



North Sea Chapter recognizes safety efforts



Pictured at the IADC North Sea Chapter Safety Awards Ceremony are (front row, from left) Geoff Holmes, KCA DEUTAG; Gavin Sutherland, KCA DEUTAG; John Fraser, Universal Sodexho; Steve Coghill, Noble Drilling; Ray Berry, GlobalSantaFe; and Ivor McBean, Diamond Offshore. Back row from left are Eddie Sarkis, Maersk Contractors; Janike Myre, Odfjell Drilling; Neil Clyne, Transocean; Doug Halkett, Transocean; John Mogford, BP (industry speaker and award presenter); Jim Simpson, ESS Support Services Worldwide; Machiel Lubben, Noble Drilling; and Tommy Saliba, Noble Drilling.

THE IADC NORTH Sea Chapter on 12 May held its annual Safety Awards Ceremony. More than 350 drilling industry representatives and guests attended the ceremony held at Ardoe House Hotel in Aberdeen, Scotland. The winners are:

Best Safety Performance Awards 2005

Jackups over 500,000 manhours: **Noble Drilling** (winner), **ENSCO Offshore** (runner-up)

Jackups under 500,000 manhours: **Maersk Contractors**

Semisubmersibles: **Transocean** (winner), **Noble Drilling** (runner-up)

IADC members selected as MMS CORLA award winners

THREE IADC MEMBERS were honored on 25 April at the annual MMS Industry Awards Program with the Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA).

Winners this year included **George "Doug" Foster** of **Diamond Offshore**, **Wesley S Morgan** of **Rowan Drilling** and

Platform: KCA DEUTAG (winner), **Odfjell Drilling** (runner-up)

Merit Awards

Outstanding Safety Performance Over 8 Years: **Noble Piet van Ede**, **Noble Drilling**

Outstanding Safety Performance over 6 years: **Arctic III**, **GlobalSantaFe**, and **Beryl Bravo**, **KCA DEUTAG**

Chairman Special Award: **Ocean Guardian**, **Diamond Offshore**

Associate Members' Award: **ESS Support Services Worldwide** and **Universal Sodexho**. ■

Gregg H Falgout of **Island Operating Co.**

The winners were cited for their leadership, professionalism and commitment in supporting the safety of personnel in the offshore oil and gas industry and promoting regulatory compliance. ■

IADC welcomes new assistant director of offshore affairs

JOHN PERTGEN RECENTLY joined IADC as Assistant Director, Offshore Technical and Regulatory Affairs. He will plan for and respond to technical and regulatory initiatives and serve as liaison to IADC committees and work groups.

Recently Mr Pertgen was a compliance/regulatory superintendent for an offshore drilling company. He managed all regulatory and compliance issues associated with daily operations, repair and modifications to more than 60 mobile offshore drilling units. He also tracked, scheduled and coordinated all regulatory inspections and surveys with regulatory agencies, rigs, crews and third-party contractors.



John Pertgen

He earned a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science with a HRM concentration from the University of the State of New York. ■

Iraqi group meets with IADC, discusses goals for the future

A DELEGATION FROM Iraq's oil industry visited IADC's Houston headquarters on 2 June.

About a dozen IADC members joined Dr **Lee Hunt**, IADC president, and **Ken Fischer**, IADC vice president-Middle East & Asia, in welcoming the visitors. Dr **Ali M Al-Obaidi** of the Iraq Ministry of Oil led the delegation, which included **Dorias Muhsen Al-Yassiri**, deputy director general of **Iraqi Drilling Company**, an IADC member, and **Mike L Morris** with the US Department of State.

Dr Hunt and Mr Fischer introduced the delegation to the history, programs and activities of IADC, and in return the Iraqi visitors discussed the nation's plans and strategies for increasing its oil production to pre-war capacity and beyond.

The delegates also expressed strong interest in possible joint ventures with foreign companies and bringing in new technologies from abroad. "We're going through a tunnel now, but we're looking to the future positively," Dr Al-Obaidi said. ■