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A Message from the Chair



Hello Fellow
SPE Members,

Great News
Congratulations!
I have very
exciting news to
share this month.

The Los Angeles Basin Section was selected to receive the 2009-2010 SPE President's Awards for Section Excellence. This prestigious award recognizes SPE sections whose efforts in membership development, member programs, technology dissemination, cooperation with other civic and professional organizations, are exceptional. We are very proud of our LA SPE board and committee members. As chairperson, I also have the honor of attending the President's Luncheon for the upcoming 2010 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE) to be held 20-22 September 2010 in Florence, Italy. I will receive the award on

behalf of our LASPE Section. The award will be presented by our 2010 SPE President Behrooz Fattahi.

New Officers/New Term

This month we will be selecting and voting for new Chairpersons and Board Members for our LA section. With each new term, we fill new positions and assignments. This will be my last month serving as Chairperson and stepping down to become the Jr. Past Chair for the 2010/2011 program year. Mike Utt, our Vice Chair will be our new 2010-2011 Chairperson starting on October 1, 2010. Thanks Mike, and we are all looking for another successful year under your leadership. I would also like to thank Leila Rashedi who will take over for Katherine Walgreen as our Forum Chair for the new term. Thanks to our past Forum Chair, Katherine for a wonderful job.

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PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

The next Petroleum Technology Forum will be held on special date - Thursday, September 2, 2010. The speaker will be **Behrooz Fattahi, 2010 President of SPE International**. *Abstract & bio follow on Page 3...*

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Long Beach Petroleum Club 3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA 90807	Registration: 11:30 AM Buffet Lunch: 11:30 AM Presentation: 12:00-1:00 PM	\$20.00 members, Free for students.

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Appreciation Luncheon

On July 15, 2010, we had our annual Board Appreciation Luncheon at the Olive Garden in Cypress. Each year the section invites all board and committee members to a nice luncheon. The event gives us a chance to say "thanks" to those who volunteered their time for a very successful 2009-2010 LASPE year. We also recognized our scholarship winner, Garrett Hara, who was not present to receive his award at the last forum meeting. We wish to thank our volunteers on the Golf Committee, which was chaired by Mark Shemaria. His leadership will be missed as he begins a new job assignment in Bakersfield. Good luck Mark! The Tournament each year raises a substantial portion of the operating funds for our section which allows us to contribute services and funds to our community.

Thanks again to all Board and Committee members who take time from their busy schedule to participate in LASPE activities. The luncheon was enjoyed by all and LASPE is now ready for another successful year.

Thank you,
Vanessa Perez

SPE Chairperson

Annual Joint Meeting CCCOG-SPE - September 15!!!

"What's Happening in Sacramento and Washington" by Rock Zierman, Chief Executive Officer of CIPA.

Rock Zierman will discuss activities in both capitals that could significantly impact oil and gas producers. Rock has worked with CIPA since October 2002. Prior to being appointed CEO, Rock served as both the Director of Public Affairs for the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA), and the Executive Director of the California Natural Gas Producers Association (CNGPA), a wholly owned subsidiary organization of CIPA. Rock recommends and implements policy for the Association's 50 member Board of Directors. He serves as chief spokesperson for the Association and coordinates all of its state and national legislative activities.

Prior to joining CIPA, Rock served as Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Mike Briggs (Fresno). Rock has also served in the offices of Assembly members Chuck Quackenbush (San Jose), Tom Bordonaro (Paso Robles), and Robert Prenter (Hanford). Rock graduated from Santa Clara University with a business degree in economics.

So that we can plan for reservations, PLEASE send us a note, e-mail at lrashedi@betaoffshore.com to confirm your attendance. We can always handle a few late or non-confirmed attendees, but we try to do as much pre-planning as possible to assure good and timely service.

The Grand Long Beach Event Center, 4101E. Willow Street, Long Beach
Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Registration 11:30 am, Lunch 11:45 Program 12:15 to

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PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE

BY DR. BEHROOZ FATTAHI

2010 PRESIDENT SPE INTERNATIONAL

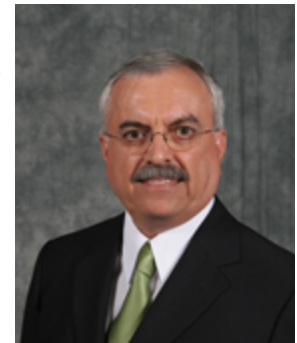
Abstract:

The balance between the global supply and demand for crude oil is becoming progressively tighter, increasingly requiring our industry to face new and unique challenges. Our industry of tomorrow will have to address the demands of operating in adverse environment, development of new technologies and expediting implementation in the field, as well as optimization of processes and enhancing collaborative efforts to reduce cost.

This presentation provides an overview of initiatives that must be directed at addressing the key issues, as well as SPE's engagement in facilitating the industry dialogue on global exchange of knowledge.

Bio – Dr. Behrooz Fatthi:

Behrooz Fattahi holds Ph.D. degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering both from Iowa State University. He currently works as a Heavy Oil Development Coordinator for Aera Energy LLC, an affiliate of Royal Dutch Shell and Exxon/Mobil companies. Prior to joining the oil industry, he conducted research for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation, and he taught a variety of courses in fluid dynamics and solid mechanics at Iowa State University. He joined the petroleum industry and Shell International in 1977.



Behrooz Fattahi is a past member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Association of University Professors. He served on the board of SPE as the Regional Director of the Western North American Region, President of SPE Inc., Vice President-Finance of SPE International, and Executive Editor of the SPE Reservoir Evaluation and Engineering Journal. He currently serves as the 2010 President of SPE International.

We look forward to seeing you at the forum!

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WRM Luncheon Meeting Hosted by LASPE Young Professional

Los Angeles Basin Young Professional SPE Panel Luncheon

By Candra Janova – YP LASPE President

Young Professional of SPE Los Angeles hosted a Panel Luncheon during SPE Western Regional Meeting on May 26, 2010 at Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California. Two distinguished speakers were invited; Dr. Behrooz Fattahi, 2010 SPEI President, and Dr. Sam Sarem, 2010 Western North American Region (WNAR) Director.

More than 50 attendees were present to enjoy the luncheon. The guests came from different backgrounds, from college students to experienced professionals working in oil and gas industry. Most of the SPE LA Officers and Board of Directors attended this event. It showed their strong support to YP program in Los Angeles section. Anaheim Convention Center provided delicious lunch for everyone. The panel started according to schedule at 12pm with the introduction of YP officers and two speakers. YP officers (Candra Janova, Katy Canan, and Adi Varma) provided some topics to Dr. Fattahi and Dr. Sarem to discuss. The panel discussion talked about three main issues for young professionals such as career, knowledge transfer, and non-technical skills.

Before going into in-depth discussion about those three topics, Dr. Fattahi and Dr. Sarem shared their experiences since they started their careers as young professionals. It was highlighted with technical accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and other valuable messages.

One of their messages for young professionals was to work hard as a team player. They believed it was important to take initiative to join various projects as part of learning. SPE and industry conferences should be considered as places to obtain additional knowledge that we may not get in class or at work. In addition, they recommended us to join organization that meet our interest to enhance soft skills from interpersonal, communication, and leadership skills.

Attendees were actively involved by raising three questions regarding these topics towards the end of the session. At about 1pm, YP Officers wrapped up the panel discussion by giving a souvenir to each panelist. They also had a chance to have their picture taken as can be seen below.

Left to right:
Katy Canan, Candra Janova,
Dr. Behrooz Fattah (SPEI President),
Dr. Sam Sarem (WNAR Director)
and Adi Varma



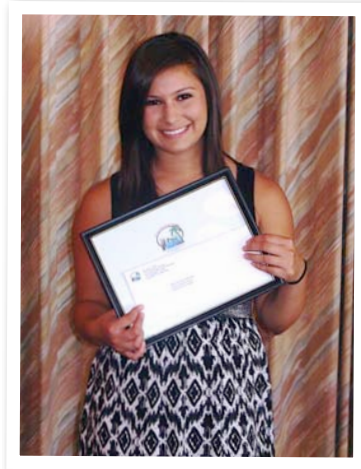
2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE PHOTOS

AWARDS PRESENTED AT JUNE 8TH PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Photos of the LASPE 2010 Scholarship awardees.

The students received awards at the LASPE Petroleum Technology Forum on June 8th, 2010 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club.

Congratulations!



**REPORT OF THE 2010 JOINT GSA-AAPG-SPE CONFERENCE
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA**

With over 1,000 in attendance, the 2010 Joint GSA-AAPG-SPE Conference at the Anaheim Marriott July 27, 28 and 29 was a great success. The SPE portion of the Conference served as the 2010 WNAR Annual Regional Meeting hosting 89 technical presentation and the annual Student Paper Contest. Holding the meeting with sister geologic societies provided the opportunity for SPE members and guests to experience the full diversity of disciplines employed in our industry. The Conference was enhanced by an Exhibition of over 50 companies featuring multiple receptions and icebreakers with complimentary snacks and drinks.

From SPE's standpoint, the 2010 Western Regional Meeting consisted of three elements: Continuing Education Short Courses, the Annual Student Paper Contest and Awards Banquet and the Conference and Exhibition itself.

Hosting the Joint Meeting at the Anaheim Marriott provided the opportunity to offer nine short courses at the adjacent Anaheim Convention Center. The Short Courses were attended by 247 people. These were held on May 25th and 26th and were jointly arranged by the West Coast Petroleum Technology Transfer Council and LASPE. The workshops covered industry and regulating agencies needs in Petroleum Geology, Oil & Gas Permitting, CEQA, Thermal Recovery, Petroleum Engineering, Reservoir Surveillance & Flood Management, Drilling Engineering and Facility Engineering. The success of the Short Courses was ensured by several sponsor companies: Berry Petroleum, Chris Hall's Drilling and Production Co., Oxy Elk Hills, E&B Natural Resources, Global Energy Partners, Innovative Energy Ideas, Petrolects, LLC, Plains E & P and Schlumberger.

On May 26th, LASPE Young Professionals hosted a Panel Luncheon featuring Dr. Behrooz Fattahi, 2010 SPEI President, and Dr. Sam Sarem, Western North American Region (WNAR) Director. More than 50 attendees were present to enjoy the luncheon. Many LASPE Officers and Board Members also attended showing strong support for the Young Professional program at the Los Angeles Basin Section. YP officers Candra Janova, Katy Canan, and Adi Varma provided topics for Dr. Fattahi and Dr. Sarem to discuss. The panel discussion talked about three main issues for young professionals: career, knowledge transfer, and non-technical skills.

The Student Paper Contest was also held on the 26th. Generous support from the Golden Gate and San Joaquin Valley Sections, SPEI and Aera Petroleum helped to fund this event. The winners were announced at a reception and dinner that evening in Newport Harbor on the Tiki Boat as it cruised around the bay. The winners in the PhD Division were Suguru (Take) Ide (First) and Jerome Onwunalu (Second), both of Stanford. The winners of the MS Division were Marjan Jamshidi (First) and Jincong He (Second). Marjan is from USC and Jincong is from Stanford. The LASPE Young Professionals helped arrange dinner and the Tiki Boat venue.

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REPORT OF THE 2010 JOINT GSA-AAPG-SPE CONFERENCE *CONTINUES*
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Besides the 89 Technical Sessions and Conference Exhibition, the SPE WRM portion of the Conference included the WNAR Awards Luncheon on May 28th featuring Stephen Chazen, Occidental Petroleum CFO as Keynote Speaker. The WNAR awards presented at the luncheon were:

- Ahmed Badruzzaman, Regional Service
- Gayle Pratt, Regional Service
- Carrie Popa, Regional Outstanding Young Professional
- Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc, Regional Distinguished Corporate Support
- Carl Diller, Regional Completion, Optimization and Technology
- Robert Harris, Regional Drilling Engineering
- Yan Pan, Regional Formation Evaluation
- Jeffery Kilfoyle, Regional Health Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility
- Marina Voskanian, Regional Management and Information
- Jennifer Julian, Regional Production and Operation
- Terry Kloth, Regional Projects, Facilities and Construction
- Randahl Roadifer, Reservoir Description and Dynamics

Special thanks goes to Jalal Torabzadeh, LASPE's event Chair, Scott Hara, Co-LASPE Chair and Dr. Iraj Ershaghi, WRM Program Chair. Scott originally proposed joining the conference with the Pacific Section of AAPG who was participating in Conference planning with the Geologic Society of America and deserves special recognition for his tenacious enthusiasm in bringing this event to life. There are many others who contributed time and energy to the success of this event and some of them are listed in the narrative above. Also, special thanks go to Mr. Richard Finken who handled the finances for the joint meeting.

Special thanks also goes to Curtis Henderson of the Pacific Section of AAPG and to Dr. Phil Armstrong of the Cordilleran Section of GSA for their hard work and professionalism in making this a very successful conference.

As a final note, joint meetings with sister societies provide an excellent opportunity to experience and learn of the full diversity of technical skills used in our industry and to meet and know new people. Attendance at joint meetings is larger and there are different exhibitors compared to SPE only events. This particular meeting, headed up by the Geologic Society of America and later joined by LAPSE had a very low cost of registration which opened up attendance to the maximum number of interested professionals.

THE 2010 SPE COLLOQUIUM ON PETROLEUM ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The 2010 Colloquium on PTE education was held during Aug. 2-4, 2010 at the Ritz Carlton in Marina Del Rey, CA. The 55 participants included PTE Department Heads, Faculty and Industry leaders representing various major oil companies. The topics discussed included:

- What is missing in PTE Education?
- How can we train engineers who are competent in managing operations with the highest regards for HSE?
- What are the sources for PTE research funding-?
- What are the opportunities and roadblocks for sharing the resources among schools?
- What are some solutions to address the evolving faculty shortage?
- What are the advantages of incorporating virtual educational resources?

After a welcoming by Dr. Sam Sarem, SPE Director WNAR, and Dr. Ershaghi, The Program Coordinator, the session started with three presentations on the subject of Research Funding. Speakers included:

- Dr. Don Paul, USC Energy Institute on: Evolving the Global Energy System: Implications for Engineering Research and Education
- Mr. James Pappas RPSEA on: Funding and University Research Project to Secure Energy in America (RPSEA)
- Dr. Paul Willhite, University of Kansas on: ACS and Other Research Funding for Young Faculty.

Then there was a panel of faculty discussing perceptions about Petroleum Engineering Research. Speakers included:

- Dr. Tad Patzek, UT Austin on: Training the Well-Rounded Petroleum Engineers
- Dr. Mohan Kelkar, University of Tulsa on: Industrial Consortia Research - University of Tulsa Perspective
- Dr. Turgay Ertekin, Penn State on: Applied Research vs. Basic Research, and Dr. Christine Economides, Texas A&M on: The Role of Competitive Research in Petroleum Engineering
- Dr. Lynn Orr from Stanford University was the keynote luncheon speaker on Monday and his talk focused on: Petroleum Engineering in the Greenhouse: Meeting the CO₂ Challenge

In the afternoon session on the first day there were presentations from industry leaders Mr. Jim Crompton and Mr. Mike Hauser (Chevron), Ms. Cindy Reece (ExxonMobil) and Mr. Peter Breunig (Chevron) who discussed the changing expectations for petroleum engineers and geoscientists over the last three decades and how the digital oil field/integrated operations era present further change. They indicated that both academia and corporate organizations have to attract, develop, and engage this new generation of digital upstream oil company professionals. The Petroleum Industry's need or digital petroleum engineers and the expectations for including concepts of smart oilfield technologies in Petroleum Engineering Education were among the topics discussed.

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THE 2010 SPE COLLOQUIUM CONTINUES...

Then Dr. Lyndon Arscott, former SPE president and Former Executive Director of the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers made a presentation on The National Academy of Engineers Grand Challenge for Earth Resources and ways for Integrating Health, Environment and Safety topics in Petroleum Engineering Education.

Then Dr. Lloyd Heinze, Texas Tech; Dr. Bob Chase, Marietta College; and Ms. Susan Howes, Chevron presented some newly gathered statistics on the graying of the faculty and the shortages evolving at various schools.

On the second day of the colloquium the focus was on potential of sharing resources including lectures and seminar among Universities and the role SPE can play in making the links to these resources available on its Web site. Furthermore examples were shown on how virtual resources can be incorporated to augment the classroom lectures.

After a welcoming by Dr. John O'Brien, Senior Associate Dean of Viterbi School of Engr. at USC, Ms. Carolyn Suchow described the USC's Technology Enhanced program for remotely delivering lectures.

Other speakers included Mr. Najib Abusalbi, Director of University Collaboration, Schlumberger Reservoir Characterization, Dr. Fred Aminzadeh, USC and Dr. Shari Dunn-Norman, Missouri University of Science and Technology. Among remote presenters were:

Azad Madni – USC

Cihan Dagli – Missouri University of Science and Technology

Steven Corns - Missouri University of Science and Technology

Bill Barker – MicroSeismic

Mike Mueller - MicroSeismic

The evening session was made available live via a Webcast from Ritz to international schools. University of Calgary and ITB in Indonesia participated. The focus was the competency matrix of Petroleum Engineering Education and what it takes to include topics related to environmental safety and smart oilfields and collaborative decision making. The session speakers included Mr. James BoBo, ConocoPhillips, Ms. Cindy Reece, ExxonMobil and Dr. Ershaghi, USC.

Among the topics discussed on Wednesday morning was a presentation by Mr. Sorin Marghitoiu, CiSoft Software Lab Manger who described the evolution of new tools for classroom teaching using the Virtual Tools offered by various software companies

The concluding session was conducted by Dr. Lloyd Heinze, Texas Tech University, Dr. Robert Chase, Marietta College; Dr. Kashy Aminian, West Virginia University and Ms. Susan Howes Chevron who summarized the findings of the colloquium were and presented a set of recommendations the PTE Schools and SPE.

LASPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NO. 9, JUNE 8, 2010

Attending:

Rick Finken, Treasurer
Candra Janova, Board Member 2012
Vanessa Perez, Chair
Dr. Sam Sarem, WNAR Director
Dr. Jalal Torabzadeh, Junior Past Chair
Mike Utt, Board Member 2010, Vice Chair, Secretary
Robert Visser, Assistant Treasurer
Dr. Eric Withjack, Board Member 2010
Vanessa Perez held proxies for AB Goras and Brandy Fellers

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:55 AM
 2. The proposed Agenda was approved.
 3. The minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2010, as published in the Newsletter, were approved.
 4. Announcements:
 - 4.1 Chairperson Perez reviewed the successful events of the Western Region Meeting, including the LASPE booth and sales of the Proceedings CD.
 - 4.2 Both the Student Paper Contest and the social event at which the Student Paper awards were given, in the evening aboard the Tiki boat cruising in Newport Harbor, were successful. Dinner aboard the Tiki drew about 70 people, including all the student contestants.
 - 4.3 Vanessa Perez participated in a Career Day and Read-In at a local elementary school on June
 - 4.4 Chairperson Perez reported that the Section's annual report to SPE International had been submitted before the June 4 deadline. Dr. Sarem noted that there are some inconsistencies in the data submitted in the annual report about the membership and terms of service of the LASPE Board members. Mike Utt volunteered to review the past meeting minutes and propose corrections to the report, and provide them to Vanessa Perez to submit to SPEI.
- Mike Utt asked Dr. Sarem to review official structure of the LASPE board, and Dr. Sarem pointed out that:
- The section elects 2 Board Members each year, to serve 3-year terms. That provides 6 members.
 - Also each year, someone (not one of those six) is elected as Chair.
 - The two immediate Past Chairs (Senior and Junior) are voting Board members.
 - The Vice Chair is one of the six regular board members – not a separate position.
 - Thus there are 9 voting members of the Board, and a quorum of 5 is required to conduct official business.

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5. Reports:

- 5.1 Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rick Finken reviewed highlights of recent activities, including the fact that the annual Golf Tournament netted the Section about \$15,000 and may yield some additional funds when all the accounts are settled.

The Western Region Meeting financial results are still preliminary, and will likely not be finalized until mid-Summer. Indications are that the Workshops will yield a profit to the Section (although none of the proceeds are yet in hand.) Sales of the Proceedings CD's are being handled through USC. There is no indication that activity will operate at a profit, but if it does the Section will receive a share.

- 5.2 Report on Western Region Meeting: Dr. Sarem will soon attend an SPEI Board of Directors meeting, and asked Dr. Torabzadeh for a report on the Western Region Meeting that he could use for that occasion. Dr. Torabzadeh agreed to provide a report by June 18. Several Board members made positive comments about the Western Region Meeting, including aspects such as the work of Professor Iraj Ershaghi and his students in supporting a successful technical program of technical papers.

6. Old Business

- 6.1 Western Region Meeting: Overall attendance at the Western Region Meeting was about 1,000 registrants, of whom about 200 were SPE members. Dr. Torabzadeh proposed that LASPE should distribute a follow-up questionnaire to those 200 people, asking their feedback on what went well and what could have been done better for the meeting. Mike Utt suggested distributing it to all of the authors and presenters of SPE papers, as well.
- 6.2 Young Professionals: Candra Janova noted the success of the luncheon meeting with SPEI President Behrooz Fattahi on the day of the WRM Student Paper competition. Another YP event is anticipated for this summer, but planning is not yet complete.

7. New Business

- 7.1 Upcoming LASPE Meetings: There are 3 LASPE meetings to be arranged in coming months:
- 7.1.1 Board Appreciation Luncheon, on a date to be arranged in July. Chairperson Perez volunteered to distribute some proposed dates to the Board members and committee chairs. It was agreed that scholarship recipients need not be invited unless they had been unable to attend the 8 June Forum meeting where the scholarships were presented.
- 7.1.2 LASPE Meeting with SPEI President Behrooz Fattahi on Thursday, 2 September, probably at the Grand.
- 7.1.3 Annual Joint Meeting with CCC at the Grand on Thursday, 16 September.
- 7.2 Ed Mayer Memorial Scholarship. Following up on a proposal from Dr. Torabzadeh at a previous Board meeting, Mike Utt raised the possibility of naming one of the existing LASPE scholarships for the late Ed Mayer. Points of discussion included the idea that, because they have a named scholarship (for Dr. Bruce Davis) at the graduate level, and a named scholarship (for Mai Chang) for high school students, the Ed Mayer Scholarship should be for undergraduate students. There was not time for a full discussion, and the newly named scholarship, if approved, would be for 2011, so the item was added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

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