



# NEWS CUTTINGS



**Back row, from left are Ronald Hoope, Gert-Jan Windhorst, and Steve Rae, all of Noble Drilling; Russell Ritchie, Reel; Martin Brand, GlobalSantaFe; Gerrit Shurink, Tom Gravemaker, and Eelke Strikwerda, all of Noble Drilling. Front row, from left are Kenny Wood, Maersk Contractors; Lee Hartburn, KCA DEUTAG; Jackie Bird, BBC Scotland news presenter; and Rune Mesel, Odfjell Drilling.**

## North Sea Chapter presents Safety Awards

THE 2007 IADC North Sea Chapter (NSC) Safety Awards were announced on 11 May by NSC chairman **Roger Hodgson of KCA DEUTAG**. A capacity audience of 360 attended the annual award show and dinner in Aberdeen.

### Best Safety Performance Awards for 2006:

- Jackups over 1 million manhours: **Noble Drilling**
- Jackups under 1 million manhours: **Maersk Contractors**
- Semisubmersibles over 1 million manhours: **GlobalSantaFe**
- Semisubmersibles over 1 million manhours: **Odfjell Drilling** (runner-up)
- Semisubmersibles under 1 million manhours: **Noble Drilling**
- Platforms: **Noble Drilling**

### Merit Awards for 2006:

- Outstanding safety performance over 9 years, jackup award: **Noble Piet van Ede, Noble Drilling**
- Outstanding safety performance over 7 years, platform award: **Beryl Bravo, KCA DEUTAG**
- Outstanding safety performance over 6 years, semisubmersible award: **Noble Ton van Langeveld, Noble Drilling**
- Associate Member's Award 2007: **REEL**
- Chairman's Special Award 2007: **Martin Brand, GlobalSantaFe**

IADC secretary-treasurer **Mark Jackson of Noble Corp** delivered an international perspective address at the awards show, and **Ray Riddoch, HSE manager for TOTAL E&P UK**, gave the 2007 Industry Address.

## Meet IADC at Offshore Europe & SPE ATCE

IADC WILL BE exhibiting at the Offshore Europe Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition, 4-7 September 2007, in Aberdeen. Please come visit us at Stand L3. For more information, visit [www.offshore-europe.co.uk](http://www.offshore-europe.co.uk).

IADC also will host an exhibiting booth at the SPE Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (ATCE), 11-14 November 2007, in Anaheim, Calif. For more information, visit [www.spe.org/atce/2007/](http://www.spe.org/atce/2007/).

## Exemplary Service Awards presented

IADC PRESENTED TWO members with Exemplary Service Awards at World Drilling 2007, held 13-14 June in Paris. **Sjoerd Brouwer, Shell** wells activity leader, and **Ronald Hoope, Noble Drilling** manager of commercial affairs, each were recognized by IADC president **Dr Lee Hunt** for their contributions to drilling technology and operations through constant support for IADC.

Mr Brouwer has strongly supported IADC over the years through enthusiastic engagement in the World Drilling conferences. Additionally, he served as chairman of the 2007 SPE/IADC Drilling Conference, overseeing an innovative conference program under the theme of "Reach Out to Discover and Recover."

Mr Hoope has been a longtime supporter of IADC's globalization initiatives, offering his time and cooperation for more than 15 years.

"IADC appreciates the participation and commitment of Sjoerd and Ronald," Dr Hunt said. "Their contributions to the drilling industry have been immense."

## Training provider caution urged

IADC IS URGING members to verify the credentials of any organization purporting to provide training accredited by industry organizations.

"In this period of high industry activity, there is a huge demand for training," said **Steve Kropla**, IADC vice president of accreditation & certification. "At the same time, IADC has been receiving a number of reports that indicate some training providers may be advertising 'approved' or 'accredited' courses they are not authorized to provide."

At a minimum, Mr Kropla urged, members should request a copy of the training provider's Certificate of Accreditation. Members may consider directly contacting the accrediting body to verify the current status of the provider's accreditation. Validity of IADC WellCAP and Rig Pass providers can be verified via e-mail at [wellcap@iadc.org](mailto:wellcap@iadc.org) and [rigpass@iadc.org](mailto:rigpass@iadc.org), respectively.

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### North Sea Chapter donates to charities

THE IADC NORTH Sea Chapter recently presented cheques to two charities, each in the amount of £4,350. The funds were raised at the chapter's recent Annual Safety Awards show. Personal donations made at the event were matched by the North Sea Chapter.

The benefitting charities were chosen by this year's chapter chairman, **Roger Hodgson** of KCA DEUTAG. One beneficiary was the Oil Chaplaincy Trust, a charity providing financial relief to those who have worked in the oil and gas industry or their immediate families. The other benefitting group was UCAN, a North of Scotland charity.



**NSC chairman Roger Hodgson (second from right) presents the Rev. Andrew J Jolly with a cheque for the Oil Chaplaincy Trust. Vice chairman Steve Rae of Noble Drilling is at left, and NSC office administrator Val Hood is at right.**

### IADC to hold critical drilling session at PECOM

IADC IS ORGANIZING a special two-hour session at the 3rd Annual Petroleum Exhibition and Conference of Mexico (PECOM), to be held 6-8

November 2007, in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico. The session will examine critical issues in drilling. Look for an IADC exhibitor booth as well.

### Donation enables student trips to industry sites

IADC RECENTLY MADE a \$5,000 donation to the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) Education Outreach Initiative, enabling three field trips by Houston-area students and administrators to industry facilities. The purpose was to stimulate educator and student interest in the vast vocational and professional opportunities available in the petroleum industry.

The trips included tours of the **Schlumberger** Technology Center and Drilling Rig Training Facility and **Halliburton's** Real Time Decision Center. Participants also received hands-on ROV flight simulator experience at **Oceaneering**.

**Doris Richardson**, director of the IPAA Education Center, said the trips "have been crucial in opening young eyes to the many choices they possess" in our industry."