Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and North America. This rose to 3,700 participants from 80 countries for the 2007 event held in Dubai, U.A.E. The third edition in 2008, the first to be held in Asia Pacific, attracted over 7,500 attendees from 57 countries, while the fourth edition in 2009, held in Doha attracted over 3,300 participants from 61 countries.

This year, the 2011 IPTC to be hosted by PTT Exploration and Production Plc., (PTTEP) a company of PTT Group, will take place in Bangkok. With the theme "*Technology and Operational Excellence: Keys to Sustainable Global Energy*", a robust technical conference programme is planned and associated industry activities will address technology and relevant industry issues that challenge industry specialists and management around the world. The event is scheduled for **15-17 November 2011** at the Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World in **Bangkok, Thailand**.

For more information, visit www.iptcnet.org.



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IPTC Brings Together the Volunteers of the Four Leading Industry Professional Societies:

The **American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)**, founded in 1917, has been a pillar of the worldwide scientific community. The original purpose of AAPG, to foster scientific research, to advance the science of geology, to promote technology, and to inspire high professional conduct, still guides the Association today. Currently the world's largest professional geological society with over 35,000 members, AAPG provides publications, conferences, and educational opportunities to geoscientists and disseminates the most current geological information available to the general public. For more information visit the AAPG website www.aapg.org.

The **European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers (EAGE)** is a professional society with a worldwide membership of more than 15,000 members providing a global network of commercial and academic professionals to all members. The association is truly multi-disciplinary and international in form and pursuits. The objective is to promote the development and application of geosciences and related engineering subjects and this is achieved through publications, conferences, workshops, education programmes and exhibitions. EAGE has offices in Europe, Russia, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. For more information visit the EAGE website at www.eage.org.

The **Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)** is a not-for-profit association that promotes the science of geophysics and the education of applied geophysicists. SEG, founded in 1930, fosters the expert and ethical practice of geophysics in the exploration and development of natural resources, in characterising the near surface, and in mitigating earth hazards. The Society, which has more than 33,000 members in 138 countries, fulfils its mission through its publications, conferences, forums, websites, and the educational opportunities. For more information visit the SEG website at www.seg.org.

The **Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)** is a not-for-profit professional association whose members are engaged in energy resources development and productions. SPE serves 97,000-plus members in 118 countries worldwide. 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.

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