

▶ **A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD** ❏

AN ACTIVE ORGANIZATION

Part of being Chairperson is preparing and delivering the annual message telling you that it is great to be an active part of the organization and that we want you to volunteer. This is that message! But read on.

LASPE is an active organization with an active schedule and with plenty of opportunities to participate. But why should you?

First, because many of our activities are community centered helping people and helping them better understand our industry and its importance in their daily lives. Our community activities include telling elementary school children about the story of oil, judging at high school science fairs in Orange and LA counties and sponsoring our traditional Easter egg hunt at the International Elementary School in Long Beach.

Second, we promote interest in science and energy careers through our scholarship program and through support of Student Chapters at Cal State Long Beach and at USC. LASPE also supports the annual COMET program at USC where selected high school seniors attend a one-week seminar on all aspects of energy, focusing on our petroleum industry.

Third, because the main mission of SPE is technology transfer, LASPE does its part with monthly Petroleum Technology Forums presenting topics of interest from local speakers and Distinguished Lecturers.

The above programs need people to function and new faces are needed to bring new ideas. They also need other activities to support them, such as our Golf Tournament Fundraiser, annual BBQ, newsletter articles and Board Meeting participation.

If you are interested in participation or in attending our next Board Meeting, let me know – I'll send you an agenda.

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▶ **SPE PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY LUNCHEON FORUM** ❏



Our last forum was a real success. As you can see in this picture taken during on 01/13/04, we got a very good crowd.

Join friends and colleagues on Februray May 7, 2002 for an Outstanding talk from the Distinguished Lecturer:

Dr. S.M. Farouq Ali

TOPIC: The Unfulfilled Promise of Enhanced Oil Recovery – What More Lies Ahead?

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2004, 11:30 am

TIME: 11:30 am

COST: \$15.00

PLACE: Long Beach Petroleum Club

3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA

SUMMARY:

In the mid-1970s the promise of enhanced - improved oil recovery pointed towards an influx of millions of B/D of unutilized reserves, yet today EOR production only accounts for 700,000 B/D in the United States.

Two factors have hampered EOR production: promising recovery technologies were unable to transition from the laboratory to the field and research efforts were not maintained in lieu of overseas investment in new oil fields. Professor Ali will discuss the history and future paths for EOR production and research. As well as highlight successes and discuss Canadian commitment to EOR.

BIOGRAPHY:

S.M. Farouq Ali is the Honorary Professor of oil and gas engineering at the U. of Calgary, and a petroleum consultant. He holds BSc (Hons.), MS, and PhD degrees in petroleum engineering. He served as professor at the Pennsylvania State University and in Alberta for over 38 years. He has authored more than 500 papers. Recipient of numerous awards, including two honorary doctorates from universities in Russia, he received the Petroleum Society's Distinguished Service Award in 2000, APEGGA's Summit Award in 2001, and Society of Petroleum Engineers' Improved Oil Recovery Pioneer Award in 2002.

For more details about this forum, check our website at: www.laspe.org or contact **Anthony Taglieri at:** Anthony_Taglieri@oxy.com

Dr. George Chilingar is our nominee for SPE Distinguished Member. He has taught petroleum engineering at USC for 50 years and has always been a strong promoter of our industry.

All of the above nominees have been active in community service and most importantly in SPE's technology transfer mission as authors and presenters.

The nominations will be acted on in the coming months. We wish our nominees success.

ENGINEERING WEEK PARTICIPATION BY LASPE

Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES) will join Orange County Engineering Council (OCEC) to hold an Honors and Awards Banquet at the start of the National Engineers Week on Saturday 21 February 2004 at the Wyndham Hotel, Orange County Airport in Costa Mesa. The gala will start at 6:00 p.m. Also, four tours have been arranged for this period. They are: Hoag Hospital project for successful removal of shallow underground odorous sour gas for use in Cogen plant, THUMS islands, Long Beach, Traffic Management Center in Orange County and Nanosystems Technology Research Center at UC Irvine. For additional information and reservations please go to www.laspe.org

SECTION AWARD NOMINATION REPORT

Each year, LASPE has the opportunity to nominate outstanding members for various awards conferred by SPE. This year, we have submitted three nominations for the Western Regional Service Award and one nomination for Distinguished Member of SPE.

Our Western Regional Service Award nominees are: Vivian Bust, Scott Hara and Sam Sarem. All three have served this Section well over a long period in all kinds of service. Vivian was past Chairperson and is currently our treasurer. Scott champions outreach programs educating teachers about our industry. Sam was co-chair of last year's very successful joint SPE-AAPG Western Regional Meeting and Technical Conference.

