

Drilling N Deepwater views key issues, technology

IADC DRILLING NORTHERN Deepwater 2001, to be held 31 May-1 June in Stavanger, will focus on opportunities and how to exploit them in this most challenging offshore drilling region.

Co-sponsored by **Statoil** and **Smedvig ASA**, the conference is the premier event of 2001 for those who have—or expect to have—operations in northern deepwater regions. A welcoming reception on 30 May is sponsored by **Schlumberger Oilfield Services**.

Thursday's keynote, "Deepwater and Arctic Areas," will be presented by **Tor Fjæran**, Senior Vice President for Exploration, Statoil. On Friday, the keynote "What's so special about Norway," will be given by **Kjell Jacobsen**, Managing Director, Smedvig ASA.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In Session I, an operator representative will view "Northern Deepwater from a Major Operator's Perspective." And **Knut Froystad**, Partner, **Fearnley Offshore AS** will explore the market outlook for the deepwater North Atlantic.

Also in this session, **Janice Rudd**, **One-Offshore Inc** will explore the question, "Will Today's Drilling Fleet Meet Tomorrow's Drilling Needs?"

In the session, "Environmental Challenges in Northern Operations," **Ivar Pehrson**, Statoil, is scheduled to discuss environmental challenges in circumpolar oil and gas activities. Also in this session, **Mauro Zuvo**, **Agip**, will discuss "Environmentally Friendly Rig Equipment," and **Kjell Bjerke**, **Transocean Sedco Forex** will outline procedures that help ensure a clean environment.

In Session III, "Field Development," progress on the Atlantis deepwater concept will be updated by **Terje Magnessen**, **Atlantis Deepwater Technology Holding AS**. Also in this session **Greg Carter**, **Nabors Offshore Corporation**, will look at how to reduce payloads on deepwater platforms.

The "Regulations and Safety" session will feature a discussion of standards for developing offshore oil and gas fields in a northern environment by **Vitaly Tarasenko**, **Tyumen Okrug Department of Federal Mining and Industry**

Authority of Russia. Also participating in this session is **Alex Buvik**, **Faroese Petroleum Administration**, who will focus on "Deepwater Drilling in Harsh & Complex Metocean Environment." And **Tome Hayes**, **Randy Smith Training Schools**, will present a paper on how to achieve success in safety.

In Session V, "Drilling Rig Technology," **Arnfinn Nergaard**, **Smedvig Offshore AS** will discuss the unique challenges of the Qullec-1 project. Then **Earl Shanks**, **Transocean Sedco Forex**, will discuss dual activity deepwater drilling experiences and benefits. Also in this session, **Arne Martin Bolstad**, **Ocean Rig AS**, will discuss **Bingo 9000**, a semisubmersible particularly suited for drilling in harsh environments.

Session VI, "Well Control," features a presentation on IADC's WellCAP curriculum for deepwater drilling presented by **Steve Kropla**, IADC Director-

Accreditation and Certification Systems. Also in this session is the paper, "Ultra-deep Water Drilling Hydraulics and Well Control; Status and Achievements," by **Rolv Rommetveit**, **RF-Rogaland Research**," and a presentation by **Svein Hansen**, **Petec Software & Services AS**, that focuses on riser disconnect with a partially closed BOP.

In Session VII, guidelines for designing and operating deepwater risers will be outlined by **Christian Gaillard**, **Institute Francais du Petrole**. Also in the riser session is a presentation by **Terje Olsen**, **Smedvig Offshore AS**, "Safe Disconnect During Drift/Diveoff When Drilling on DP."

In the final session, **Alan Adamson**, **Global Marine AS**, details the development of a DP verification model by Statoil. And **L Hoppe**, **Le Lis**, explores technical and operational differences between mooring systems. ■