

£4,000 raised at North Sea Chapter safety ceremony donated to charities



IADC North Sea Chapter chairman Doug Halkett (right) of Transocean presents a £2,000 check to CHILDREN 1ST regional manager Seona Shand.

THE IADC NORTH Sea Chapter has made a £2,000 donation to **CHILDREN 1ST**, one of Scotland's leading child welfare charities.

The money was raised through personal donations by attendees at the chapter's annual Safety Awards ceremony, held on 12 May in Aberdeen. The charity was 1 of 2 chosen by IADC North Sea Chapter chairman, **Doug Halkett** of **Transocean**, who presented the check.

Seona Shand, regional manager for **CHILDREN 1ST**, accepted the donation. "I am delighted that the IADC North Sea Chapter has decided to support

CHILDREN 1ST by donating £2,000. We are providing more services for children than ever before across Scotland, and donations such as this are vital to ensure that we can continue to help those children who need us," she said.

CHILDREN 1ST helps children and families in the North and across Scotland.

The **Oil Chaplaincy Trust** was the other beneficiary of this charity collection, also receiving £2,000 to support its work with local families.

For more information, please contact North Sea Chapter office administrator **Val Hood** at val.hood@iadc.org.

Upcoming IADC meetings, events

IADC CHAPTERS and committees are gearing up for a busy autumn, with several meetings and events scheduled for the next few months. Mark your calendars!

- IADC Houston Chapter Annual Golf Tournament & Dance, 15 Sept.

- IADC North Sea Chapter meetings, 26 Sept and 31 Oct, Aberdeen, Scotland.

- IADC Houston Chapter Luncheon, 17 Oct.

- IADC HSE Regional Committee meeting, 19 Oct, Midland, Texas.

Technical Publications Committee to meet

THE IADC Technical Publications Committee is continuing its project to write a set of "how to" books on all drilling technology. The group will meet 18-19 Sept on South Padre Island to discuss book categories and subjects, as well as to create and examine book outlines.

"We want these books to be a benchmark of skilled technology" that will not only describe the technology but also how to use it, said **PetroSkills'** **Leon Robinson**, who is heading up the project.

The effort is a response to the significant "crew change" that's under way as drilling activities increase. IADC is planning for the future by sponsoring this long-term project to help transfer current knowledge and wisdom to a new generation.

Assistant accreditation director joins IADC

BRENDA KELLY has joined IADC as assistant director of the accreditation and certification department. Formerly a training coordinator with the University of Texas Petroleum Extension Service (PETEX), she will participate in day-to-day operations of IADC accreditation programs, including development, implementation, communications, operations and administration.



Brenda Kelly

Ms Kelly has a Ph.D. in Engineering Science from Louisiana State University, an MS degree in Water Resources Engineering from Clemson University and a BS degree in Education from the University of Tennessee. She will report to **Steve Kropla**, director of accreditation and certification.