



Three receive Exemplary Service Awards



Dr Lee Hunt, second from left, congratulates the recipients of Exemplary Service Awards recognizing their outstanding contributions to the drilling industry and IADC. From left are Robert G Croyle, Jason Elkins, who accepted the award on behalf of his father Hugh Elkins, second from right, and Nial Moran.

THREE INDUSTRY VETERANS were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the drilling industry and to IADC at the IADC Board of Directors meeting in October.

Robert G Croyle was recognized for his energetic leadership and contribution to IADC's model contracts. Mr Croyle is Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer for Rowan Companies.

Hugh Elkins was recognized for his career that has been characterized by

innovation and leadership in the design and development of landmark oilfield drilling equipment, including pressure control, motion compensation and sub-sea products. He is Director-Business Development for National Oilwell Varco.

Nial Moran was recognized for his efforts in keeping IADC's Tax Subcommittee steady, especially during the difficult days of the 1980s and 1990s. Mr Moran is Vice President, Tax for GlobalSantaFe Corporation. ■

IADC Technical Publications Committee formed to develop series of books

THE IADC TECHNICAL Publications Committee has been formed to write a series of books on drilling operations. **Leon Robinson**, who is heading up the project, noted that a need is obvious to capture current drilling technology. The vision of the Committee is to have a series of books that would be more like an encyclopedia of drilling, with the first books becoming available in 2007. Various topics would include well planning, pre-spud meetings, team building and rig measurements, to the more physical aspects of drilling such as bits, casing, cementing, drilling fluids, and drill

string design. More than 50 topics have been identified for inclusion in the series.

A Steering Committee was formed during the committee's first meeting 3 Oct, where attendees also signed to volunteer to co-authors some of the books. Each book may have two or three authors contributing material. The Steering Committee will settle any disputes between authors and editors. **Gulf Publishing Company** will produce the series.

For more information or to volunteer as an author, please contact Leon Robinson at dccleon@worldnet.att.net. ■

Tubular handling appraisal tool launch

OFFSHORE EUROPE 2005, held in Aberdeen last September, was the venue for the launch of an innovative Tubular Handling Appraisal Tool, which may have benefits for Installation Duty Holders operating in the North Sea as well as in other regions. The Tubular Handling Appraisal Tool was created to allow users to formally document the factors leading to the choices of equipment and level of mechanization used on any offshore installation. This will be of particular interest to Duty Holders during safety case assessment or incident investigation to demonstrate measures taken to ensure risks are kept as low as practicable.

Late 2004, representatives from IADC, UK Health and Safety Executive (UKHSE), British Rig Owners' Association (BROA), UK Offshore Operators Association (UKOOA), and equipment manufacturers met to discuss the development of an agreed methodology that would allow Installation Duty Holders to be able to demonstrate a well-reasoned process to determine the level of tubular handling mechanization employed on any installation, and to be able to use this methodology to formally justify their equipment decisions.

The form is available for download from www.iadc.org/committees/hse/index.html.

IADC Houston Chapter Golf Tourney aids scholarships

IADC HOUSTON CHAPTER'S annual golf tournament has continued for the past 17 years, growing from 144 golfers to 750 golfers at the latest event last September. The first tournament was played on one course. This year's event required three courses. With the size of the event growing significantly, so does the amount of money earned for scholarships. The first year, \$20,000 was earned. This year, that figure increased to approximately \$74,000. The \$3,000 scholarships are awarded to Petroleum Engineering students at various Texas universities including the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech. The scholarships are awarded based upon a scoring system and includes academics and hardship.

"We see these scholarships as 'seed money' because we are sowing some capital for the industry's future," said **Mike Roth** with Transocean Inc, who is IADC Houston Chapter Chairman. ■