

Spring Membership Conference hits Washington

THE IADC SPRING Membership Conference is scheduled for 22-24 April in Washington, D.C. Attendees can register Tuesday 22 April from noon until 5:00 p.m. The Executive Committee meeting for IADC members only will be held from 4-6 p.m., presided over by IADC Chairman **C Stedman Garber Jr.**, Chairman of the Executive Committee and President and CEO of **GlobalSantaFe**.

The conference's keynote address will be presented by **Johnnie Burton**, Director of the **Minerals Management Service (MMS)** from 8-8:30 a.m. **Lawrence R Dickerson**, IADC Chairman and President and COO of **Diamond Offshore Drilling** will introduce Ms Burton.

Following the keynote address, the *US International Trade Commission Oil-field Service* study will be presented by **Deanna Okun**, Chairman of the **US International Trade Commission**.

At the request of the US Trade Representative and with the assistance of IADC, the US International Trade Commission recently completed a study of global oilfield services to assist negotiations on energy services at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Chairman Okun will report on the commission's findings in this new study.

Next up is a discussion of the *US Internal Revenue Service Mobile Machinery Proposal* moderated by **Ed Kautz**, Managing Director of **Caza Drilling**. The presentation will be made by **Lucian Pugliarese** with **Key Energy Services**. IADC challenged an IRS proposal to withdraw excise tax exemptions for cer-

tain classes of land drilling rigs. Mr Pugliarese has been engaged in this fight on behalf of well servicing contractors in alliance with IADC.

Following a mid-morning coffee break, the *International Regulatory Forum* panel will be moderated by **Bob Mankin**, **Maersk Contractors**. The panel includes **Thomas Readinger**, Minerals Management Service; **Taf Powell**, **UK Safety & Health Executive**; **Andrew Parker**, **Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board**; and **Dominic Cattini**, Director-European Operations for IADC.

The **Contractor of the Year** will be announced at a luncheon following the panel. Sponsored by **ReedHycalog**, it will be hosted by **John Deane**, President of the company. The speaker is **Robin West** with **PFC Energy**.

The first day of the conference continues with a presentation on *Maritime Homeland Security*. Moderator **Marion Woolie**, **GlobalSantaFe**, will introduce Rear Admiral **Larry Hereth**, Director of Port Security for the **US Coast Guard**.

This is followed by a panel on *International Anti-Corruption Initiatives* moderated by Mr Dickerson. **Janice F Bay**, Assistant Secretary for International Finance and Development for the **US Department of State**, and **William F Whitsitt**, President of the **Domestic Petroleum Council**, are the panelists. Industry and governments are focusing on corruption and transparency issues around the world. Much of the scrutiny involves international E&P activities.

The speakers will address both the industry and the government's responses to this increasingly important area.

A mid-afternoon coffee break sponsored by **Halliburton** is followed by the IADC Board of Directors meeting for IADC Directors only.

Hughes Christensen Company is sponsoring a welcoming reception from 6-8:00 p.m. hosted by **Doug Wall**, President of the company.

Thursday morning begins with a panel on *Energy Services Negotiations in the World Trade Organization*. The panel, moderated by **J Robert Vastine**, President of the **Coalition of Service Industries**, features **Carol Balassa**, Director of Investment Negotiations for the **Office of the US Trade Representative**, and **Donald A Deline**, Director of Government Affairs for **Halliburton**.

An update on *OSHA and Texas Workers Compensation Reform* will be presented by **William P Hedrick**, Chairman of IADC's HSE Committee, and HSE Manager for **Rowan Companies**.

For the final presentation, Mr Dickerson, a member of the President's **US Commission on Ocean Policy**, will lead a discussion of the Commission's work and recommendations following national hearings involving all stakeholders in US offshore resources, leading to a formal report to President Bush and Congress in June.

Mr Dickerson will make closing remarks and adjourn the conference following his presentation. ■

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