3 IADC members receive Exemplary Service Awards at ’06 Annual Meeting

THREE IADC MEMBERS received the 2006 IADC Exemplary Service Awards at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio on 21-22 September. The recipients were Robert C Burnett, Gary Hoggatt and Jim Metcalf.

ROBERT C BURNETT

Mr Burnett, senior STEA advisor for GlobalSantaFe, has been active with IADC since the 1980s, debuting with his Drilling Contractor article on offshore firefighting. He led the IADC Well Control Committee and served as a driving force for improving procedures, regulations and training. He has helped to plan several IADC well control conferences and has played an active role in the IADC Training and HSE committees.

Mr Burnett began his career with SEDCO on land rigs in Iran. He subsequently held positions with Santa Fe International, Milpark Drilling Fluids and Enron before joining GlobalSantaFe.

GARY HOGGATT

As a longtime member of the Program Committee for the IADC/SPE Drilling Conference, Mr Hoggatt was a stalwart for the US land drilling community and advancing onshore technology. As IADC vice president for the Rocky Mountain Region, he assisted the local chapters and represented Rocky Mountain contractors before the IADC Board of Directors. He has long been the backbone of the Casper Chapter and has been active on IADC committees, which included service as vice chairman of the Drilling Technology Committee.

Mr Hoggatt began his longtime career with True Drilling Co in 1977. In 1991, he was promoted to drilling superintendent, where he continues to direct and coordinate all of True Drilling operations.

JIM METCALF

Mr Metcalf has worked to help develop the landmark WellCAP Plus program and was a major contributor to the IADC/OOC Deepwater Well Control Guidelines, which represented a milestone for our industry. He has also served on the IADC Well Control Committee.

Mr Metcalf began his career working primarily on Gulf of Mexico operations with Tenneco Oil E&P. In 1996, he joined Newfield Exploration Company as a drilling engineer. By 2005 he had been promoted to VP Drilling.

The IADC Exemplary Service Awards recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to the drilling industry and to IADC. Recipients have demonstrated their commitment to improving the drilling industry and advancing its safety, training or technology.

Houston Chapter to hold dinner-dance, silent auction

THE IADC HOUSTON Chapter will hold its annual dinner/dance and silent auction on 9 February 2007 at the Westin Oaks Hotel in Houston. Proceeds will benefit Houston’s T.H. Rogers Middle School, a school for children with disabilities, through the Just Like Us foundation. Approximately $40,000 was donated from this year’s event.

The reception and silent auction will begin at 7pm on 9 February and the dinner at 8pm. Sponsors and charities will be recognized, and service awards and scholarships will be handed out. The dance will run from 9:45pm to 1am. Cost is $80 a person, and table sponsorships are available. Attire is semi-formal. To make reservations or to get more information, contact Gloria Call at 1-318-856-4071 or gloriacall@cox.net. No refunds will be made after 30 January.

Donations also are being accepted for the silent auction. To donate, contact Ms Call or Paul Kessler at pkessler@theoffshoredrillingcompany.com.

WellCAP patches available now to accredited schools

IADC’S ACCREDITATION and Certification Department is offering fabric patches with the WellCAP logo to accredited schools. They measure approximately 3 in. in diameter and feature a color logo on a black background.

The patches are available only to accredited schools and may be purchased for $5 each. For more information, please contact IADC’s Houston headquarters at +1/713-292-1945.