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Los Angeles Basin Section Society of Petroleum Engineers

A Message from the Chair



I wish everyone Happy Holidays and congratulate everyone on making it into the New Year.

Year 2010 will be one of our busiest years as

the Los Angeles SPE Section hosts the 2010 SPE Western Regional Meeting (WRM) in collaboration with the Pacific Section AAPG and Cordilleran Section GSA. At this time, we are currently seeking volunteers and organizing our committees for the event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Jalal Torabzadeh, our WRM Chairperson or our Co-Chairperson Scott Hara or myself. All members contact information is posted on our website at www.laspe.org. The WRM Committee is currently seeking volunteers for the following Committees:

1. Registration (someone to ensure our SPE member registration is correct, and that we

get proper credit and charges from GSA, track member housing at hotel, work with Jalal on room availability for all SPE presentation sessions and activities)

2. Treasurer (can be combined with Registration): Thank you Rick Finken and Jack Smith

3. SPE Student Activities (includes student tours, activities, arrangements, and awards dinner)

4. SPE Student Paper Contest (Fund raising - host campus will be USC)

5. Membership (handle SPE booth, recruit members, sell SPE books, etc)

6. Exhibits and Publicity (combine both for this conference): Need to contact oil field vendors and handle general publicity for SPE activities, such as soliciting volunteers for various activities, and publicity for cont education, awards luncheon, paper contest, outreach, panels and sessions.

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PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM PROGRAM, JANUARY 12

The next **Petroleum Technology Forum** will be held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** at the Long Beach Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807. Our guest speaker will be Doug Durst of Enventure Global Technology will be giving a presentation entitled **Expandable Technology: Value Driven Solutions for Drilling and Production**. A complete abstract and bio follow on Page 3...

Location:	Time:	Cost:
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.

Message from the Chair

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7. WNAR Awards and Awards Luncheon: Sam Sarem and volunteer

8. WRM Short Courses
Coordinator: Thank you AB for volunteering

The WRM Committee hopes to appoint volunteers very soon and SPE appreciates all your help. Everyone on the LA SPE board will have a special role in making the event a success.

Along with the WRM, SPE has many events planned for the 2010 Year. This year we plan to continue with our outreach activities, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and our participation for Career Day-Read-In at International Elementary School in Long Beach. Scott Hara and Rick Finkin have already organized the first MESA outreach event and organized a tour for students to visit the THUMS Islands. The Student outreach Committee is also organizing an event at the 2010 Western Regional Meeting and the committee is open to any new ideas.

LA SPE also participates in the Annual Los Angeles, Orange County and State Science Fairs. The fairs involve SPE board members and committee members talking with young elementary students and reviewing their science projects. We award three winners for each county for the most creative projects that relate to the petroleum industry. Jack Smith, Ed Santiago, Christian Saldivar, and myself have been actively involved in the past three

year. The committee is open to any new volunteers. The science fairs are usually held in March and April and you may contact Jack Smith if you would like to participate in the selections.

For the 2010 year, Jack Smith, our SPE Scholarship Chairmen, has updated the LA SPE Scholarship Information on the SPE website. The committee will be selecting and awarding students for the Mei Chang Memorial Scholarship, Bruce Davis Memorial Scholarship, and the Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships. Deadlines are on April 9, 2010.

Last but not least is our annual LASPE Charity Golf Tournament that will take place on May 7th, 2010 at the Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills, California. The golf tournament is one of the biggest fundraisers for LASPE and it provides the majority of our operating budget every year. We have a new Golf Tournament Chairmen, Mark Shemaria. He has been on the committee before and he has done a great job in the past years. We appreciate his help and his effort in heading this year's Golf Tournament committee. SPE would also like to thank Mike Filbey, our former Golf Tournament Chairmen, for his commitment to SPE and his excellent job over the years.

2010 will be a great year and I appreciate everyone's involvement.

Again, thank you for your SPE support.

Vanessa Perez
LA SPE Chairperson

Calendar

2010

January 12th

LASPE Board Meeting

Petroleum Technology Forum at The Long Beach Petroleum Club

May 7th

Annual LA Basin SPE Charity Golf Tournament

May 27-29th WRM Anaheim, CA

LASPE and the AAPG, Pacific Section will host the Western Regional Meeting at the Anaheim Convention Center.

WRM Announcement

Message from Dr. Ershaghi, WRM Technical Program Chair

Attention Authors:

2010 WRM Technical Program: SPE extended the deadline for the abstracts to Jan. 10, 2010.

The program committee will be making the reviews and paper selection during January 11-19. The final program is due to SPE on January 20th. SPE will notify the authors on January 25th
Manuscripts due date: March 29

Invitation to Offer Short Courses and workshops: SPE

organizing committee will be offering workshops and short courses during the 2010 Convention in Anaheim. If you are interested to offer a short course, send your proposal to Dr. Jalal Toranzadeh.

FORUM FROM PAGE 1 . . .

Expandable Technology:
Value Driven Solutions for Drilling and Production

by Doug Durst,
Enventure Global Technology

Abstract:

Technology continually drives forward, enabling operators to produce assets more efficiently and strategically. From drilling to re-stimulating, expandable technology is proving to be an economical, value-based solution in a broad range of applications. Incorporating expandable technology into primary well design has reduced overall well costs by up to 30% in some fields. In addition to addressing drilling mitigation issues and remediation and rejuvenation of older wells, applications such high temperature/steamflood environments, frac and refrac liners are helping operators dramatically increase production in new and existing wellbores. With more than 1,100 installations in the past ten years, solid expandable technology advancements have achieved industry-wide recognition through execution excellence and high reliability as successful commercial and technical solutions for drilling and production enhancement.

Biography:

Doug Durst has both extensive years and a diversified background in the upstream oilfield service industry. He has been involved in areas of design, development, product and field application, business development, marketing, product line management and project management related to both drilling and completion/production related products and services. He is an accomplished contributor to the industry as he has published numerous technical articles and papers as well as issued multiple patents. Inclusive of multiple overseas assignments Doug has traveled and worked in over twenty seven countries. Doug earned a BSME in Mechanical Engineering with additional hours toward both a MSIE and a MBA and is also a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas. Additionally, Durst has served as an advisory board member and representative in various industry groups. In his current capacity at Enventure Global Technology as a Global Manager, Doug is responsible for supporting all aspects of the business growth of expandable production/completion solutions.

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OCEC ENGINEER'S WEEK

The OCEC wishes to invite you to participate in the celebration of the engineering and scientific professions' accomplishments during the Engineers' Week in February of 2010. We will be having our Engineering Awards Banquet at The Centre, Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood, CA on Saturday, the 20th of February. Details about the event will be posted on www.OCEC.org.

The Orange County Engineering Council is an umbrella organization of all engineering and scientific societies in our county and is engaged in many activities which promote technical disciplines.

We are encouraging you to nominate worthy engineers or projects from your member organizations for appropriate recognition by December 15, 2010.

A listing of the awards available, nomination forms and instructions for nominations is provided on our website www.OCEC.org.

Nominate a worthy engineer today!

Vist. www.LASPE.org

PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM
PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER 8TH PRESENTATION
“WEST SENO-UNOCAL’S LAST BIG CONSTRUCTION PROJECT” BY MICHAEL UTT



**LA SPE OUTREACH EVENT
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM CSU FRESNO MESA**



On November 3, 2009, SPE conducted an outreach event sponsored by the City of Long Beach, Thums and Tidelands Oil Production Company for a group of MESA middle school students and teachers from CSU Fresno.

The students of CSU Fresno MESA were very appreciative for SPE arranging the event. The MESA students at Fresno State wanted to thank SPE for its hospitality and for providing a wonderful learning experience for their students with the Thums Island tours and with the interaction with SPE professionals. Louie Lopez, the Director of the MESA Schools Program sent us pictures of the tours and the social dinner at the Pizza Place.

SPE would like to thank Scott Hara, Rick Finken for organizing the outreach event, Doc Dorsey and Carlos Carrion for volunteering as tour guides and our young engineers Vanessa Perez, Teresa McCoy, and John Meehan for volunteering their time to talk with the students.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LASPE
USC TAILGATE AND GAME

December 5, 2009

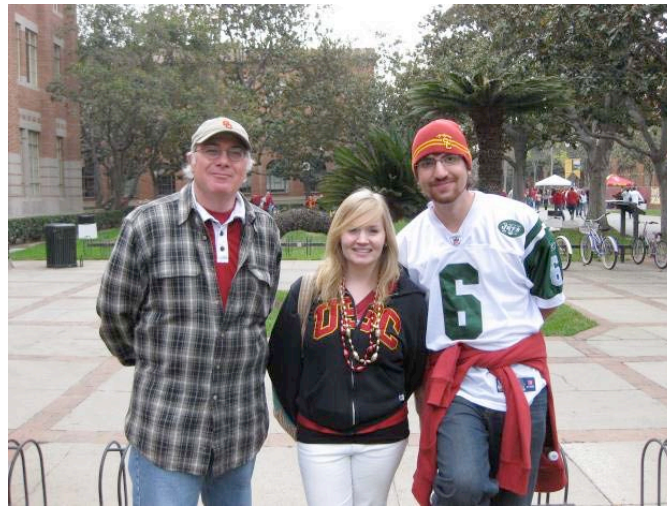
The Young Professionals Tailgate event was held at the USC vs Arizona game on December 5, 2009. The event took place in the heart of USC campus where many students and fans gathered before the start of USC vs Arizona football game. A good number of students and young professionals came and visited our location during tailgate event.

Officers from YPSPE and student chapter gathered at the campus before 8.30 am to prepare the logistics. The food and drink was more than adequate for all participants. Students and young

professionals had a good time to network until 11.30 am. The crowds started walking towards LA Coliseum to get ready for USC vs Arizona game.

The game started at 12.30 pm. Adi, one of YPSPE officers, took us to student section to experience watching USC football game amongst college students. It was an enjoyable moment for most of us to be there. The result of the game was not so good if you are one of USC fans, 21-17 for Arizona.

A special thanks to Baker Oil Tools for providing the breakfast and USC SPE student chapter for helping to organize the logistics. YPSPE is going to do more events in the upcoming dates. Stay tuned!



2010 WRM MAY 27-29, 2010, ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA

The 2010 SPE Western Regional Meeting will be held 27-29 May 2010 in conjunction with the Pacific Section AAPG and the Cordilleran Section GSA in Anaheim, California. The theme of the joint conference is "From Mountains to Main Street."

Mr. Stephen Chazen, President and Chief Financial Officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, will be the Keynote Speaker at the SPE WRM Regional Awards Luncheon Banquet scheduled for Friday May 28, 2010. On Thursday morning, May 27, 2010, Dr. Behrooz Fattahi, the SPE President, will moderate the Management Panel on: "Opportunities and Challenges in the Western North American Region". Key executives participating in the management panel include:

- Mr. Barry Biggs, Aera Energy
- Mr. John Dennis, BP Alaska
- Mr. Steve Rusch, PXP

- Mr. Todd Stevens, Oxy, California Operations
- Mr. Neal Schmale, Sempra
- Mr. Chris Williamson, Breitburn

A number of joint sessions with AAPG, plus short courses and workshops are being organized. Please mark your calendars for attending this important meeting of your professional society, SPE, and get a refresher on the state of our industry and the frontiers of oil and gas technology while networking with colleagues and industry leaders.

The program committee will be selecting the final program by early December. There is still time if you wish to submit an abstract. Please Visit <http://www.spe.org/events/wrm/>

Iraj Ershaghi
Chair, Program Committee

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER



The Annual LA Basin SPE Charity Golf Tournament is set for May 7th, 2010. Once again we will be returning to Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills, for this great event. There is the pre-tournament BBQ, provide to us once again by Weatherford, golf is scheduled for a 1:00 shotgun start and for golfers and non-golfers

alike the always exciting Awards Banquet and Raffle will follow. T

This event is more than just golf; it is our major fund raiser of the year and provides the section with a large portion of the LA Basin's operating funds. Make your plans to attend early; this event sells out, so don't get left out! Contact Mark Shemaria, mark_shemaria@oxy.co or Mike Filbey, mike_filbey@oxy.com for more information or sponsorship opportunities.

Best Regards,
Mark Shemaria
2010 Golf Tournament Chair



2010 SPE WRM - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2010 SPE Western Regional Meeting (WRM) will be held May 27-29, 2010 in conjunction with the AAPG Pacific Section & Cordilleran GSA in Anaheim California. The theme of the joint conference this year is "From Mountains to Main Street."

This conference will focus on technologies and issues affecting oil and gas fields in the Western North American Region. We desire presentations by engineers, geoscientists, managers, and team leaders that address improving operating costs and efficiency, new oil and gas technologies, and insights on regulatory and climate change legislation that affect energy supplies.

Technical papers are encouraged. To attract up-to-the-minute presentations, abstracts will also be accepted for poster sessions, panel sessions, and technical workshops that do not require papers. Conference sessions will be formulated based upon the abstracts submitted and accepted by the technical program committee.

Abstracts should be submitted to the program committee by January 10, 2010 that specify the type presentation, contain no more than 300 words, and summarize the subject matter, results of work, and conclusions in the topics listed below:

- Advanced Reservoir Modeling Concepts
- Arctic Operations/Permafrost Issues/Hydrates/Alaska Gas Pipeline
- Advanced Geophysical Techniques for Oil and Gas Development and Production Operations
- Advances in Drilling and Completion Operations applicable to WNAR Reservoirs
- Advances in Environmental Technologies
- California Extra Heavy Oil Resources
- Case Studies
- CO2 Capture and Storage
- Economic Uncertainty and Risk Analysis
- EOR Technologies (Thermal/Chemical/Miscible)
- Flow Assurance
- California Geothermal Systems
- Integrated Operations
- Locating By-Passed Oil
- Mature waterflood Management
- Production Enhancement
- Redevelopment of California Offshore Resources
- Renewable Energy to Cut OPEX
- Reservoir Characterization
- Social Responsibility, Health, Air and Water Quality and GHG Emissions
- Tight Plays: Monterey (Diatomites, fractured Siliceous Rocks), Bakken
- Waste Disposal

Program Committee Procedures: The paper proposal should contain significant new knowledge or experience in some field of relevance. The substance of the proposed paper must not have been published previously in trade journals or other professional or technical journals. Prior to paper proposal submission, clearance must be obtained. Any problems concerning clearance should be outlined when the paper proposal is submitted. All authors of papers presented at 2010 WRM will be required to complete and submit a copyright release form to SPE or submit the copyright exemption form where applicable.

Manuscript Preparation: Authors of papers selected for 2010 WRM will be notified by January 25, 2010. Authors offering papers should fully understand that a manuscript will be required for each accepted paper. Manuscripts will be required by March 29, 2010 for inclusion in the Proceedings CD-ROM. SPE operates a "no paper, no podium" policy which means that if the manuscript is not received by the due date then it will be withdrawn from the program. The maximum desired length of any paper is 7,000 words, including figures and tables. Detailed instructions on the preparation of manuscripts and presentations will be sent to the corresponding author of each accepted paper.

Iraj Ershaghi
Program Committee Chairman

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LASPE OFFERS FALL 2010 SCHOLARSHIPS! APPLY NOW

The Los Angeles Basin of the Society of Petroleum Engineers is now accepting applications for Scholarships for the 2010/2011 school year.

Local students who are classified as undergraduates and graduate students at the beginning of the 2010 fall semester attending may be eligible for these scholarships. There are four types of scholarships available through the section:

- Mei Chang Memorial Scholarship: \$500 awards are available for high school graduates entering college in the fall of their graduating year or following year. This scholarship is a tribute to Ms. Mei Chang, a Sr. Research Scientist with Chevron. She is remembered for her steady contributions to LASPE and for tutoring science and math high school students. The awards are available to children, grandchildren and siblings of LASPE members or local students sponsored by LASPE members in good standing (subject to board approval).
- Undergraduate Scholarships: \$500 scholarships are available for undergraduate college students pursuing petroleum engineering or geology, chemical, civil, mechanical, environmental or related engineering curriculums. The awards are available to active LASPE student members or SPE student members attending southern California colleges or universities.
- Graduate Scholarships: \$1,000 scholarships are available for college graduate students pursuing studies or conducting research in energy and petroleum related subjects. The awards are available to active LASPE student members or SPE student members attending southern California colleges or universities.
- Bruce Davis Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 award is available for a USC student pursuing graduate studies in petroleum related fields, chemical engineering and chemistry. Dr. Davis, a 26-year employee of Chevron, considered himself an experimental chemist and wished to encourage students with science backgrounds to pursue a future career in the Petroleum Industry.

In addition to the above scholarships available through the section, the SPE Foundation annually awards the Gus Archie Memorial Scholarship, a four-year, \$6,000 annual grant to the outstanding college freshman pursuing an undergraduate degree in petroleum engineering. If you or your students would like more information on these scholarships, as well as the guidelines and qualifications, please go to:

<http://www.laspe.org/scholarship/scholarship.html>

The deadline for the submittal of the application is April 9, 2010. Depending on the number of applicants an interview may be required. The students will be notified of the results after the SPE Board meeting on May 10, 2010. If you have any questions about the scholarships contact:

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LASPE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY
DECEMBER 8, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM

Attending were:

Rick Finken	Treasurer
Scott Hara	Community Outreach Chair
Candra Janova	Young Professionals Chair
Vanessa Perez	Chairperson
Sam Sarem	Director, SPE International
Mike Utt	Secretary, Board Member through 2010
Bob Visser	Assistant Treasurer

2. The meeting agenda was approved.

3. The minutes of the meeting of November 10 were approved.

4. There were no announcements.

5. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report: For the month of November, LASPE had \$3,492 in expenses, and only \$100 in income. This is not unexpected for this time of the budget year.

b. Golf Tournament: For the 2010 Tournament, the goal is to have 66 foursomes. In the difficult time of the 2009 Tournament, there were only 60 foursomes. Some previous years have had as many as 72 foursomes. The budget for the Golf Tournament is for \$50,000 in income (including the raffle and other activities, as well as golf) and \$35,000 in expenses.

c. Western Region: Dr. Sarem presented a list of WR nominees for SPE awards, and there was some discussion on the subject. Dr. Sarem explained the SPE awards process, and noted that some previous nominations have expired. The Board may choose to re-nominate some award candidates.

d. Student Chapters. A letter from Cal State Long Beach students who attended the ATCE in New Orleans was included in the November LASPE Newsletter.

6. Old Business

a. 2010 Western Region Meeting

The deadline for submitting abstracts of papers for the 2010 Western Region Meeting has been extended to January 10, 2010, but the deadline for final papers is unchanged at March 29, 2010.

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Some other Western Region sections (Golden Gate, San Joaquin, Alaska) have agreed to subsidize the attendance of their members at a rate of \$50 per full-time registration. The smaller sections (Santa Maria, Ventura) have not committed to that policy.

Among the activities at the 2010 Western Region Meeting will be an Urban Oil Fields tour. It is planned to include a visit to the Brea field – a short distance from the meeting venue in Anaheim – at the start of the tour.

There will also be a THUMS tour, and there was some discussion of whether it will be possible to include a Huntington Beach tour.

Planning is underway for including Continuing Education courses with the 2010 Western Region Meeting. The plan is for up to 4 short courses to be scheduled on Wednesday afternoon (May 26th) before the start of the main meeting on Thursday. PTTC is available to provide 4 such short courses, but the topics need to be decided soon. Scott Hara will welcome input on what courses the LASPE membership wants and needs.

b. Young Professionals: A YP event was held as a Tailgate party at the USC-Arizona football game on December 5th. USC was a gracious host, and the event was considered a success – even though USC lost the game.

7. New Business

a. There was some discussion of the budgeted amount for the Young Professionals program, but no changes were made to the previously approved Budget.

b. It is planned to invite Legion of Honor (50-year) members to a future LASPE meeting to receive their plaques from SPE.

c. 2010 Engineer Week Awards. This was briefly discussed, and subsequent to the meeting Chairperson Perez sent an e-mail to Board members soliciting nominations for several possible awards from the Orange County Engineering Council, of which LASPE is a member.

d. Chairperson Perez noted that LASPE needs to fill the vacant position of Vice Chairperson. Normally, expectation is that the Vice Chair this year will become Chair in the following year. Volunteers will be welcomed.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

IN MEMORIAM

John F. Matthews, Jr.

Former Division of Oil and Gas Chief, John F. Matthews pass away on December 3, 2009 due to complications from a fall. John had just turned 84 and enjoyed a span of 59 years as a petroleum engineer. He never did retire and was still actively involved in projects.

He first started in a Roughneck position in the Kern County Oil Patch and eventually Beroid Oil. He joined the California Division of Oil and Gas in 1953, with stops in Hawthorne, Bakersfield and Inglewood. While in Inglewood, John returned to USC and obtained his Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering. His career with the State culminated with his appointment in 1971 by then Governor, Ronald Reagan, as Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas in Sacramento. After Reagan's departure and a 23 year tenure with the Division, John left to become a professional consulting petroleum engineer where he was involved in numerous studies and projects on behalf of clients over the past 33 years.

John's extensive knowledge of older California oil and gas fields and the drilling practices and technologies historically utilized in them would serve as a living resource for himself and others regarding issues of subsidence, abandonment and reworking of older wells and fields. John always considered himself to be, first and foremost, a Reservoir Engineer. His specialization aided in the successful creation of several gas storage projects throughout the State.

His family wishes to thank his many friends, business associates and co-workers within the industry and with whom he shared his passion for petroleum engineering.

LASPE Community Outreach - Results!

Every year, LASPE supports elementary, middle and high school students interested in math and science with financial grants to science fairs, visits to classrooms and targeted programs such as energy fairs at CSULB and USC. One area of support has been to Mike Phillipow who teaches geology at Long Beach Poly High School. Our involvement is financial and personal supporting and participating in the geology field trips here in the LA Basin.

The idea is to nurture and expand any interest Mike's students may have in continuing to study geology and science related curriculums in their college careers. It is working.

Rick Behl, geology professor at CSULB reports that Mike is starting to build a real legacy as several Poly geology students are enrolled in his courses and are all excellent students. It's nice to see that our support of the sciences is paying off.

Thanks to all LASPE members for supporting the Annual Charity Golf Tournament and other fund raising activities providing the funds needed to continue our community outreach activities.

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