

HSE Conference promises latest safety technology

THE 2003 IADC European Health, Safety & Environment Conference set for 14-15 October in Aberdeen promises to leave participants with the latest in safety and environment-related technology, equipment and innovations.

Endorsed by the **UK Health & Safety Executive**, **Norwegian Petroleum Directorate** and the **State Supervision of Mines** in The Netherlands, the event's mission is to improve HSE performance across Europe, with particular emphasis on North-west Europe.

Tuesday, 14 October begins with registration from 7:30-9:00 am. IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt** will open the conference at 9:00 followed by the keynote address by **Tom Botts**, Managing Director, **Shell UK Exploration and Production**.

The conference's first session, **Building an HSE Culture I**, begins at 9:30. Moderator **Wes McDonald** with **Rowan Drilling (UK) Ltd** will introduce speakers **Charlie Mearns**, **GlobalSantaFe Corporation**, and **Bob Lauder**, **Talisman Energy**, who will present **Driving Behavioral Safety in Platform Drilling Operations**. This will be followed by **A Stammers**, **UK Health & Safety Executive**, who will discuss HSE's Key Program 2: **Reducing Drilling Related Accidents**.

Following a coffee break at 10:30, the second session will feature **Health in the Offshore Sector** moderated by **Dominic Catini**, Director-European Operations, IADC. The first presenter will be **L A Saetersdal**, **Odjell Drilling**, who will discuss **Health Risk Assessment & Health Monitoring**. **Susanne Frank-Steffensen**, **Maersk Contractors**, will present **Workplace Assessment – A Drilling Contractor's Experience**. This

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Mr Botts joined Shell Oil in 1977 upon graduating from the University of Wyoming and has worked in a wide variety of positions of increasing responsibility. Immediately before joining Shell UK in 1998, Mr Botts was on special assignment to the Shell Oil CEO, leading a strategic initiative to determine how Shell Oil will evolve in the future.

In December 2002, Mr Botts was appointed Chief Executive Officer Designate of Shell's European Exploration and Production business, which becomes operational from 1 January 2004. Mr Botts is also Chairman of Step Change in Safety.

will be followed by the final presentation of the session by **Ole Seberg**, **Bram Leerdam** and **Gert-Jan Windhorst** with **Noble Drilling**, who will discuss **Workplace Mapping and Management – A Tool to Improve our Workplace Offshore**.

Lunch, sponsored by **Transocean Offshore (North Sea)**, will be from 12:30 to 1:45 during which there will be time to view the exhibits. The first afternoon session begins at 2:00 with **Mechanization & Lifting** with three presentations moderated by **Bob Mankin**, **Maersk Contractors**. The first presentation is

Rig Mechanization – Development of NPD Pipehandling Requirements and the Industry Response and Guidelines for the Norwegian Continental Shelf by **Stein Toning, Norwegian Petroleum Directorate**, and **Geir Ove Eikill, Statoil ASA**.

The second presentation, Incident Trends for Offshore Drilling and Lifting Equipment will be made by **Jim MacFarlane**, UK Health & Safety Executive.

The final presentation by **John O'Neill, BP Clair**, and **Steven Sawaryn, BP Norway**, will feature Rig Mechanization: Application, Learnings and HSE in Design.

Following a coffee break at 4:00, Tuesday's final session begins at 4:30 with Building and HSE Culture II, moderated by Mr Mearns.

The first presentation will be HSE Leadership Standards for Wellsite Supervisors, by **John Karish, BP America**, and **Steve Horton, BP Aberdeen**. This will be followed by a presentation on Kazakhstan Karachaganak Drilling Experience – An HSE Challenging Growth Opportunity, by **Marco Borzoi** and **Andrea Forzan** with **Saipem SpA**.

A welcoming reception sponsored by **GlobalSantaFe** and exhibit viewing follow immediately after this session.

Two keynote addresses mark the opening of the conference's second day. The first keynote speaker will be **Magne Ognedal**, Director, Supervision of Activities, Norwegian Petroleum Directorate. Mr Ognedal began his career with NPD in 1974 as a petroleum engineer.

He advanced to Section Manager and from 1980 Director Safety and Working Environment Division, dealing with all aspects within Safety and Working Environment for Norwegian offshore installations. He is currently Director of "Supervision of Activities".

The second keynote address will be from **Taf Powell**, Head of the Offshore Division, UK Health & Safety Executive. Mr Powell has been Director of the Offshore Division (OSD) of the UK Health & Safety Executive's Hazardous Industries Directorate since June 2000.

Mr. Powell came to the Offshore Division in 1991 and joined the team developing the new offshore regulatory framework built from Lord Cullen's recommendations following the Piper Alpha disaster. As Operations Manager, Aberdeen, he led a group of inspection teams responsible for enforcing the new regulations.

Wednesday's first session begins at 9:30 and will feature presentations on Dropped Objects, moderated by **Mark Waltz**, Transocean Offshore (North Sea).

The first speakers, **William McLellan, Gordon Richard** and **Stuart Rainer** with BP, will discuss Eliminating Dropped Objects from our Industry.

This presentation will be followed by **Mariann Meinach-Bache, National Oilwell**, who will feature In Which Way is it Possible to Prevent Undesirable Incidents Caused by Falling Objects Offshore, Based on Risk Communication Between Vendor (National Oilwell) and Company (Client).

The second session at 10:30, Protecting the Offshore Environment, will be moderated by Mr Waltz and will feature The Realities of Waste Minimization & Disposal in Contributing to a Sustainable Future by **Brian Handcock** with **Total Waste Management Alliance plc**.

Following a coffee break and time to view exhibits at 11:00, the conference's final panel session begins at 11:30. Building an HSE Culture III will be moderated by **Simon Whitehouse, BG Group**, and Gert-Jan Windhorst, Noble Drilling (UK) Ltd. and will include four presentations.

The first presentation by **Harald Bratthammer, Smedvig ASA**, and **Magnar Gresseth, Smedvig Offshore AS**, will discuss Reinforcing and Improving the HSE Culture in Smedvig. **Jim Steel** and **Charlie Mearns** with GlobalSantaFe will present Changing an HSE Culture – A Rig Specific Case Study, and **John Skeggs** and **Eva Utskot** with **Odffjell Drilling** will discuss Improved Safety Through Cultural Development.

The final presentation of the session by **John Quast, Shell International E&P**, will feature Common Findings from Drilling HSE-MS Audits Performed in Shell Operating Companies Between 1999-2002.

Closing remarks and conference adjournment by Mr Cattini will be at 1:30. ■