

IADC European Basic Offshore Safety course debuts to success

THE LONG-AWAITED full-scale trial of the IADC European Basic Offshore Safety Induction and Emergency Training (BOSIET) course, undertaken in March 2007, resulted in resounding success. The course is part of the IADC Pan-European Offshore Competency Programme, which aims to supplant national requirements impeding the free movement of rigs and personnel across Europe.

Six participants — two each from **Maersk Contractors**, **Noble Drilling** and **Seadrill** —

took part in the trial, which was held at the **Falck Nutec** training facility in Esbjerg, Denmark. All 6 successfully completed the 2-day BOSIET course and 1-day Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET) course.

“It is a credit to their professionalism and courage to undertake such a course under the scrutiny of 16 observers watching their every move



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and performance,” said **Dominic Cattini**, IADC senior director of European operations.

The trial was audited by **Det Norske Veritas** for IADC and evaluated by the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation (OPITO) on behalf of the UK Offshore Operators Association (UKOOA). Observers at the trial included regulators from the North Sea Offshore Authorities Forum (NSOAF), the Norwegian Oil Industry Association (OLF), the Netherlands Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Association (NOGEP), as well as the North Sea Operators Committee – Denmark.

The exercise yielded several valuable lessons, which will be incorporated into the forthcoming revision of the competency training programme. In addition, feedback from participants and observers was found to be very constructive and will be incorporated in the future to improve course implementation.

The trial’s success opens the way for the European Working Group to complete the programme by the end of 2007, Mr Cattini said. ♠

New European Working Group page online

TO ASSIST AND promote the growing activities of the European Working Group, a new web page has been put up at the IADC website, www.iadc.org. Information on the group’s mission, membership, activity, current projects and contacts can be found at www.iadc.org/committees/EWG/index.

Additionally, a new web page has been established for the IADC Technical Publications Committee. The committee is working to publish a comprehensive and practical series of peer-reviewed books on the petroleum industry. More information can be found at www.iadc.org/committees/IADC%20Technical%20Publications/IADC_Tech_Pubs.htm. ♠

Danny McNease to serve on OTC Board

DANNY MCNEASE OF **Rowan Companies** will succeed **John Irwin** of **Atwood Oceanics** as IADC’s representative on the OTC Board of Directors. Mr Irwin served on the board for 2 terms, and IADC thanks him for working to ensure that drilling contractor interests are well represented at OTC programs and plenary sessions. IADC also thanks Mr McNease for offering to continue the excellent quality of representation for IADC. ♠

Leesa Teel promoted to IADC senior director

LEESA TEEL HAS been promoted to senior director of conferences for IADC. She will continue to manage IADC events in North and South America. ♠

China’s CNPC joins IADC

THE CHINA NATIONAL Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China’s largest oil and gas producer, has joined IADC as a producer member.

“IADC has been cooperating with CNPC for many years through their various drilling subsidiaries and training centers,” said **Ken Fischer**, IADC vice president for the Middle East and Asia. “As a producer member, CNPC professionals will be able to take full advantage of our various activities and programs.” ♠

Snubbing Curriculum revision proposed

THE IADC WELL Control Committee has formed a subcommittee, chaired by **Alex Sas-Jaworsky** of **SAS Industries**, to revise the WellCAP Snubbing Curriculum.

The existing snubbing training curriculum at the supervisory and fundamental levels would be revised to include a stand-alone course targeting snubbing operations personnel to focus on the

use of the pressure containment equipment as the primary barrier during well control operations. This equipment-based well control barrier philosophy is consistent with recent revisions to the coiled tubing training curriculum, as well as WellCAP’s underbalanced operations training curriculum. An update will be provided at the next IADC Well Control Committee meeting in May. ♠

Upcoming events

- **IADC World Drilling 2007**, 13-14 June, Galveston, Texas.
Paris.
- **IADC North Sea Chapter Texas Scramble Golf Tournament, Golf Prize-Giving Diner Dance**, 28-29 June.
- **Drilling Engineering Association Workshop & Exhibition**, 19-20 June,