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Dear members,

OK, Timothy must have lifted quite a few spirits through the roof when he opened his talk with "... I used to admire the "smart ones" in my school who were chosen to do science and engineering..... a privilege to meet so many petroleum engineers". Now if you wondered where you have heard that before, it's in the animation movie 'Antz' in a scene where the general (Gene Hackman) was giving a departure speech prior to sending the worker ants to fight the termites. Well, not exactly identical but it's spirit lifting stuff.

That particular evening was a sold out and we're convinced nobody was disappointed. The talk was thoroughly enjoyable and Timothy struck home the right messages, 'sense of urgency', 'need to change' and the confidence he has in the future of Brunei is contagious. Timothy demonstrated that good presentations do not need to be made with viewgraphs (not saying presentations made using viewgraphs are bad!). If we were to select an SPE 'talk of 1999', Timothy's talk certainly has a good chance of winning the title.



Coming up

On Tuesday, 9th March 1999, another SPE evening has been scheduled. The talk this time is titled **'PERFORMANCE PREDICTION AND TESTING OF MULTILATERAL AND HORIZONTAL WELLS'** by Leif Larsen from Statoil, Norway. This time the venue is **Norie Room, SKBB Plaza, Kuala Belait**. The function will start at 7.00pm. An interesting topic, relevant to many of us, a well qualified speaker, favourable venue for those from this end of the state and it is sponsored by BSP's Development Manager, so almost a guarantee for a good SPE evening. For those of you in the DM function, do not confuse this with the emblem party, a separate emblem party is being organised and will be publicised soon. A few words about our speaker, Mr. Larsen. Leif is a staff engineer in production technology in Statoil, Norway. He specialises in pressure transient analysis and inflow performance predictions. Prior to joining Statoil, Leif has worked at the Rogaland Research Institute concurrent to being associate professor at Stavanger College Center. Leif has authored numerous papers on modelling complex systems pressure transient behaviour, and Leif has served as technical editor as well as being a member of the pressure transient testing technical committee. (Bas, can you beat that?)

What's in the pipeline. . ?.



Water Management & Control by David Stevens is coming up on 26 April 1999. This is another talk by an SPE distinguished lecturer, so do keep a close eye on the next flyer. There is an AGM planned tentatively in May 1999. We need to inject some new blood into the section so your support is critical.

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