

Offshore Logistics Conference calls for abstracts

IADC IS CALLING for abstracts for the 2005 IADC Offshore Logistics Conference & Exhibition scheduled for 11-12 April 2005 at the Hilton Hotel in Lafayette. The conference is co-sponsored by the **Offshore Marine Service Association (OMSA)**.

Abstracts are due no later than 15 November 2004, and they can be submitted on line at www.iadc.org/conferences/offshorelogistics2005.htm.

The conference will focus on improvements in efficiency, safety and environmental protection in the movement of goods, supplies and personnel between onshore support facilities and offshore

installations. Presentations will highlight current challenges as well as developments leading to improvements in offshore logistics, including:

- Facilitating materials handling;
- Security and accountability;
- Personnel;
- Materials;
- Waste reduction and management;
- Helideck operations, maintenance and inspection;
- Regulatory compliance;

- Customs, immigration, MMS and Coast Guard notifications;

- Safe transfer of personnel;
- Evacuation and emergency response.

Authors of selected presentations will receive confirmation by 15 December 2004. Final presentations should be delivered to IADC in Microsoft PowerPoint format with supporting documentation. Formal papers are encouraged however, they are not required.

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MPD Conference set for 20-21 April 2005

IADC AND SPE are calling for abstracts for the 2005 IADC/SPE Managed Pressure Drilling Conference & Exhibition scheduled for 20-21 April 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio.

This event will present the latest developments and drivers of managed pressure drilling (MPD) to promote better understanding and awareness of the techniques and to advance safe, efficient procedures through optimization of MPD technologies and development of best practices.

The conference will examine MPD activities worldwide: onshore, in shallow water, deepwater with surface stacks and deepwater with subsea stacks.

The deadline for abstracts is 15 November, 2004.

They can be submitted on line at www.iadc.org/conferences/mp5.htm. Authors of selected presentations will receive confirmation by 20 December 2004.

Final presentations should be delivered to IADC in MS PowerPoint format with supporting documentation.

While formal papers are encouraged, they are not required.

The IADC MPD Subcommittee has defined MPD as an "adaptive drilling process used to precisely control the

annular pressure profile throughout the wellbore.

The objectives are to ascertain the downhole pressure environment limits and to manage the annular hydraulic pressure profile accordingly.

Case histories depicting the added value provided by MPD or problems solved through MPD are welcome, as are examples of new and future applications of MPD technology.

Abstracts on all aspects of MPD will be considered. However, the Planning Committee has identified several areas of particular interest related to MPD:

- Surface BOP drilling in deepwater;
- Variations of dual gradient applications (riserless, nitrogen gas lift, hollow sphere, concentric strings, etc);
- Drilling with casing & liner;
- Influence of MPD on project economics;
- Regulation & legislation;
- Risk management & well control;
- Case histories;
- HSE aspects of MPD;
- MPD for extended-reach drilling;
- Incorporating MPD into the well design & fluids program;

- MPD as well process control;
- MPD surface equipment;
- Applied geomechanics & MPD;
- Mudcap applications;
- Overcoming barriers to implementation of new technology;

Special thanks go to the conference's Program Committee, which includes **Ken Armagost, BP; Don Duttlinger, Petroleum Technology Transfer Council; Ken Smith, ConocoPhillips; and Hugh Elkins, Varco.**

The conference's Planning Committee is also comprised of **Ken Gray, University of Texas; Don Hannegan, Weatherford; John Kozicz, Transocean Inc; and Eric Maidla, Slider LLC.**

Also on the conference's Planning Committee are **Ken Malloy, Stress Engineering; Alan Orr, Helmerich & Payne IDC; Moe Plaisance, Diamond Offshore Drilling; Don Reitsma, Shell; Helio Santos, Impact Engineering; and Jerome Schubert, Texas A&M University.**

Rounding out the conference's Planning Committee are **Bruce Selby, Shell; Rick Stone, Signa Engineering; Morten Perlander, Petroleum Safety Authority Norway; Paul Thone, SPE; Ken Fischer, IADC; and Mike Killalea, IADC.** ■

