

IADC CONNECTION

Ken Fischer named VP-Middle East and Asia



Ken Fischer, left, who was recently named Vice President-Middle East and Asia, will replace Norman Edwards who is retiring in June as Director of Operations-Middle East and Asia.

KEN FISCHER, IADC Vice President-Operations, has been named Vice President-Middle East and Asia, effective 1 January, 2005, IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt** announced. Mr Fischer will replace **Norman V Edwards**, currently Director of Operations-Middle East and Asia, who is retiring in June.

"Norman has performed admirably in extending IADC services and member-

ship across the Middle East and Asia," Dr Hunt remarked. "We wish him the very best in his upcoming retirement. Ken Fischer has extensive experience in the region, and IADC is confident he will continue to extend activities in the region."

Mr Fischer will provide staff support for the IADC Drilling Services and Technology Division and IADC Contracts Committee. He has broad drilling industry experience, particularly in operations, administration and contracts. He holds a BBA in marketing from the University of Texas, Austin. He joined IADC in 1992.

In his new post, he will provide assistance with IADC programs, membership, conference development and publications in the Middle East and Asia, as well as serve as liaison with Middle East and Asian members and chapters.

Mr Edwards joined IADC in 1998. He is an industry veteran who has worked globally with both producing and service firms and in academia for nearly 51 years. He holds a BSc degree in geology from Liverpool University, UK. ■

Rotating control device spec adopted by API

FOR THE FIRST time, a manufacturing specification drafted entirely by an IADC committee has been adopted by the American Petroleum Institute (API). The new document, designated API Specification 16RCD, covers the manufacture of rotating control devices used in underbalanced operations and managed pressure drilling. The document was expected to be in print by the end of 2004.

A Task Group formed under the auspices of the IADC Underbalanced Operations Committee was responsible for the work. The group, chaired by **John Ramalho**, **Shell International E&P**, comprised drilling contractors, manufacturers and producers members.

"This achievement demonstrates a new level of participation in the development of international standards," said IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt**. "We are grateful to API for recognizing the importance of the document and for acting quickly to adopt it."

UBO Committee Chairman **Mike DuBoise**, **Rowan Drilling UK Ltd**, also acknowledged the Task Group's accomplishment: "(The group) worked diligently for more than two years to deliver this much-needed standard," he said. "The individuals and companies involved are to be commended."

Spec 16RCD joins a suite of technical specifications related to well control equipment published this year by API. ■

Pride's Derbyshire recognized for role in S Arabia Chapter



IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt**, left, recognized Southern Arabian Peninsula Chapter Chairman **Mike Derbyshire** of **Pride International** during the 2004 IADC International Well Control Conference in Dubai, held in early December.

IADC CHAPTER CHAIRMEN work hard contributing to our industry. That said, it is difficult to single out any one Chapter Chairman for special note.

But **Mike Derbyshire** of **Pride International**, Chairman of the IADC Southern Arabian Peninsula Chapter, has done yeoman's work on multiple fronts over the past year.

"Mike has accomplished a lot as Southern Arabian Peninsula Chapter Chairman," observed IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt**, presenting Mr Derbyshire with his Chapter Chairman's Award during the 2004 IADC International Well Control Conference, held 7-8 Dec in Dubai.

"He sets a high standard for us all."

As Chapter Chairman, Mike was instrumental in bringing the recovering Iraq E&P industry into the fold of IADC and laying the groundwork for IADC contractor and service companies to participate in their country.

Mr Derbyshire in 2004 arranged a landmark symposium in Dubai featuring executives with **Iraqi Drilling Co**, **Iraq North Oil Co**, and **Iraq South Oil Co**.

In addition, Mr Derbyshire has worked closely with the IADC Government Affairs Committee to address customs issues in India. ■

UBO/MPD officers elected

MIKE DUBOSE, **Rowan Drilling (UK)**, was reelected Chairman of the newly renamed Underbalanced Operations and Managed Pressure Drilling Committee, formerly the Underbalanced Operations Committee. **Joe Kinder**, **Precision Drilling Technology Services**, was elected Vice Chairman. ■