

Accreditation department ISO certified; competence assurance program launched

IN THE PAST year, IADC's Accreditation & Certification Department has achieved several key milestones. Not only have the department's flagship programs, WellCAP and RigPass, seen record activity due to the robust drilling market, an array of new programs have been unveiled or are in the works. Along the way, the Department achieved distinction by obtaining ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System certification from Det Norske Veritas (DNV)."

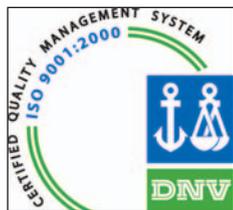


Steve Kropla

ISO CERTIFICATION

Over the past year, IADC's Accreditation & Certification Department, under the leadership of director **Steve Kropla**, reached a new milestone for drilling industry training excellence by receiving ISO 9001:2000 certification for Quality Management Systems.

Det Norske Veritas issued the certificate in March following a pre-assessment in February and an initial audit



and a final technical review in March.

"We chose DNV to be our ISO registrar because of its long-standing reputation for

quality within our industry," Mr Kropla said. "We feel their certification to this standard helps IADC demonstrate its own commitment to quality and continuous improvement, not only within our own organization but in concert with our accredited training providers."

COMPETENCE ASSURANCE

In February 2006, IADC launched the Competence Assurance Accreditation Program. It was formally unveiled during the Health, Safety, Environment & Training Conference in Houston in a presentation by **George Edwards** of **GlobalSantaFe**, chairman of the

Competency Subcommittee of the IADC Training Committee.

Other subcommittee members who worked to develop the system include **Dado Matkins** of **Transocean**, Training Committee chairman; **Farrell Moughon** and **Luther Johnson** of **Pride International**; **Victor Fleming** of **Rowan Companies**; **Scott Bell** of **GlobalSantaFe**; **John Portier** of **Nabors**; **Tom Mangum** of **Vetco Gray Inc**; **Tom Standley** of **FMC**; and **Kris Wilson** of **Aberdeen Drilling Schools**.

The program is designed to review and audit company competence assurance programs to ensure they meet accepted practices to develop and ensure the skills of their personnel.

To be accredited, the following are reviewed:

- Training policy and procedures documents;
- Identification of job positions;
- Training resources and methods;
- Assessment systems;
- Recordkeeping systems; and
- Quality assurance.

Noble UK has become the first company to apply for the program. Application documents for the program can be found at www.iadc.org/competence.htm.

REDESIGNED PASSPORT

The IADC Training & Operations Passport was redesigned this year, implementing measures to aid the validation of information contained in an individual's Passport when pages are photocopied. Suggestions from previous users also have been incorporated to make the Passport suitable for worldwide use.

The new Passport features a larger "international" size, with perforated serial numbers punched from cover to cover. It also includes space to include the name of the Passport holder.

Passports are registered in an IADC database, which provides the ability to track the Passport holder's name and employer information.

The redesign was prompted by efforts of the IADC European Training Harmonisation Group, coordinated by **Dominic Cattini**, IADC director-European operations.

The original version of the Passport was developed in conjunction with the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers in the mid-1990s.

RIGPASS & SAFEGULF

IADC introduced new bar-coded RigPass cards and data reporting procedures for HSE orientation providers and cardholders seeking compliance with the SafeGulf system in the Gulf of Mexico.

Participating operators require contractor employees to have a SafeGulf-compliant card to signify that they have received minimum required training. RigPass cards with bar codes can be scanned at SafeGulf shore bases, accessing a database to display the employee's picture and verification of training.

BALLAST CONTROL

In August, IADC received provisional approval from the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR) for the Ballast Control and Stability accreditation system. Liberia's approval adds to approvals IADC received from Vanuatu and Marshall Islands in early 2005.

Additionally, IADC is helping Liberia to update its marine licensing examinations, and the country has agreed to provide Platinum Service to our members operating there.

IADC also accredited its first training providers under the IADC Ballast Control and Stability Program in 2005. They were **Alliance Maritime Training**, a division of **Randy Smith Training Solutions**, and **Aberdeen Skills Enterprise Training (ASET)**, a division of **Aberdeen College**.

The ballast control and stability accreditation program establishes specifications for training providers and course curriculum guidelines based on the requirements of IMO Assembly Resolution A.891(21). The program is operated in conjunction with the international Nautical Institute of London. ♠