

Well Control Conference of the Americas set for Oct

THE IADC WELL Control Conference of the Americas will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 24-26 October. A welcoming reception sponsored by **TechTran International** will be held Sunday, 24 October from 5-7 pm. On Monday, 25 October, registration begins at 7:15 with time for exhibit viewing before opening remarks at 8:15 from IADC Chairman **Marion Woolie** with **GlobalSantaFe** and **Kevin Lacy** with **ChevronTexaco**.

A 90-minute panel discussion on teamwork begins at 9 am to discuss Overcoming Barriers to Well Control Incident Free Operations. The panelists will discuss, among other topics, teamwork between operators, contractors and service companies; communication issues; control responsibilities; safety management; and well control responsibilities.

A coffee break follows the panel session. The conference's next session looks at Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Alternative Well Control Procedures **Larry Flak**, **Boots & Coots**, and **Bob Meize**, **Anadarko Petroleum Company**. The second presentation by **C Mark Franklin** with **BP** looks at new technology with Good Bye Circular Chart Recorder, Hello Digital Pressure Testing Methodology.

This session is followed by lunch at noon which includes a presentation by a well-known oil services analyst.

Session II follows at 1:30 pm with a presentation by **Agus Saepul Dahlan**, **Hendri Junaidi**, and **Dadhy Rpihantoro** with **P T Caltex Pacific Indonesia** on Drilling Approach for Steam Eruption Mitigation in Drilling Duri Steam Flood Infill Wells Area. **Terry Strickland** with **Cudd Well Control** will present

Not All Surface Blowouts Can be Capped and Shut In: A Case History; and **Gary Nance** with **Randy Smith Training Solutions** will present **Gas Rise and Unloading Characteristics in Drilling Wellbore and Risers**.

A coffee break follows that session and then a panel beginning at 3:30 will examine security and the effects of terrorism in the petroleum industry. A reception will be held from 5-7 pm.

At 9 am on Tuesday, 26 October, a Review of IADC Well Control Programs & Initiatives will be presented. This will be followed by a coffee break at 10:30 and then Session III begins at 11 am with a presentation by **Scott Elson**, **Jim Mann** and **Greg Nancarrow** with **Nutronix**; and **Tim Newman**, **Bert Nijboer** and **James Lauritsen**, **Shell International E&P** on **Acoustic Communications for Control and Monitoring of Subsea Drill Through Equipment in Ultra Deepwater Surface BOP Operations**.

Rishi Ramtahal, **BP Trinidad**, and **John Rogers Smit**, **Louisiana State University**, will present **Demonstration of the Advantages of Dynamic Lubrication versus Conventional Step-wise Lubrication in a Full-Scale Research Well**. In the session's final presentation, **Daniel F Eby**, **PE**, **Wild Well Control Inc**, will discuss **Blowout Ignition Criteria**.

Lunch begins at 12:30 with another presentation scheduled.

A panel session on **Future Needs & Trends in Well Control, Training and Simulation Technology** begins at 2:30 pm, followed by closing remarks and adjournment. ■

2004 IADC Annual Meeting will be in New Orleans

The 2004 IADC Annual Meeting will be held 22-24 September in New Orleans, once again featuring informative presentations and the **ReedHycalog Rig Census**. Attendees can register 22 September from 2-5 pm.

Registration will also be held beginning at 7 am on Thursday, 23 September. The Annual Meeting begins with a **Keynote Breakfast** from 8-9:30 sponsored by **Hydril Company**. The presentation of the **Legacy Award** will be made to recognize those people whose careers are distinguished by valuable contributions to IADC and the drilling industry.

Amy Myers Jaffee, Senior Energy Advisor for Baker Institute for Public Policy will present the keynote address. Ms Jaffee 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 Jaffee has contributed articles to the **Wall Street Journal**, **New York Times**, **Dow Jones International** and other publications, and has appeared on **CNN** and **Good Morning America**.

The **Drillers Outlook** begins at 9:45 with presentations by land and offshore contractors plus other presenters. From 11:30 to noon will be a presentation on deep gas operations by an oil and gas company representative.

Hughes Christensen sponsors the lunch from 12:15-1:45 IADC officer nominees will be recognized and the Chairmans' plaque will be presented.

Helene Harding, Gulf Coast Business Manager for **ConocoPhillips** in Houston, will present the luncheon address.

Afternoon sessions will feature presentations on **Deepwater Economics** by **Steven Nowe**, **Drilling Superintendent** for **BHP Billiton**; **Advances in Drilling Rig Technology** by **Peter Miller** with **National Oilwell**; a **Mexico Update**; and **Opportunities in Iraq: a Contractor's Perspective**.

IADC's Board of Directors meets in the afternoon followed by the much anticipated Annual Meeting reception from 5:30-7 pm.

On Friday, 24 September, following registration is the **Operator's Outlook Breakfast** where the annual **ReedHycalog Rig Census** will be presented plus a presentation by **Juan Garcia** with **ExxonMobil**.

The conference will conclude with an overview of the oil and gas demand and drilling sector market outlook by a noted industry analyst. This will be followed by closing remarks and adjournment of the Annual Meeting. ■