

# Annual meeting promises informative sessions

**THE 2002 IADC ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for 25-27 September in San Antonio, where the timeliest topics affecting the industry today and in the future will be addressed and discussed.

On Wednesday, 25 September, the Government Affairs Committee will present a keynote speech by **Ms Johnnie Burton**, Director of the US Minerals Management Service (MMS).

Ms Burton was sworn in as Director of the MMS last March 15. Since 1995 she served as Wyoming's Director of the Department of Revenue.

She served in the Wyoming State House of Representatives during 1982-88. Ms Burton was vice president of Dwights Energydata, Inc (1984-89) and TCF Inc (1989-92).

Prior to that Ms Burton was president and founder of Hotline Energy Reports Inc., which later merged with Dwights Energydata, Inc.

"The MMS is playing a prominent role in the implementation of President Bush's National Energy Plan and it is exciting for me to work toward this goal," Ms Burton said.

"The National Energy Policy Report contained 100-plus recommendations to enhance the nation's energy supply and security while being sensitive to the environment," she added.

Several of those recommendations are directly relevant to the MMS. They include improving the permitting process of energy exploration and production on the OCS by making it more efficient and basing it on environmentally sound principles.

Another recommendation is continuing OCS oil and gas leasing and approval of exploration and development plans on predictable schedules.

Recommendations also include consideration of incentives for environmentally sound offshore oil and gas development such as royalty incentives for exploration of deeper zones.

Additional recommendations include the evaluation of current legislation to determine that all potential energy-related activities and facilities in the coastal zone and on the OCS are properly monitored.

"The MMS has incorporated these recommendations into its own plan of action in order to move the initiatives forward," Ms Burton said.

Following the keynote and a coffee break, IADC Operations and Regulatory Review will include reports by IADC's Land Division, Offshore Division and WellCAP.

This wide-ranging session examines IADC initiatives in training and technology, as well as reviewing regulatory developments both current and on the horizon.

The keynote address is "ISO 14001—Getting it right. Legally!"

Should an ISO 14001 environmental management system increase or decrease your legal liabilities?

**John R Eldridge**, Partner, **Haynes and Boone** will explore the legal ramifications and potential pitfalls of implementing ISO 14001 environmental management system.

"The presentation is provided to make senior management aware of some of the potential legal implications arising from adopting an ISO 14001 series management system," said **Alan Spackman**, IADC's Director of Offshore Technical and Regulatory Affairs.

Also during the session, **William P Hedrick**, HSE Manager, Rowan Companies, and Chairman of IADC's Health, Safety & Environment Committee, will present a committee update.

Issues the committee is addressing include a complete review and revision of the IADC Accident Prevention Reference Guide, which will be renamed the HSE Reference Guide upon completion of the work, which could be as early as year-end. The IADC Accident Statistics Program (ASP) has been revised to meet essentially all of the new OSHA record keeping requirements.

Additionally, the IADC Rotary Rig Inspection Checklist is under revision and will be completed by year-end. The Committee is also developing three formal Guidance documents.

A Proposal to Form the IADC Rig Move and Heavy Hauler Committee will also be presented, by **Steve Adams**, President of **Peak USA**.

"There has been some interest in trucking issues," said **Joe Hurt**, IADC's director of Land Operations, "and a number of companies expressed a need for this.

"The Committee would look at safety and regulatory issues for drivers, among other initiatives," Mr Hurt said.

**Jon Gent**, Drilling Engineer-Upstream Technology Group, **BP Houston**, and Chairman of the Underbalanced Drilling Operations Committee, and **Robert C Burnett**, Training Manager, **Global-**

**SantaFe Corporation** and Chairman of the Well Control Committee also will present updates.

Additionally, **Mark A Childers**, General Manager Technical, **Atwood Oceanics**, will update the Drilling & Well Servicing Structures Equipment Task Force, of which Mr Childers is Chairman.

A welcoming reception will be held that evening to meet with old and new friends in an informal atmosphere.

On Thursday, 26 September, the keynote speaker during the industry breakfast will be Texas State Rep **Warren Chisum**. Rep Chisum, R-Pampa, chairs the House Environmental Regulation Committee and sits on the National Petroleum Council.

Following a short break will be a session everyone should

**The 2002 IADC Annual Meeting will present the most timely topics affecting the onshore and offshore drilling industry, from ISO 14001 to underbalanced drilling operations, surface BOP operations from floaters and the rig of the future.**

attend: "Rising Insurance Costs for the Drilling Industry." Rising insurance costs are an increasing challenge for the drilling industry. The panel members will review the reasons behind the trend and solutions drilling companies should consider.

Speakers include **James R Pierce**, Managing Director of **Aon Risk Services Natural Resources Group**, **John Lloyd**, a partner with **Jardine Lloyd Thompson** in London, and **Gary Brantz**, a consultant with **Towers Perrin**.

**Dr W R "Bill" Bryant**, a professor in the Department of Oceanography at **Texas A&M University**, will present "Mega-Furrows of the Continental Rise in the Gulf of Mexico".

Next up will be a presentation on "Public Lands Access in America: An Independent's Perspective", with **Diemer True** with True Companies and Chairman of the **Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)**.

To ensure a secure energy supply, producing companies must have access to acreage with promising hydrocarbons potential.

However, in the US, many such areas are off limits or faced with regulatory hurdles. Mr True will examine this issue and others affecting US independent operations.

A **Hughes Christensen**-sponsored lunch that day will feature a panel on the Geopolitics of Oil & Gas with featured speaker **Amy Myers Jaffe** with the **Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University**.

Ms Jaffe is a specialist in oil geopolitics and has researched and written extensively on the world oil scene as it affects and is affected by events in Asia, the Middle East, the Caspian and Caucasus and Latin America.

Ms Jaffe has contributed articles to the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Dow Jones International* and other publications, and appeared on CNN and Good Morning America.

Following the lunch presentation will be "Independents' Day" in Alamo City.

Senior representatives of energetic E&P companies will share their perspectives on the outlook for the industry, with particular focus on drilling activity as well as offering profiles of their own firms.

On the panel will be **Rod Erskine**, President of **El Paso Production Company**; **David A Trice**, President and CEO of **Newfield Exploration Corporation**; and **William D Sullivan**, Executive Vice President, Exploration & Production for **Anadarko Petroleum Corporation**.

Later that afternoon will be the IADC Board of Directors Meeting for contractor members and directors only.

The much-anticipated reception and banquet will be held from 6:30-10:00 p.m. with a Six Flags Over Texas theme and will include music of Drugstore Cowboys and a barbeque buffet.

The Annual Meeting continues on Friday, 27 September with

several not-to-be missed sessions following a breakfast buffet. The first session looks at "**Tomorrow's Drilling Technology Today**", and includes presentations by **Chris Greaves**, Project Leader, Rig of the Future, for **BP Exploration**.

Also, **Earl Shanks**, Director of Technology Department with **Transocean** will examine the latest in surface BOP drilling from floating drilling units.

During another presentation, **Jeff Moss** with **ExxonMobil** will discuss an Operator's View of Rotary Steerable Systems.

Top industry analysts will provide their "**World Outlook for Oil & Gas**", during the final session of the meeting, which will be moderated by IADC Chairman **C Stedman Garber**.

Analysts on the panel include **Mark Urness**, Vice President of **Salomon Smith Barney**; **Dan Pickering**, Managing Director of **Simmons & Company International**; and **Susan Farrell**, Senior Director, **Petroleum Finance Company**.

The Annual Meeting adjourns following closing remarks by Mr Garber. ■

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