



Tom Terrell joins IADC as Senior Vice President, Business Development

THOMAS T "TOM" TERRELL joined IADC as Senior Vice President, Business Development, effective 1 April. He has more than 30 years publishing, marketing and business experience, leading petroleum group operations for a major business publishing company. He also has extensive experience in strategic planning, sales management, marketing and product development.



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Mr Terrell was named Senior Vice President of **PennWell's Petroleum Group** in 1997, and retired from that post in December 2002.

Previously since 1992 he served as Petroleum Group Vice President and Publisher of *Oil and Gas Journal*. He joined *Oil and Gas Journal* in 1969.

Mr Terrell began his career in the petroleum industry in 1966 when he joined **National Supply Division of Armo Steel**. He previously served on active duty in the US Coast Guard Reserve. ■

Houston Chapter donates record \$47,500

IADC HOUSTON CHAPTER held its annual silent auction dinner dance 4 Feb benefiting the Just Like Us Foundation, which supports the T H Rogers school for severely disabled children. This year's event resulted in the largest donation to

date, \$47,500, which included \$37,000 raised at the silent auction plus an additional donation by the Chapter. Last year's event raised \$26,000 and the Chapter donated another \$14,000. About 440 people attended this year's event. ■



IADC Houston Chapter presented a check to the Just Like Us Foundation that supports programs for severely disabled children. From left are Jim Nowotny, Atwood Oceanics, 2005 Silent Auction Dinner Dance Co-Chair; Terri Burnham, Atwood Oceanics; Anthony Gallegos, Atwood Oceanics and 2004 IADC Houston Chapter Chairman; Shannon Larsen, Atwood Oceanics; David Alexander, Atwood Oceanics and 2006 Silent Auction Dinner Dance Co-Chair; Tina Coloco, Just Like Us; Paul Kessler, Nabors Drilling and 2006 Silent Auction Dinner Dance Co-Chair; and Mike Roth, Transocean Inc, 2005 IADC Houston Chapter Chairman.

MMS proposing rule on OCS lifting ops

THE MINERALS MANAGEMENT Service (MMS) will issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) this summer regarding lifting operations on the OCS, according to Joseph R Levine, Chief of MMS's Operations Analysis Group, who spoke at the recent Offshore Logistics Conference in Lafayette. The ANPR's purpose is to present options, receive input and initiate discussion about lifting operations.

Several options will be considered. Option 1, Material and Pipe Handling Practices Plan (MPHP), is a performance-based alternative using Subpart O as a template calling for broad-based program guidelines with the lessee responsible for compliance. The MMS will evaluate performance via audits, interviews and testing.

Option 2 are unique MMS regulations calling for specific lifting requirements patterned after current MMS crane rules covering operational procedures, equipment, training, personnel safety and maintenance. Option 3 is to evaluate other agency regulations and requirements

The 4th option is a combination of options, possibly using appropriate parts of the other options presented. The final option is to develop a new offshore specific standard. ■

IADC, regulators hold yearly meeting in Rome

THE EUROPEAN WORKING Group Meeting with regulators is scheduled for 8 June in Rome. As in the past, it is anticipated that a broad representation of international regulators will attend. The meeting will focus on drilling industry challenges, both offshore and onshore, in an enlarged Europe to stimulate the move toward regional solutions to national operational and technological issues based upon international standards.

Challenges include maintaining a competent workforce; personal responsibility and accountability; control and supervision of third-party contractors; adoption of international/European standards by regulators; integrity of ageing structures; integrity of safety-critical systems; and integrity of operational systems. ■