

DEA Workshop to be held 22-23 June in Galveston

THE 2004 DRILLING Engineering Association Workshop, *Step Changes in Drilling Technology 2004*, is set for 22-23 June in Galveston. The deadline for abstracts is 10 February. Onshore and off, the drilling industry is poised to develop breakthrough technologies across a range of fronts. The DEA, the industry's leading driver for drilling research and development, will explore these Step Changes in Drilling Technology at its 2004 conference. DEA is calling for abstracts on truly cutting edge technologies that will enable the industry to tap new sources of hydrocarbons and to economically exploit marginal fields.

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Call for Abstracts

Suggested topics will include:

- ✓ High pressure high temperature, onshore and offshore (deep gas)
- ✓ Pressure prediction (before and during drilling)
- ✓ Riser management and integrity guidelines
- ✓ Managed pressure drilling (underbalanced, dual gradient, surface BOP)
- ✓ Monobore technologies (expandables, casing drilling)
- ✓ High data rates: From bit to bell nipple
- ✓ Regulations and government initiatives to advance drilling technology

World Drilling 2004 set for 1-2 July in Croatia

IADC WORLD DRILLING 2004 will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia 1-2 July. Conference sponsors are INA and **Crosco Integrated Drilling & Well Services Company Ltd.** Abstracts are due to IADC by 10 March. The mission of IADC World Drilling 2004 is to explore the cutting edge technologies that accomplish both with emphasis on Western and Middle Europe, the Caspian, Middle East, North and West Africa and deepwater worldwide. The conference will review these advances in a forum specifically designed to help registrants realize significant lessons and providing added value for their own companies. Contact **Anne Otten** at 31/24 675 2252; conferences@iadc.org. ■

Call for Abstracts: General subject themes envisioned for the event include the following, although abstracts exploring other areas will be considered.

- ✓ Drilling rig automation
- ✓ Advanced rig equipment
- ✓ Wells of the future
- ✓ Multilaterals
- ✓ ERD/Directional drilling
- ✓ Shallow water flows
- ✓ Rotary steerable systems
- ✓ Underbalanced operations
- ✓ Safety, health & environment
- ✓ Drilling with casing
- ✓ Expandable tubulars
- ✓ Deepwater risers: surface BOP operations, slimhole risers, riserless drilling
- ✓ Coiled tubing
- ✓ Advances in bit technology
- ✓ Monobore/slimhole well construction
- ✓ Downhole tools
- ✓ Hydrate drilling

UB Conference & Exhibition 11-12 October

THE 2004 IADC/SPE Underbalanced Technology Conference and Exhibition is set for 11-12 October at The Woodlands, Texas. Signa Engineering Corp is the conference sponsor. The theme for this year's conference is *Successful Underbalanced Operations Demands Unification of Petroleum Disciplines*, and it will provide industry professionals the opportunity to review the latest advancements and issues related to underbalanced technology. Proposals for technical papers are due 12 April.

During the past 15 years underbalanced

technology has spread throughout the world with powerful applications in many areas challenged by conventional drilling operations. Underbalanced technology has spawned several enabling technologies and has become a key partner for drilling with casing. The future emergence of intelligent drillpipe and concentric drillpipe will launch underbalanced drilling into a new realm of applications.

The conference will address underbalance-related topics on the disciplines of geology, reservoir, drilling and comple-

tion. Additional fields of interest to underbalanced operations include applications sciences such as job-specific training, risk analysis, hydraulic modeling, reservoir testing while drilling and managed pressure operations.

Attendees will enjoy many opportunities to interact with others interested in underbalanced technology, including the opening session, reception and buffet luncheon in the exhibition.

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