

Join IADC, SPE in New Orleans for 2 great February events

NEW ORLEANS IN February will be the site of 2 great industry events—first, the 2000 IADC Director & General Membership Conference, 21-22 Feb, followed by the 2000 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference. Both events will be held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel.

The IADC Directors & General Membership Conference is not just for IADC Directors: Most sessions are open to all, whether IADC Directors or not.

DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

The open program for the IADC Directors & General Membership Conference begins the afternoon of Monday, 21 Feb, with a review of IADC initiatives and related issues affecting the drilling industry.

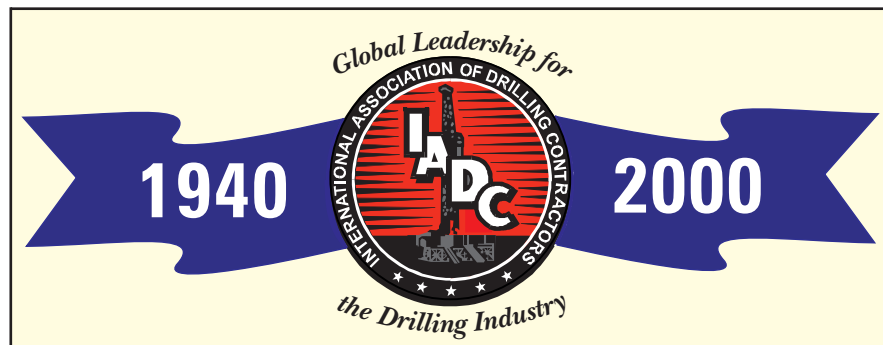
The afternoon kicks off with a presentation on the dynamic new group the Global Drilling Safety Leadership Initiative. IADC has been intimately involved with the efforts of the Global Drilling Safety Leadership Initiative since the GDSL's formation in 1998. The GDSL aims at achieving a "step change" in drilling safety. The group includes representatives from some two dozen producer, contract-drilling and service organizations around the world—Europe, North and South America, the Caspian and North Africa. In this presentation, GDSL leaders will discuss the organization's charter, IADC's involvement, and more.

Four speakers representing all segments of the industry will take part: GDSL Chairman **Terry Lucht**, Manager-Drilling Technology, **Conoco**; and Steering Committee members **Rodney Eads**, Senior Vice President-Worldwide Operations, **Diamond Offshore Drilling**; **Rob Buchan**, Global Consultant-Safety, **BP Amoco**; and **Mark Corrigan**, Vice President-General Manager, Well Intervention Services, **Schlumberger**.

Following the GDSL panel, the government affairs session will convene with 2 timely presentations of interest to both land and offshore contractors. First, **Bureau of Land Management** Director **Tom Fry**, well-known and respected in our industry, will discuss his agency's

perspective on E&P on federal lands. His remarks on "The Future of E&P Operations in the Onshore Federal Domain" come as BLM is revamping its regulations on public-land use for oil and gas operations. Then, **David King** and **Susan Ponce** of **Halliburton** will

International, will speak on topical issues in contracts. Mr Moomjian is the Chairman of the IADC Contracts Committee and of IADC subsidiary **Drilling Contractor Publications Inc.** The Chairmen of 4 other key committees will also discuss committee and division activities—**Mark Childers**, General Manager-Technical for **Atwood Oceanics**, on Drilling and Well Servicing Structures; **Allen Kelly**, Training Manager of **Diamond Offshore**, on Training; **John Auth**, Manager-Safety and Environmen-



60 years of leadership: IADC kicks off 6 decades of leadership and service to the drilling industry this year. IADC is hitting the ground running in this landmark year with initiatives and activities across the broad swath of industry concerns. During February, 3 key conferences will examine key issues and challenges in our industry. First is the IADC Health, Safety and Environment Conference, 7-8 Feb in Houston. (Please see article on p 19.) On 21-22 Feb, the IADC Directors & General Membership Conference (not just for IADC Directors!) will convene in New Orleans with presentations on the vision for tomorrow's drilling business—in technology, government and regulatory affairs, management, HSE, well control and more. Then, 23-25 Feb, the distinguished IADC/SPE Drilling Conference will bring to life more than 70 technical papers and 3 topnotch plenary sessions.

discuss a critical threat to US coalbed-methane operations and hydraulic fracturing in a presentation entitled "The LEAF Case: A Judicial and Regulatory Threat to Hydraulic Fracturing". For more on this important issue, see the separate article on p 42.

Next is an aptly titled session "The Work Goes On: A Microcosm of Current IADC Initiatives and Activities". On its 60th anniversary, IADC has never been busier. In every area of interest to the global drilling industry, the Association is energetically pursuing innovative initiatives through the work of dedicated volunteers and staff. This session features speakers on current events in 6 of these areas—contracts, drilling and well structures (API Spec 4F), training, HSE, well control and offshore.

Moderator **Cary A Moomjian Jr**, Vice President/General Counsel of **Santa Fe**

tal for **Diamond Offshore**, on HSE; and **Bob Burnett**, Training Manager for **Global Marine**, on Well Control. Finally, **Alan Spackman** IADC Director-Offshore Technical and Regulatory Affairs will discuss pending offshore issues.

That evening **Hughes Christensen** will sponsor the Welcoming Reception.

On Tuesday morning, registrants will enjoy presentations from distinguished industry professionals on a wide range of topics, including natural-gas supply, demand and outlook; advances in tubulars and drillpipe; deepwater drilling, information technology and more.

The first session will focus on natural gas. In this high-interest session, speakers will address critical elements of the natural-gas scene, supply and demand, market outlook and what's ahead on the political and regulatory horizon. First, **Paul Kelly**, Senior Vice President,

Rowan Companies, will discuss "Meeting the Challenges of the Nation's Growing Natural Gas Demand: The National Petroleum Council's 1999 Natural Gas Report". Mr Kelly serves on the NPC's Coordinating Subcommittee and Data Integration/Writing Team. Then, **Skip Horvath**, President of the **Natural Gas Supply Association**, will discuss "Natural Gas: The View from Washington". Finally, **Marshall Adkins**, Managing Director-Energy Equity Research, **Raymond James** will offer an "Update on Natural Gas Outlook".

The second session deals with "Shifting Gears: New Thinking and Technology for the New Era". At the start of a new century, the structure and technology of the global drilling industry have changed dramatically since IADC was founded 60 years ago. Mergers and acquisitions have become commonplace throughout the E&P and oilfield-service sectors. Meanwhile, technology has proven the key to lowering well-construction costs and improving the economics of marginal reservoirs. In this session, 4 E&P professionals discuss current leading-edge technologies and a vision for the organizational future of this business.

Michael L Payne, Advisor-Drilling and Completion Technology, **ARCO**, is first up with a report on "Advances in Tubulars & Drill Pipe". Then, **Christopher P Papouras**, President, **Epoch Wellsite Services Inc**, will discuss "Advances In Wellsite Information Technology".

The third speaker is **Robert T Peebler**, President/CEO, **Landmark Graphics Corp**. In his remarks, Mr Peebler will outline what could become our industry's next paradigm: "The Virtual Oil Company: The Capstone of Integration". Finally, **Danny Adkins**, Senior Vice President-Engineering, **Noble Drilling Corp**, will discuss the record-setting deepwater semisubmersible "The EVA 4000: Setting Standards".

The IADC Contractor of the Year Award is one of the most coveted honors in the global drilling industry. The 10 men previously so honored by their peers represent the best and the brightest in the industry. **Reed-Hycalog** sponsors this annual award, and donates a scholarship in the winner's name to the institution of his choice.

The keynote speaker, **Vastar**

Resources President **Chuck Davidson**, is widely known in the industry for his leadership of a visionary independent oil company with operations in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and the onshore US.

Following lunch, IADC Directors will convene in their closed Board session, presided over by Chairman **John Irwin**, Atwood Oceanics.

The conference will adjourn at 15.30.

To register, call **Leesa Teel**, 1/281 578 7171 (meetings@iadc.org). The complete program is available through iadc.org.

IADC/SPE DRILLING

In addition to an outstanding technical program, the 2000 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference will also feature 3 topnotch plenary sessions.

The first, "Cost Effective Drilling Management, will be moderated by **James Dodson**, **Dodson Co**. Panelists include **Kurt Hoffman**, **Triton Engineering**; **Steve Doublin**, **Chevron**; **Bill Flores**,

Ocean Energy; **Dennis Heagney**, **Transocean Sedco Forex**.

The second, "Goal Alignment Between Contractors, Service Companies and Operators", will be moderated by **Bill Walker**, **Howard Weil**. Panelists include **Jed DePaolo**, Halliburton Energy Services; **Andrew Gould**, Schlumberger; **Robert E Rose**, Global Marine; and **Bob Solberg**, **Texaco**.

The final session is "The Increasing Role of IT in the Drilling Process". Panelists include **Jonathan Lewis**, Landmark Graphics; **Peter Goode**, Schlumberger; **Bob MacDonald**, **Baker Hughes**; and **Mads Grinrod**, **Statoil**.

MAKE HOTEL PLANS SOON!

Hotel space in New Orleans fills up quickly, so it's wise to make plans early.

Please contact the hotel directly for accommodations by calling 1/504 584 3999 or 1-800 HILTONS. The hotel fax is 1/504 568 1721. IADC has arranged a special rate of \$175/\$185 single/double.

The cut-off date is 24 Jan. ■