



Fellow SPE Brunei section members,

It has indeed been a long while since

. . . .you set eyes on the last flyer. In the past, flyers preceded and announced events in the section. The compact clustering of members in a few hubs made communication easy and a few strategically placed posters did well to announce the regular evening events. The fact that these events had been well attended without much effort from the few usual ticket pushers is testament to either the popularity of the events or the effectiveness of the communication process. These arguments are not made in the defense of a prolonged drought of flyers but rather to cover the embarrassment of the flyer writers! On the evening events itself, it is a general observation that, not surprisingly, more general topics attracts a larger audience whilst the ones heavy on petroleum engineering gets the boffins only. The committee will strive to keep a balance of specialist topics and more general ones in the coming year. The venue of these evenings which is acceptable to both the Seria/KB and Bandar communities are being looked into as well. A venue in Tutong town is being investigated to fulfill this compromise.

Let us all give our support to the SPE. The least we can do is by attending these SPE Evenings. I am sure we all can benefit from the networking but at the same time share our experience with those University of Brunei Darussalam M.Sc students.



Congrats to the Director of the Petroleum unit, Dato Haji Ahmad B Hj Ibrahim, who is also the sections chairman, for the successful launch of the new Petroleum areas. The effort of Dato Hj. Ahmad and the rest of the staff of the Petroleum Unit, most of whom are also SPE members, have worked hard in preparing for this most significant event in the history of the oil and gas industry in Brunei in recent times. The event was graced by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadeebillah



SPE Brunei to sponsor community event

The sections coffers is growing with collections from SPE evenings held since inception of the section. These event are often fully sponsored by oil companies represented in Brunei and at last count the bank balance is around B\$8000. As building up cash deposits is not and SPE objective, the committee has decided to use some of this to sponsor a school science competition as a contribution to the community by encourage interest in the sciences. A sum of B\$3000 has been pledged in the last SPE committee meeting and the Secretary will be liasing with the education department to progress this effort.

Another Applied Technology Workshop in Brunei Planned

This year SPE Brunei Section will again be host for an applied technology workshop. It will held on 4 - 7st November 2001. The last ATW was held in Bandar Seri Begawan in 1998 just a year after the section was formed. The prevailing keen interest by the industry in applying technology to maximise the value of field developments, as witnessed by the size of the attendance at the last ATW on SMART well technology in Miri last year, has prompted the section to propose this ATW which has been accepted by the Regional SPE director. The event will also help to promote Brunei as a tourism destination in the spirit of VBY2001. The Theme of this year's ATW is "Optimising Field Development using Novel completion and SMART well technologies". Members in Brunei are encouraged to give their support with quality contributions as it is anticipated that there will be keen interest from regional and international participation.

The Steering Committee has met on the 23rd of April 2001 to organised the event. Hj.Zainal Abidin Hj.Md.Ali (BSP PM) and Alias Hj.Yussof (Deputy Director Petroleum Unit) together with Scott Aitken (Weatherford) will be the co-chairman for this event.

Watch this space. For more information please contact Hj Kamaluddin.

Other Events in 2001

There are many interesting titles that we have selected for our section's SPE Evening. We will notify you once this has been finalised. But just to give you the flavour, we have titles that will really raise your eyebrows! Watch the space.

1. Maximizing the Effectiveness of Integrated Reservoir Studies: Some Practical Approaches to Improving the Process and Results by Paul Worthington, Gaffney, Cline & Associates Inc.; Alton, England, UK	6. Using Petroleum Geochemistry to Solve Field Development and Production Problems by <i>Mark McCaffrey, OilTracers, LLC; Dallas, Texas, USA</i>
2. Is the Oil Industry Business-driven or Technology-driven? By Mohammad Al-Marhoun, King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia	7. The Future and Computing in Exploration, Production, and Development by Earl Whitney, Los Alamos National Laboratory; Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA
3. Exploiting Mature Fields: Sharing a North Sea Experience by Campbell Airlie, Edinburgh Petroleum Services Ltd; Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	8. How to Design and Implement a Sustainable Development Program for the Oil and Gas Industry by Lyn Arscott, OGP Inc.; London, England, UK
4. How to Manage Uncertainty and Risk in Developing Offshore Petroleum by Peter Behrenbruch, BHP Petroleum Pty. Ltd.; Melbourne, Australia	9. <i>Achieving Maximum Value from Open Hole Completions: Well Productivity & Well Management Issues</i> by John Gilchrist, BP; Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
5. Ideas to Help You Reduce Your Field Operating Costs by Adrian Goodisman, Ziff Energy Group; Houston, Texas, USA	10. How Technology Has Unlocked a 160 Billion Cubic Meter Resource: The Oil Sands of Alberta, Canada by Don Towson, D. E. Towson and Associates Inc.; Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Reminders

We heard that hue and cry.....the membership fees starting 2001 for Asia Pacific sections have been increased from US\$55 to US\$70! Don't you all worry, this will go on a good cause. The Distingusihed Lecturers that we get every now and then are financed through these funds.

So members please pay your dues on time if you have not done it yet. It is indeed easy to forget about things that you do only once a year. Don't get upset if you do not get the next JPT you were dreaming of....check if you have paid your dues!!!!

Website

We are fortunate to have Pg. Iskandar Pg.Suhali and Hj.Salleh Apong who have volunteered to update the Brunei SPE website. COOL!! Nice stuff if you are willing to surf.

Next time we will post the minutes of the committee meeting and other interesting stuff to share.

Suggestions by members?

If you have other suggestions on any issues please email to

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