

IADC European HSE Conference set for 14-15 Oct

IADC HAS ISSUED a call for abstracts for its 2003 IADC European Health, Safety & Environment Conference. The mission of this event, 14-15 October at the Marcliffe Hotel at Pitfodols in Aberdeen, Scotland, is to improve HSE performance across Europe, with particular emphasis on Northwest Europe.

People are the drilling industry's greatest resource, and our industry is charged with being good stewards of the lands and seas in which we drill. At the same time, no greater harm can come to us as an industry than through failure to fulfill these trusts.

While the European drilling industry has made exemplary progress in HSE achievement, zero incidents are possible. To achieve that goal, it's vital that a culture of HSE excellence be instilled in the work place—hence the theme, "A Future Without Harm: Building the Culture of HSE Excellence."

The Program Committee has identified

several areas of particular interest, though abstracts on other HSE topics are also welcome. Among the areas of interest are Building an HSE Culture; Safety Leadership Training; Cargo Handling & Logistics; Cooperative Government/Industry HSE Ventures; Lifting and Mechanical Handling; Waste Minimization & Disposal; Cuttings Re-injection; Dropped Objects; Safety Orientation Training; Rig Mechanization; Occupational Health; and HSE Performance Measurement.

Program Committee members are:

Mark Burns, District Manager-UK & Norway, **Noble Drilling (UK)**;

Larry Emmons, Clair HSE Team Leader, **BP**;

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Blake Simmons, Regional Vice President-UK, Caspian, Canada, **Global SantaFe Corp**, IADC Regional Vice President-Europe;

Simon Whitehouse, HSE Coordinator, **BG Group**;

Mark Waltz, Northern Europe Marketing Manager, **Transocean**.

Abstracts must be submitted to IADC by 15 April 2003. Authors of selected papers will receive confirmation letters and guidelines by 1 June 2003.

Authors of selected papers should provide their presentations in MS PowerPoint format with supporting documentation by 1 September. While formal papers are encouraged, they are not required.

Further details can be found on IADC's website at www.iadc.org/conferences.htm. Or contact **Mike Killalea**, ext 222 (mike.killalea@iadc.org), or **Anne Otten**, 31/24 675 2252 (anne.otten@iadc.org). ■

Deepwater Drilling Conference will be held in Brazil

IADC IS CALLING for abstracts for its upcoming International Deepwater Drilling Conference & Exhibition scheduled for 12-13 November in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The conference is being held in conjunction with Instituto Brasileiro de Petroleo e Gas.

The conference's sponsors include **Noble Corporation**, **Petrobras** and **Shell**.

The event will focus on timely technical, regulatory and HSE issues related to offshore drilling operations for important deepwater markets worldwide.

Technical papers on deepwater applications to be presented at the conference are welcomed. General subject themes envisioned for the conference include the following, although abstracts exploring other areas will also be considered.

The topics include:

- Well control and blowout contingency planning;
- New technologies such as multilaterals, smart completions, surface BOPs, expandables and underbalanced drilling;

- Well construction, including well design, drilling, completion, sand control, and non-aqueous fluid;
- Station keeping and emergency procedures
- Training and HSE

Abstracts for each proposed paper must be submitted to IADC no later than 30 April 2003. Authors of papers selected will receive confirmation letters and guidelines by 30 June 2003. Final papers must be received by 1 September. ■

World Drilling 2003 in Vienna explores technologies

IADC'S UPCOMING WORLD Drilling 2003 conference is set for 25-26 June in Vienna, Austria. Drilling technology is key to opening new hydrocarbon frontiers and to optimize exploitation of aging reservoirs

The mission of IADC World Drilling 2003 is to explore cutting edge technologies

that accomplish both, with an emphasis on Western and Middle Europe, the Caspian region, Middle East, North and West Africa and deepwater worldwide.

The event will review these advances in a forum designed to help registrants realize significant lessons, providing added value for their companies.

General subject themes for the conference will include, among others, drilling rig automation; multilaterals; directional drilling; underbalanced operations; deepwater drilling operations; HSE; expandable tubulars; coiled tubing; bit technology; monobore and slimwell technology; and downhole tools. ■