Contracts workshop in Poland

Representatives of IADC’s Contracts Committee conducted the third Contracts Workshop in Krakow, Poland. Hosted by Oil & Gas Exploration Company of Krakow, the event included contractors from across Poland and from the Czech Republic. Mike Roth, Transocean, and Chairman of IADC’s Contracts Committee, led the workshop along with Donna Adams-Harris, Vice Chairman-Associates and Ken Fischer, IADC Vice President-Operations.

The curriculum highlighted the elements of a typical drilling contract using IADC’s model forms as a guide. Strong emphasis was placed in the intricacies of risk allocation, indemnities and insurance provisions.

This was the second Contracts Workshop this year. The first workshop was held in Dubai in January. For information on future workshops, contact Ken Fischer at ken.fischer@iadc.org.

Solid expandable tubular technology reaches milestones

Enventure Global Technology reached two milestones in solid expandable tubular (SET) technology, including the world’s first monodiameter installation and the first horizontal cased-hole SET system.

The monodiameter well was spud May 18 in South Texas and was a collaborative effort of Shell Exploration & Production Company (SEPCo), Shell International E&P (SIEP) and Enventure Global Technology. The well is a flowing gas producer that was drilled and completed with a perfect safety record.

The process provides the operator with a much greater capability of reaching its targeted reservoir with a casing size that will enable reservoirs to produce at their full potential.

Enventure, a joint venture of Shell and Halliburton, expects to take the technology offshore by the fourth quarter 2003.

Kelly named to panel

Paul Kelly with Rowan Companies was appointed to serve as a member of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) through July 2004 by the Secretary of the Navy. The Panel is the advisory group to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council. It consists of senior officials of the government from all major federal activities that have national oceanographic responsibilities. The panel advises the Council on all matters of policy and procedures relating to ocean science and technology.

2003 membership drive under way

Renewal packets were recently sent to all IADC Contractor, Producer and Associate members in IADC’s 2003 membership drive. Membership shows your support for industry initiatives in Washington and Brussels and for the Association’s efforts in safety and technology. IADC training and safety programs and materials are considered among the best in any industry. The Association’s conferences are recognized for their practical focus and valuable content. For more on becoming a member, contact Michelle Stukenborg at michelle.stukenborg@iadc.org.

Casing drilling on conventional rig

Tesco Corporation successfully applied its Casing Drilling technology on an unmodified rig. This is the first time that Tesco’s proprietary casing drilling products were used on a conventional land rig to drill with casing. The technology allowed the operator to eliminate a previously planned intermediate casing string, saving about 20% of the AFE cost.