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South Central Asia Chapter elects officers at 10th Technology Meet

The IADC South Central Asia Chapter elected its officers for 2001-02 at its 10th Technology Meet 5 Oct in Mumbai.

An audience of over 400 attended the event.

A highlight of the meeting was the participation of **Subir Raha**, who was recently appointed to the position of Chairman and Managing Director of Indian state oil company **Oil and Natural Gas Corp.**

At the event, **N Lal**, Director-Technology & Field Services for ONGC, was elected Chairman of the South Central Asia Chapter for 2001-2002. **Arun Karle**, President of **Askara Enterprises**, was elected Chapter Vice Chairman.

Additional officers include **R K Gang**, ONGC, Secretary; **K L**



At South Central Asia Chapter 10th Technology Meet (l-r): **S M Malhotra**, founding and retiring Chapter Chairman; **Subir Raha**, Chairman and Managing Director, ONGC; and **N Lal**, 2001-02 Chapter Chairman.

Batra, Chugoku Jemson & Nicholson Ltd, Joint Secretary; **M K Soni**, **Amer Ship Management Ltd**, Treasurer. Also named to Chapter positions were **D D Jaju**, ONGC, Technical Member; **Sam Burjonji Jijina**, **Mulla & Mulla & Craig Blunt & Caroe**, Legal Advisor; **Deepak Munganahalli**, **Sedco Forex International Drilling Inc**, Director; and **Vijay Seth**, **Great Eastern Shipping Co Ltd**, Director.

S M "Sam" Malhotra, retired Director of Drilling for ONGC and inaugural Chapter Chairman, received a plaque from IADC recognizing his many years of service and contributions to the Indian drilling industry and IADC. Mr Malhotra was cited for "pioneering and devoted efforts" that helped bring the Chapter up to its present level of activity and achievement.

Mr Raha also acknowledged the contribution of Mr Malhotra and wished incoming Chairman Lal success in continuing the high standards of the Chapter.

The 10th Technology Meet featured presentations on technical issues facing drilling contractors in the region.

Also included in the program was a report on IADC activities in the Middle East and Asia that complement the ongoing success of India's offshore exploration. ■

Chairman Richards tours Alaska rigs, addresses luncheon

IADC Chairman **Tom Richards**, Chairman and CEO, **Grey Wolf Inc**, in August visited rigs on the North Slope. Arrangements were made by the IADC Alaska Chapter. He also addressed a joint luncheon of the Alaska Chapter and the Alaska Support Industry Alliance. "This is a strong IADC chapter with very good participation," he said.

On the North Slope, Mr Richards visited **Nordic Calista Rig 1**, a hybrid rotary-coiled tubing unit. The coiled tubing equipment is owned and operated by **Schlumberger**. He also visited **Nabors Alaska Drilling Rig 9-ES** and **Doyon Drilling Rig 14**. "I wish every



Jim Denney (l), and **Mike Killalea (r)**, visit Alaska rig during tour with IADC Chairman **Tom Richards**.

IADC Alaska Chapter, **Jim Denney**, President of **Nabors Alaska**, **Rick Rutherford**, Vice President-Drilling, **H&R Drilling**, **Phil Fortner**, **Veco Corp**, Chapter Treasurer, and **Mike Killalea**, IADC Vice President-Member Services. ■

American could go to the North Slope and see how environmentally responsibly the oil and gas industry operates," he said. "People would have a far better understanding of the industry and its respect for nature."

Mr Richards was accompanied by his wife **Anita**, **Ron Wilson**, General Manager, **Doyon Drilling** and Chairman of the

Houston Chapter collects \$16K for N Y firefighters

The IADC Houston Chapter at its recent Annual Golf Tournament Dinner collected \$16,000 in donations and pledges to contribute to the surviving families of the New York City firefighters who lost their lives on 11 Sept.

Donations at the dinner to the Widows & Children's Fund of the New York City Fire Department Uniformed Firefighters Association were so spontaneous that no accurate count exists of the individual donors.

The chapter held its tournament dinner on 14 Sept.

IADC member firms who pledged donations included **Smith Bits**, **Gammaloy**, **Weatherford**, **Scientific Drilling**, **M-I**, **New Tech Engineering** and **Power Chokes**.

The Chapter donated \$1,101, making the total an even \$16,000. ■