IADC DRILLING NORTHERN Deepwater 2001, to be held 31 May-1 June in Stavanger, will focus on opportunities and how to exploit them in this most challenging offshore drilling region.

Co-sponsored by Statoil and Smedvig ASA, the conference is the premier event of 2001 for those who have—or expect to have—operations in northern deepwater regions. A welcoming reception on 30 May is sponsored by Schlumberger Oilfield Services.

Thursday’s keynote, “Deepwater and Arctic Areas,” will be presented by Tor Fjæran, Senior Vice President for Exploration, Statoil. On Friday, the keynote “What’s so special about Norway,” will be given by Kjell Jacobsen, Managing Director, Smedvig ASA.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In Session I, an operator representative will view “Northern Deepwater from a Major Operator’s Perspective.” And Knut Froystad, Partner, Fearnley Offshore AS will explore the market outlook for the deepwater North Atlantic.

Also in this session, Janice Rudd, One-Offshore Inc will explore the question, “Will Today’s Drilling Fleet Meet Tomorrow’s Drilling Needs?”

In the session, “Environmental Challenges in Northern Operations,” Ivar Pehrson, Statoil, is scheduled to discuss environmental challenges in circumpolar oil and gas activities. Also in this session, Mauro Zuvo, Agip, will discuss “Environmentally Friendly Rig Equipment,” and Kjell Bjerke, Transocean Sedco Forex will outline procedures that help ensure a clean environment.

In Session III, “Field Development,” progress on the Atlantis deepwater concept will be updated by Terje Magnussen, Atlantis Deepwater Technology Holding AS. Also in this session Greg Carter, Nabors Offshore Corporation, will look at how to reduce payloads on deepwater platforms.

The “Regulations and Safety” session will feature a discussion of standards for developing offshore oil and gas fields in a northern environment by Vitaly Tarasenko, Tyumen Okrug Department of Federal Mining and Industry Authority of Russia. Also participating in this session is Alex Buvik, Faroese Petroleum Administration, who will focus on “Deepwater Drilling in Harsh & Complex Metocean Environment.” And Tome Hayes, Randy Smith Training Schools, will present a paper on how to achieve success in safety.

In Session V, “Drilling Rig Technology,” Arnfinn Nergaard, Smedvig Offshore AS will discuss the unique challenges of the Quillee-1 project. Then Earl Shanks, Transocean Sedco Forex, will discuss dual activity deepwater drilling experiences and benefits. Also in this session, Arne Martin Bolstad, Ocean Rig AS, will discuss Bingo 9000, a semisubmersible particularly suited for drilling in harsh environments.

Session VI, “Well Control,” features a presentation on IADC’s WellCAP curriculum for deepwater drilling presented by Steve Kropla, IADC Director-Accreditation and Certification Systems. Also in this session is the paper, “Ultra-deep Water Drilling Hydraulics and Well Control; Status and Achievements,” by Rolv Rommetveit, RF-Rogaland Research, and a presentation by Svein Hansen, Petec Software & Services AS, that focuses on riser disconnect with a partially closed BOP.

In Session VII, guidelines for designing and operating deepwater risers will be outlined by Christian Gaillard, Institute Francais du Petrole. Also in the riser session is a presentation by Terje Olsen, Smedvig Offshore AS, “Safe Disconnect During Drift/Diveoff When Drilling on DP.”

In the final session, Alan Adamson, Global Marine AS, details the development of a DP verification model by Statoil. And L Hoppe, Le Lis, explores technical and operational differences between mooring systems.