HSET Conference set for 3-4 February in Houston

ONE OF IADC’S most widely attended conferences, the IADC Health, Safety, Environment & Training Conference & Exhibition, is set for 3-4 February in Houston at the Omni Westside Hotel. Among the topics is team building, people-focus cultures, US Coast Guard and Minerals Management Service regulatory updates, and crane and rigging operation safety. The conference is sponsored by Noble Corporation.

Conference registration begins at 7:30 am with time to view the exhibits before the welcoming remarks and introduction by William P Hedrick, Chairman, IADC Health, Safety & Environment Committee, and Vice President HSE & Regulatory Affairs for Rowan Companies; and Larry E Andrews, Chairman, IADC Training Committee and Training Manager for Noble Drilling Services.

The opening address will be presented by Marion M Woolie, 2004 IADC Chairman and Senior Vice President operations for GlobalSantaFe Corporation.

Douglas L Becker, an analyst with Banc of America Securities, will make the keynote address at 9:00 am, Uncertain Drivers on a Twisty Road: Outlook for Oilfield Services.

A coffee break at 9:30 am sponsored by Tesco Corporation follows the keynote address.

The session Team Building for Better Safety begins at 10 am. This panel features an overview of ExxonMobil’s Safety Leadership Program by Paul K Goodwin, Contractor Safety Specialist for ExxonMobil; and Safety Leadership Workshop: Opportunity for Creativity, presented by Bill McPherson, Director of Organizational Development for Noble Drilling Services.

Lunch and exhibit viewing is scheduled for 11:30-12:30 pm

The afternoon’s first session at 12:30 pm will be a discussion on Incident Free Operations by William “Duke” Dixon, US HSE Manager for Parker Drilling Company, followed by a US Coast Guard Regulatory Update presented by Captain David L Scott, Chief, Operating & Environmental Standards, for the US Coast Guard.

Don Howard, Regional Supervisor, Field Operations GOM, US Minerals Management Service, will present the MMS Regulatory Update at 3:00 pm.

At 3:30 pm Don Wile, a consultant for Zurich Services Corp, will present OSHA Compliance for US Land: How Will Your Rig Measure Up?

The final session of the day begins at 4:00 pm and will feature Meeting of the Minds: Operator-Contractor Perspectives on Environmental Protection. Making presentations will be Kirk Steinle, Environmental Team Leader, Onshore Western Performance Unit, BP, and Phillip Sanders, Environmental Specialist for Helmerich & Payne IDC.

A welcoming reception and exhibition viewing is scheduled in the evening from 5:00-7:00 pm co-sponsored by Kwintet USA, Inc (formerly Wenaas AGS).

Registration will be held Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 am when the day’s keynote address will be presented. The keynote is sponsored by Randy Smith Training Solutions and moderated by Randy Smith, Chairman and CEO.

The keynote will be made by Rita Bailey, CEO and Founder of QVF Consultants, who will discuss Creating People-Focused Cultures. The company works with organizations and individuals to create people-focused relationships and cultures. She is a 25-year veteran of Southwest Airlines where she served in several positions culminating in her role as Director of University for People. At Southwest Airlines she was responsible for design, development and implementation of leadership and personal development programs for more than 32,000 employees.

Following the keynote address, Adrian Gray, Manager, International Safety Management for GlobalSantaFe, will present ISM Standards of Training for Certification of Watchkeepers.

A coffee break will be held from 10:30-11:00 am, following which the session on Improving Safety in Crane & Rigging Operations will begin. Making presentations during the session will be Michael L Brasic, Logistics, HSE for BP on Crane Training/Rigging; and Ron Felger, Senior Drilling Safety & Environmental Specialist for ChevronTexaco on Truck or Wheel Mounted Crane Operations.

Following lunch and exhibit viewing from noon-1:00 pm, Brian Fowler, Master Trainer, DBI/SALA, will present Fall Protection: Does Your Program Stack Up? This is followed from 1:30-2:00 pm by Rescue From Height: Can You Get Him Back Down in Time? by Clint Honeycutt, General Manager, Safety Connection Inc.

Randy Clay, President, US Safety Sign & Decal Specialists, will present Signs of Safety from 2:00-2:45 pm. A coffee break from 2:45-3:15 pm follows the presentation.

The final session begins at 3:15 pm when Steve Kropla, IADC Director Accreditation and Certification Programs, presents IADC Accreditation Programs: Step Changes for Industry Training.

At 3:45 will be a Q&A session, drawings for door prizes and closing remarks by Mr Hedrick and Mr Andrews.

Special thanks go to the committee members for their help in organizing the conference. They include Larry Andrews, Noble Drilling Services; John Auth, Diamond Offshore Drilling; Michael Cadigan, Noble Drilling Services; Greg Detillier, Grey Wolf Drilling; Allen Graff, Parker Drilling Company; Bill Hedrick, Rowan Companies; Joe Hurt, IADC; and Steve Kropla, IADC.

Be sure to make time to visit the exhibitors during the conference. They include Action Specialties Inc; Alexander/Ryan Marine & Safety Company; Custom Safety Products; Dooley Tackaberry; Enviro-Pak Compactors; Gulotta’s WorkWear Outfitters; IADC Publications; Kwintet USA Inc (formerly Wenaas AGS); LHR Services & Equipment; Petroleum Extension Service (PETEX); Total Safety Inc; Randy Smith Training Solutions; Well Control School; Westex Inc; Access Oil Tools; Media Moxie Inc; Wilson Supply; Bishop Lifting Products; Soll America; and Web Devices.