



IADC CONNECTION

Three receive Distinguished Service Awards



(l-r) Richard Reiley, Bill Person and Stan Christman received Distinguished Service Awards recognizing their dedication and service to the drilling industry and their support of IADC's overall goals.

IADC honored three drilling industry professionals at its annual meeting in September. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals for their dedication and service to the drilling industry and their support and participation in IADC's overall goals.

Stan Christman, Drilling Engineering Advisor, **ExxonMobil Corporation** (retired), was honored for his contributions to the drilling industry and his long participation in IADC. Mr Christman has been intimately involved in the rapid advancement of deepwater drilling technology, working with floating drilling technology and safety management systems. He is co-founder of the **Drilling Engineering Association** and served as DEA's Chairman from 1985-1986. He is co-inventor of the first annulus-pressure operated drill-stem testing tool and holds a patent on using glycol in drilling fluids to enhance polymer viscosity yield and reduce the freezing and hydrate temperature.

Richard H Reiley, **BP Americas** (retired), was recognized for his work in developing drilling technology, enhancing operator and contractor relations, his longstanding advocacy of IADC and enthusiastic support of IADC events and initiatives. Mr Reiley is an active member of

SPE and IADC, serving on numerous committees and presenting papers to promote safety and improve drilling performance. He was a pioneer in the application of horizontal drilling, PDC bits, MWD/LWD, drilling waste injection, stuck pipe prevention, underbalance drilling, drilling with casing and expandable tubulars.

Bill S Person, Vice President of Industrial Relations, **Rowan Companies**, was honored for a dedicated career of service to the drilling industry, evidenced by leadership in IADC and his many contributions enhancing health and safety practices within the drilling industry. Mr Person has represented the drilling industry before federal and state regulatory bodies including the Texas Railroad Commission, US Occupational and Safety Health Administration, US Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Interior Mineral Management Services in areas of workplace safety, personnel training and safe operational work practices. Mr Person was appointed to represent offshore drilling contractors at the Standards of Training and Watchkeeping Subcommittee of IMO (International Maritime Organization). He later became a United States delegate to IMO representing the US offshore industry at the request of the US Coast Guard. ■

IADC Drilling Gulf of Mexico Conference set

Set for 9-10 December in Houston, the conference will focus on the potential and challenges of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. The conference will explore deepwater innovations and operations and Gulf of Mexico post 9/11 security concerns. The conference will examine difficult drilling challenges such as high temperatures and pressures while drilling for gas on the shelf. Topics include assessment on potential for sour gas service; uncontrolled well flows in the shallow sections of wells; managed pressure drilling; and deepwater innovations such as slim riser, surface BOP and deep gas versus deep water.

For more information or sponsorship, contact **Leesa Teel** at 1/713-292-1945, or www.iadc.org/conferences.htm. ■

Ball aids charities

The Oil Baron's Ball, sponsored by **Intel** and supported by IADC, will be held at Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi on 17 December. Outstanding individuals and companies in the energy business will be recognized, and a major part of the ticket cost will be donated to charity. Last year's ball was attended by more than 2,000 people.

Norman V Edwards, IADC Director of Operations, Middle East & Asia Region, will make a presentation at the Ball discussing the involvement of various IADC chapters in supporting scholarships, handicapped children and cancer awareness, among other charitable activities. ■

IADC North Africa Chapter names directors

The North Africa Chapter named the following directors effective 1 November:

- Chairman: **Ian E Kelly**, **GlobalSantaFe**
- Vice Chairman: **Thomas Hinterseer**, **Transocean**
- Program and Treasury Officer: **Kenneth Hall**, **Egyptian Drilling Company**
- Secretary and Membership: **Andrew Tietz**, **GlobalSantaFe**

The following were elected chapter directors:

- **Mohamed M Said Salama**, **Egyptian Drilling Company**
- **Mamdouh Mahfouz**, **Sapescio**
- **Terry Smith**, **Atwood Oceanics** ■