Three receive Distinguished Service Awards

Bill Hedrick, Larry Andrews and Ron Baker each received service awards from IADC President Dr Lee Hunt in recognition of their contributions to IADC. Mr Hedrick, Vice President, HSE & Regulatory Affairs, Rowan Companies, was honored for his leadership as Chairman of the IADC Health, Safety & Environment Committee. Ron Baker, retired Director of the Petroleum Extension Service (PETEX) at the University of Texas at Austin, was recognized for his contributions to the safety and training of drilling workers and his and PETEX’s longstanding partnership with IADC Publications.

New committee chairmen named

John Truschinger of GlobalSantaFe was named Chairman of the Information Technology Solutions Committee, replacing Scott Milliren of Helmerich & Payne IDC. Dado Matkins with Transocean was named Chairman of the Training Committee, replacing Larry Andrews of Noble Drilling Services. Jim Tolsma with Grey Wolf Drilling was named Chairman of the Health, Safety & Environment Committee, which was previously held by Bill Hedrick of Rowan Companies.

North Sea Chapter elects officers

2004 North Sea Chapter officers are:
- Chairman: Mark Burns, Noble Drilling;
- Vice Chairman: Mark Waltz, Transocean Offshore (North Sea);
- Vice Chairman: Ronnie James, Diamond Offshore Drilling (UK);
- Vice Chairman, Associate Members: Graham Buchan, Halliburton;
- Secretary Treasurer: John Downing, Cooper Cameron (UK).

New WellCAP Handbook out

An updated version of the WellCAP Handbook for Accreditation was issued describing the criteria and procedures used in IADC’s Well Control Accreditation Program. It incorporates recent policy changes and changes to administrative procedures instituted by the WellCAP Review Panel. It is also available in electronic format or on request from IADC. Contact Steve Kropla at 713-292-1945.

Southern Arabian Chapter elects 2004 officers

- Chairman: Mike Derbyshire, Pride International;
- Vice Chairmen include: Niels Espeland, KCA DEUTAG; Jim Shetter, Noble Drilling International; Pat O’Shaughnessy, National Drilling & Service Company-Oman; Nouraddine Hadj-Mpoussa, National Drilling-Abu Dhabi; Owen Frail, Nabors Drilling International-Yemen;
- Treasurer: Dave Muller, Safar Oilfield Services;
- Secretary: Lester Carson, Sigma Engineering Works.

Denver Chapter 2004 officers

2004 Denver IADC Chapter officers include:
- Chairman: Michael Nuss, CAZA Drilling;
- Vice Chairman: Pat Lawson, M-I SWACO;
- Secretary Treasurer: Scott Morton, Dynamic Drilling Fluids.

2004 Ark-La-Tex Chapter officers

The following were elected 2004 officers:
- Chairman: Doug Blair, Nabors Drilling USA;
- Vice Chairman: Forrest Conley, Grey Wolf Drilling;
- Secretary Treasurer: Levi Bailey, ENSCO International.

2004 Houston Chapter officers

2004 Houston Chapter officers include:
- Chairman: Anthony Gallegos, Atwood Oceanics;
- Vice Chairman: Mike Roth, Transocean;
- Secretary: David Shuler, Smith International;
- Treasurer: Jeff Todish, GlobalSantaFe Corp.