IADC HONORED THREE drilling industry professionals at its annual meeting in September. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals for their dedication and service to the drilling industry and their support and participation in IADC’s overall goals.

Stan Christman, Drilling Engineering Advisor, ExxonMobil Corporation (retired), was honored for his contributions to the drilling industry and his long participation in IADC. Mr Christman has been intimately involved in the rapid advancement of deepwater drilling technology, working with floating drilling technology and safety management systems. He is co-founder of the Drilling Engineering Association and served as DEA’s Chairman from 1985-1986. He is co-inventor of the first annulus-pressure operated drill-stem testing tool and holds a patent on using glycol in drilling fluids to enhance polymer viscosity yield and reduce the freezing and hydrate temperature.

Richard H Reiley, BP Americas (retired), was recognized for his work in developing drilling technology, enhancing operator and contractor relations, his longstanding advocacy of IADC and enthusiastic support of IADC events and initiatives. Mr Reiley is an active member of SPE and IADC, serving on numerous committees and presenting papers to promote safety and improve drilling performance. He was a pioneer in the application of horizontal drilling, PDC bits, MWD/LWD, drilling waste injection, stuck pipe prevention, underbalance drilling, drilling with casing and expandable tubulars.

Bill S Person, Vice President of Industrial Relations, Rowan Companies, was honored for a dedicated career of service to the drilling industry, evidenced by leadership in IADC and his many contributions enhancing health and safety practices within the drilling industry. Mr Person has represented the drilling industry before federal and state regulatory bodies including the Texas Railroad Commission, US Occupational and Safety Health Administration, US Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Interior Mineral Management Services in areas of workplace safety, personnel training and safe operational work practices. Mr Person was appointed to represent offshore drilling contractors at the Standards of Training and Watchkeeping Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization. He later became a United States delegate to IMO representing the US offshore industry at the request of the US Coast Guard.

Houston Chapter elects 2004 officers

IADC Houston Chapter recently elected 2004 officers as follows:

• Chairman: Anthony Gallegos, Atwood Oceanics;
• Vice Chairman: Mike Roth, Transocean Offshore;
• Secretary: David Schuler, Smith Bits;
• Treasurer, Jeff Todish, GlobalSantaFe Corp;
• Programs Advisor: Bruce Peters, Wilson Supply
• Operator Involvement Advisor: Reese Mitchell, El Paso Production;
• Contractor Involvement Advisory & Golf Committee: Otto Windholz, Tripoint Energy Services
• Scholarship Chairman: Dick Polk, New Tech Engineering;
• Scholarship Advisor: John Pizzitola, New Tech Engineering;
• Registration: Wayne Eggleston, Smith Services;
• Golf Tourney Chairman: Kevin Parks, OMSCO;
• Silent Auction Co-Chairman & Activity Advisor: Jim Nowotny, Atwood Oceanics;
• Silent Auction Co-Chairman: Paul Kessler, Nabors Offshore Drilling;
• Special Activities Advisor, Golf Committee & Ocean Star Board Representative: Shane Marchand, Helmerich & Payne IDC.

Alaska Chapter elects 2004 officers

The IADC Alaska Chapter 2004 officers include:

• Chairman: Udo Cassee, Nordic-Calista Services;
• Vice Chairman: Jim Denney, Nabors Alaska;
• Secretary: Anne Green, Nordic-Calista Services;
• Treasurer: Helene Sheehan, Nabors Alaska;
• Chairman-Political: Ron Wilson, Doyon Drilling;
• Chairman-Membership: Phil Snsarenko, Nordic-Calista Services;
• Chairman-Safety: John Haynes, Nabors Alaska.