# **Gulf Coast Section**



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# Chairman's Corner

Sometimes in life we reach a point where we feel tired and at times hopeless. It is easy for issues and struggles in life to cause us to lose focus and result in losing sight of the resolve we seek. I wish to encourage the GCS leadership to stay the course. In order to be great leaders, we must stay focused on our resolve and understand that leadership is a gift, a function, a responsibility, and a legacy. Know that leadership is a gift, and not all



by Mark Peavy, KinderMorgan CO2

are called for this higher purpose. For those who are, it is important to understand that it is a blessing to be called to serve others at a higher level. Leadership is a function, not all have the same set of skills, but all can exercise influence in some way, and everyone leads somebody sometime. Leadership is a responsibility, it is a stewardship and a calling to step up and serve. Lastly, leadership is a legacy. A leader goes before others and others follow the trail. So how can we step up the challenge of leadership? The answer is spelled out in six letters: L-E-A-D-E-R. First step: Lift up the sights of those around us, we should ask those around us to see what we see. Without vision, people will become lost. Two, Expand our influence through service, not to be served, but to serve others using servitude leadership. Three, **A**pply the principle of teamwork to your life. People who make a difference use teamwork. Four, **D**etermine to press on in the face of opposition. Do it with intensity, and diligence. Keep being a leader. We should always keep raising the bar high. Five, Expect and adjust to change. Too many resist change, but the one constant in life is change. Six, Risk your life on living for the greater reward. We must believe that what we live for is worth dying for.

Focusing on our resolve requires discipline and consistency. Consistent with the past four year asset spend down strategy, the GCS has successfully placed more money into our existing programs involving merit based scholarships (\$124K incremental) and the Community in Schools Houston (CISH) 'at-risk' scholarship programs (\$91K incremental) during this time. New programs created during the past four years included an endowment to the University of Houston undergraduate PEN department (\$250K), scholarships to the Houston Community college Petroleum Engineering Technology program (\$30K), the Environmental Institute of Houston (\$68K incremental) and the creation and funding (\$129K) for a new venture known as the Collaboration in Houston for the Advancement of Science and Engineering (CHASE) program designed to better educate 8th grade math students. This additional giving has resulted in lowering the GCS section total assets from approx. \$1.5MM to a current level of \$800M, see graph 1. We are now at the point of realigning the GCS educational spending to levels that allow the section to maintain an asset

#### **Reservations & Information**

For all SPE GCS topical luncheons and social activities, please register online at www.spegcs.org. You must provide your SPE member number to receive member prices. Guests who have not made a reservation online will be charged an additional amount at the door. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admittance.

• Reservations and cancellations required for all events.

No-shows will be billed.

• Walk-ins will be charged extra.

Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Discover, and Diner's Club are accepted for advance reservations only The technical and other opinions expressed by speakers at the Gulf Coast Section meetings may not have been reviewed by SPE and do not necessarily reflect the position of SPE, the Gulf Coast Section, its officers, or members. The only forum for rebuttal and discussion is during the meeting.

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# **General Meeting**

# Value Chain Lab Methodology: Aligning Operator and Service Company Goals & Objectives

Speaker :	Bill Diggons Qittitut Consulting
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Thursday, April 14
Location:	The Petroleum Club 800 Bell Street Houston, Texas 77002
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered \$40 per nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 12

Valet parking is available at the ExxonMobil Building for \$7. If you have special dietary needs, please note your meal request when you register on-line in the box labeled "Optional comments for the event planner."

A four-step methodology has been developed to align the operator/service company value chain of operations, procurement, HSE, engineering and manufacturing to improve operational and business objectives. A lab concept is used to offer opportunities for joint analysis, practice and experimentation.

New levels of performance are possible when relevant people, processes, and technologies are linked with agreed rules of engagement and win/ learn scenarios.

**Bill Diggons** is currently the managing partner of Qittitut He has 32 years Consulting. of global experience in oilfield management, marketing and sales, strategy consulting. corporate energy communications. and information technology.



His experience includes 20 years with Schlumberger, two years with SAP, two years with Landmark Graphics, and nine years at Qittitut Consulting.

He has a BS in civil engineering from Cornell University and a degree in marketing management from Columbia Business School.

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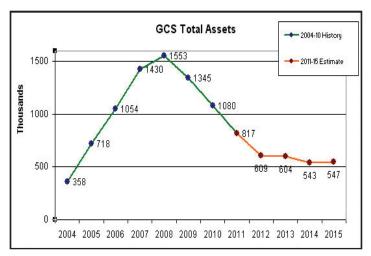
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balance of \$500M, the recommended balance target of the GCS BOD. Current Treasury studies indicate that this can be achieved by reducing expenditures by \$80 to \$120K per year beginning in 2011-12.

It is expected that the support of the above mentioned programs will be reduced as needed, unless or until other activities or events provide additional funds. We must remember that the mission of the section is to disseminate technical information to our membership, and a side benefit of the successful execution of this mission is the creation of additional funds which can be used to support these educational programs. So the question I pose to the study group leadership and general membership is: Are there new workshops, venues, and projects that can be implemented to improve the dissemination of technical information that can increase the GCS revenue stream? Two study groups have recently stepped up to the plate with new venues: the Completions and Production and Permian Basin study groups. Each group will be implementing new half- and full-day workshops this spring. While other study groups and committees continue to provide steady income with established events, I'd like to encourage all to strive to expand or create new venues that could become as large as the Digital Energy conference, a local section venue that grew so large it required integration into the SPEI organization.



Graph 1.

# Monthly Board Meeting

The Gulf Coast Section board of directors meeting will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21 at the SPE Houston office, 10777 Westheimer Road, Suite 1075 (77042). Board meetings are open to any SPE member, but you must register in advance because seating space is limited. If you would like to attend, please register online at www.spegcs.org or contact Sharon Harris at 713-457-6821 or sharris@spe.org.

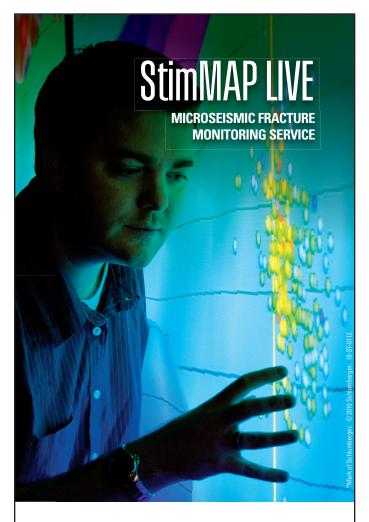
# Monthly Membership Report Gulf Coast Section February 2011

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Reinstated Members	22	10	10	2	5	2
Transferred to GCS	103	41	75	28	68	24
Transferred out of GC	S 102	39	86	24	52	17
Unpaid	3,215	965	2,937	1,213	1,452	483
Student Members	Paid l	Jnpaid	Paid L	Inpaid	Paid U	Jnpaid
-Texas A&M	539	214	457	242	802	132
-UH/Rice	111	48	73	54	179	58
-HCC	17	7	10	8	24	2
-Unassigned	7	4	6	4	15	6
Total	674	273	546	308	1,020	198
Grand Total Paid/ Unpaid	12,132	3,488	10,890	3,245	15,174	1,650
% Paid	77.	7%	77.	0%	90	0.2%

# Retraction Statement:

We apologize for the 4,000 copies of the March issue that were sent out with page 14 with an error in printing.

# **Volunteer Spotlight**



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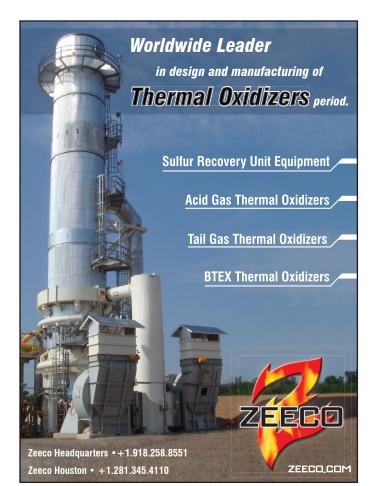
This month the Gulf Coast Section would like to recognize the volunteer efforts of a young professional, Michael Chérif, who has played a key role in helping to relaunch the International Study Group.

According to study group chair Philippe Mitterrand, Michael has performed beyond expectations, and his participation and commitment have greatly contributed to the International Study Group's success. After Philippe obtained commitments from potential speakers, Michael took over, packaged their presentations, integrated bios and abstracts, and attended to all the program details. Because he helped achieve a combined attendance of more than 120 for the first two meetings, he was promoted to vice chair of the study group at the young age of 24.

"Michael's great contribution is his uncanny attention to detail, integrity, diplomatic approach, and tireless personal commitment to make the International Study Group a successful endeavor," said Philippe. "My personal opinion is that we will hear great things about Michael impacting both the oil & gas industry and SPE on a global basis."

After earning a BS in civil engineering from Cornell University, Michael joined ExxonMobil Production Company as a reservoir engineer in 2008. Since then, he has performed reservoir surveillance and reservoir simulation for onshore and offshore assets. He has also provided support for the largest carbon capture plant in the world.

Michael is a true believer in the benefits of volunteering. He enjoys participating in public service activities that promote the awareness of science and the energy industry, including the SPE High School Recruiting Fairs, Science Ambassadors and Junior Achievement.

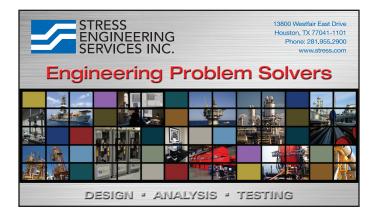




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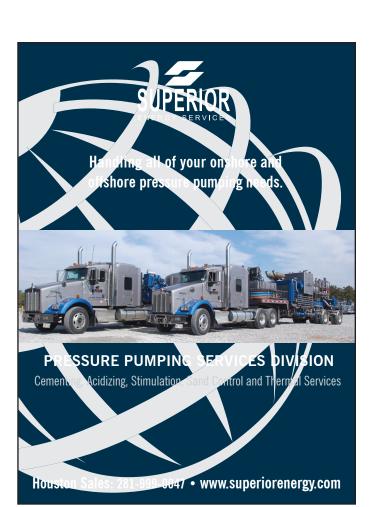
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TIME:	11:00 AM
PLACE:	Houston Arboretum for a Docent-Led Tour 713-682-2539 4501 Woodway Drive 77024
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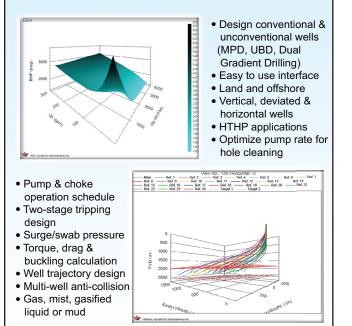
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# Completions & Production Study Group

# **Droshky Field Completions (Green Canyon 244)**

Speaker :	<b>Greg Stimatz</b> Marathon Oil
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Wednesday, April 27
Location:	Greenspoint Club 16925 Northchase (77060)
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered \$40 for nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Monday, April 25

Marathon's Droshky Field is a four-well subsea development located in the Gulf of Mexico in Green Canyon Block 244 in approximately 2950 feet of water. Three intelligent wells and one conventional stacked well, completed in a total of ten frac-packed intervals, were required to drain the multiple reservoir intervals encountered. The field was brought on production in July 2010, tied back to DOR's Bullwinkle Platform. This presentation will review some of the challenges encountered in the completion design and implementation, including contingency operations. Among the issues faced were long completion intervals (up to 456' gross), working with zinc bromide completion fluid throughout the six-month completion campaign, and extreme fluid loss rates (in excess of 500 BPH).

**Greg Stimatz** has worked for Marathon Oil Company for 28 years in a variety of production, well testing, and completion assignments. He has been responsible for planning and field implementation in both onshore and offshore fields in the United States and offshore fields in the U.K., Norway, and West Africa. He currently works in Houston as a Gulf of Mexico deepwater completion engineer.

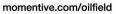
Greg graduated from Montana Tech in 1983 with a BS in petroleum engineering.

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# THEN & NOW



by Buddy Woodroof, ProTechnics Features Editor

# April 1981

It appears that Spain could become a gas exporter, as Eniepsa's gas strike in the Pyrenees is now pegged at 3.5 trillion cubic feet of reserves. • An ENI report calls for much of West European refining and petrochemical capacity to eventually move to Middle East exporters in exchange for long-term, guaranteed crude supplies, which could diminish considerably the American clout in world petroleum markets. • The mood in Canada remains grim, as the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors reports that 114 drilling and 16 service rigs have left the country since Fall and more are expected to follow. • An Exxon vice president declares that the majority of oil companies agree that half of the oil still to be found in the U.S. is on or offshore Alaska and that American dependence on foreign crude could be slashed from 40% to 17% by the turn of the century, with Alaska leading the cut. (Didn't count on the Bakken did you?)

U.S. active rig count – 3,628

# April 1991

Four of approximately 600 wells burning in Kuwait, thanks to Saddam Hussein, have now been extinguished and the enormity of the project is just beginning to be felt. • Environmental studies indicate that damage from the Exxon Valdez oil spill will last longer than first thought, in part because the spraying of the beaches with pressurized hot water ended up killing marine organisms. • While BP expands its strategic alliance with Statoil covering joint R&D and international exploration, it continues to shop its Tex/Con Oil & Gas unit, one of its BP America units. • The U.S.S.R. is reportedly negotiating to enter the ship demolition and scrapyard business, as new design criteria force tanker owners to scrap many older vessels. (This new Soviet venture has been nicknamed the "Red Fox Project.")

Light sweet crude oil - \$21.49/bbl U.S. active rig count – 835

# April 2001

The EIA forecasts 59% growth in worldwide energy consumption by the year 2020, with half of the projected growth to occur in the developing nations of Asia and Latin America. 

• Royal Dutch/Shell's run at Barrett Resources is just the beginning of another round of mergers and acquisitions according to a Wall Street energy investment conference. Other companies believed to be under the watchful eye of majors include: Burlington Resources, Devon Energy, Evergreen Resources, Forest Oil, and Triton Energy. • The U.S. active rig count reaches its highest level in over ten years with 1,198 rigs working. • The Girassol FPSO, the world's largest floating production, storage, and offloading unit sets sail for Angola where it will employ its 200,000 bbl/ day production capacity and 2 million bbl storage capacity at the Girassol field.

> Light sweet crude oil - \$28.05/bbl U.S. active rig count – 1,198

# The Rest of the Yarn

This month we continue our look-back at the life and times of Sid Richardson, one of the "Big Four" oilmen who laid the foundations of a flamboyant lifestyle that would come to define the image of Texas Oil.

At some point the Richardson's briefly relocated to Mineral Wells, where Sid's sister Annie began dating a sharp young doctor named E. P. Bass. who was to have a profound influence on Richardson's life. In 1909 after the family returned to Athens, Bass married Annie Richardson. Bass proved his merits after Richardson was badly injured when a buggy he was driving overturned, crushing his left leg below the knee. Doctors wanted to amputate the leg, but Bass managed to save it during an operation in which he removed two inches of bone and built a "trough" to connect the remnants. In time Richardson learned to walk unaided, but for the rest of his life he limped. He developed a walk involving taking long steps with the left leg and short steps with the right, thus lessening the extent of his limp. He claimed that the swinging walk of his was his own adaptation.

In September 1910 Richardson enrolled at Baylor University in Waco, but after two semesters of classes he did not return. In the Fall of 1911 he enrolled at Simmons College in Abilene. It is said that he was a bright but lazy student, more interested in whiskey than classwork.

The dean of students continually lectured to him that he was squandering his abilities and that he had the brains and the personality to do whatever he wanted to do, but that he must lay aside his foolish ways and set his heart on becoming a man.

There is ample evidence that Richardson was a heavy drinker, which likely explains his tendency to engage in fistfights. Once, explaining why he disliked the game of golf, he quipped that the one and only time that he had played a complete eighteen holes, he had to drink an entire bottle of bourbon to get through it. His full-time carousing came to an abrupt end in 1912 when his father died. Suddenly there was no more money available for Richardson's "education." His brother-in-law, Doc Bass, was dabbling in the oil business, and it was probably on Bass's suggestion that Richardson decided to try working in the oil field.

Next month, Richardson tries his hand as an oil scout, a cattle trader, and an oil trader. (Article excerpted from "The Big Rich.")

# History Quiz

What two critical wartime commodities were targeted for expanded production thanks to Standard Oil's development of the first fluid catalyst refining unit in 1942?

If you would like to participate in this month's quiz, e-mail your answer to contest@spe.org by noon March 15. The winner, who will be chosen randomly from all correct answers, will receive a \$50 gift card to a nice restaurant.

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# Answer to March's Quiz

The German immigrant who funded the building of the first commercial American-built diesel engine was Adolphus Busch.

# Answer to February's Quiz

When Standard Oil was dissolved, it was done on a state-by-state basis. The present day operator that results from a merger of the companies that were originally Standard Oil of New York and Standard Oil of New Jersey is ExxonMobil.

Congratulations to February's winner – Bill Carpenter, who also corrected our erroneous reference to AI Gore, Jr. (of internet and global warming fame) as being the out-going senator on the Senate Finance Committee in February 1971. That was actually AI Gore, Sr., the father of the aforementioned. Thanks for setting us straight, Bill.

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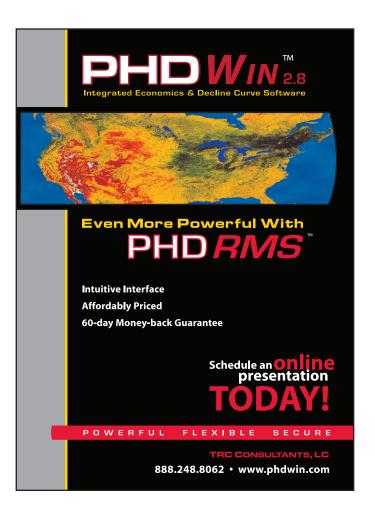
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Taught by: E.D. Sloan, C.A. Koh, and A.K. Sum.

This course is aimed at engineers and scientists concerned with controlling/managing natural gas hydrate formation during gas/oil production and transportation. Each attendee will receive a CD and hard copy of the course material, including a copy of SPE Monograph Hydrate Engineering, by E.D. Sloan.

The objective of the course is to provide a fundamental review of the practice and theory in natural gas hydrates, with applications primarily in flow assurance. For information regarding attendance and fees contact: 303-279-5563, email space@mines.edu,

http://www.mines.edu/Educational\_Outreach



# **Continuing Education**

# **Oil Patch Orientation**

Speakers :	John Farina, Consultant Ron Hinn, PetroSkills Susan Howes, Chevron Ken Arnold, Consultant Marty Stetzer, Consultant
Date & Time:	8:30 a.m 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Location:	Hilton Houston North Hotel 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, Texas 77060
Cost:	\$300 per member preregistered \$350 for nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Tuesday, April 19

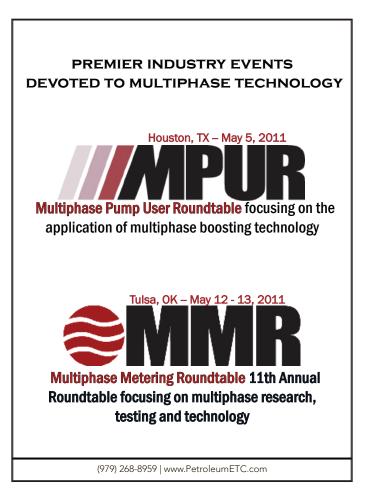
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- \* The Economics & Future of the Petroleum Industry
- \* Theory of the Origins of Hydrocarbons
- \* Reservoir Parameters (eg: Porosity/Permeability)
- \* Geology of Petroleum & Geophysics
- \* Drilling Basics
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For more information and registration: http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1927



# Drilling Study Group

# Drilling Symposium - The Changing Role of Rig Supervision (Do We Need the Driller?)

Speakers:	ТВА
Date & Time:	8:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28
Location:	Petroleum Club 800 Bell Street (77002)
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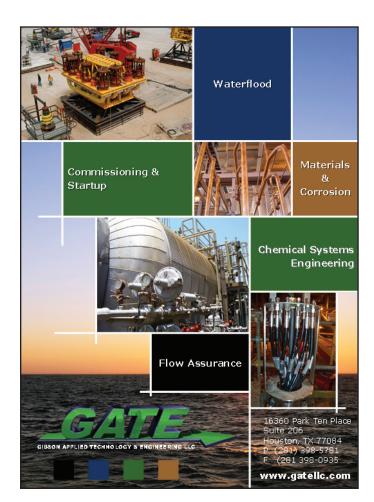
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# International Study Group

# PETROSANTANDER: Petroleum in Latin America and Colombia in Particular

Speaker :	<b>Jerry Mathalone</b> PetroSantander Inc.
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Thursday, April 21
Location:	Petroleum Club 800 Bell Street (43 <sup>rd</sup> Floor) Houston, TX 77002
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered \$45 for nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Tuesday April 19

Latin America has been producing oil for over 100 years and has produced over 150 billion barrels in that time. Currently, production is 10.6 million bopd and 20 bcfgpd. After an introductory geological setting of the region, a very brief history of each country's production will be presented emphasizing the complicated relationship between IOCs and the large NOCs in the region. In addition, the sometimes dramatic positive and negative production consequences of government policies will be reviewed as a backdrop to the current situation.

Some countries have enjoyed a more stable fiscal environment than others, and Colombia, in particular has been producing oil for almost a century with an unbroken record of contract stability. Colombia has 8% of the region's oil production and less than 4% of the non-tar reserves. It produced around 720 mbopd and 1.1 bcfgd during 2010. The country has embarked on a set of policies to attract international oil companies and been rewarded with large numbers of concession awards and a high level of industry activity across the board. In addition, the recently privatized ex-state oil company, Ecopetrol, held a number of marginal field rounds and direct negotiations with IOCs over existing old fields which will be reviewed. These marginal field contracts after a rocky start have resulted in large increases of production in some very old fields but not in others.

Colombia has a large number of quite differing types of basin from the little explored Pacific fore-arc basins to the prolific sub-Andean basins such as the

Llanos Basin. In spite of many surface hydrocarbon indications, only three of these basins contain substantial petroleum discoveries. All these basins remain of interest for exploration, with, as one would expect, the more mature regions containing mostly lower but still profitable potential.

**Jerry Mathalone** is vice president exploration and geosciences of PetroSantander Inc., a privately held oil and gas company with net production of 9000 boepd from operations in Colombia, USA, Romania and Brazil.

He received his MSc in petroleum geology from Imperial College in London and joined Phillips Petroleum working in West Africa and Norway followed by Charterhouse Petroleum UK and Egypt. Subsequent to their takeover by Petrofina, he worked on UKCS projects for two years before leaving in 1988 to join IPC in Dubai. As chief geologist for IPC, he was responsible for projects in various basins over West Africa, the Middle and Far East . In 1992 he moved to Houston as exploration manager for a related company, Eurocan Ventures, in operations and new ventures over most of South America. When the producing assets were sold to PetroSantander in 1995, he moved and has worked on their existing fields in the Americas, Europe and new ventures elsewhere.





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# Northside Study Group

# Methods of Achieving a Dual Gradient for Use in Deepwater Drilling

Speaker:	<b>Luc de Boer</b> Dual Gradient Systems
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Tuesday, April 12
Location:	Greenspoint Club 16925 Northchase (77060)
Cost:	<ul><li>\$30 per member preregistered</li><li>\$35 for nonmembers and walk-ins pregistered</li><li>\$40 per members/nonmembers post registration</li></ul>
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Friday, April 8

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The IADC defines "dual gradient" as the "creation of multiple pressure gradients within select sections of the annulus to manage the annular pressure profile. Methods include use of pumps, fluids of varying densities, or combination of these." This presentation will discuss these methods and their commercial applications.



Luc de Boer began his career with a Dutch shipping company at various overseas locations. In 1974, he started as a trainee drilling engineer in the petroleum industry in the North Sea for Sedneth, a subsidiary of Sedco. He then went to work for Phillips Petroleum in 1980 as a



drilling supervisor. He transferred in 1986 and worked as a drilling engineer for Phillips in the North Sea and other international operations. From 1997 to 2000 Luc worked as a SDE for Arco in their international drilling operations groups. In 2000, he developed Dual Gradient Drilling Technology and founded Dual Gradient Systems LLC, while he continued to work as a consultant drilling engineer for various US operators, mainly deepwater projects in the Gulf of Mexico.

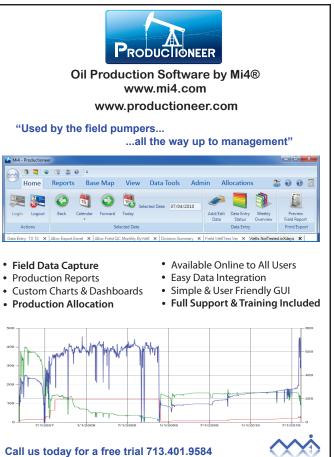
Luc is president of Dual Gradient Systems, a company founded in 2002 after patents were filed and initial feasibility studies were successfully completed.





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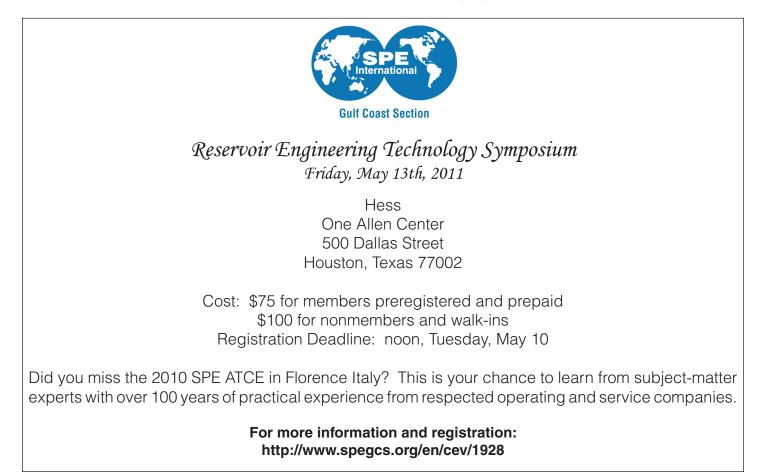
# **Residual Oil Zone Symposium**

Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (followed by Networking Social) Monday, April 4
Location:	Westlake Club 570 Westlake Park Blvd (77079)
Cost:	\$125 for members \$150 nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>

Residual Oil Zones are formations that contain oil at saturations too low to be produced by primary production or waterflood. However, some projects have already recovered significant new reserves, and the remaining potential for additional floods is great both underneath existing CO<sub>2</sub> floods and even on previously unproductive acreage.

Speakers are Dr. Bob Trentham from the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB), Matt Honarpour from Hess, Dane Cantwell from, Legado Resources, Steve Pennell from Kinder Morgan, and Michael Stell from Ryder Scott will share vivid experience in the field of analysis of potential ROZ and its development.

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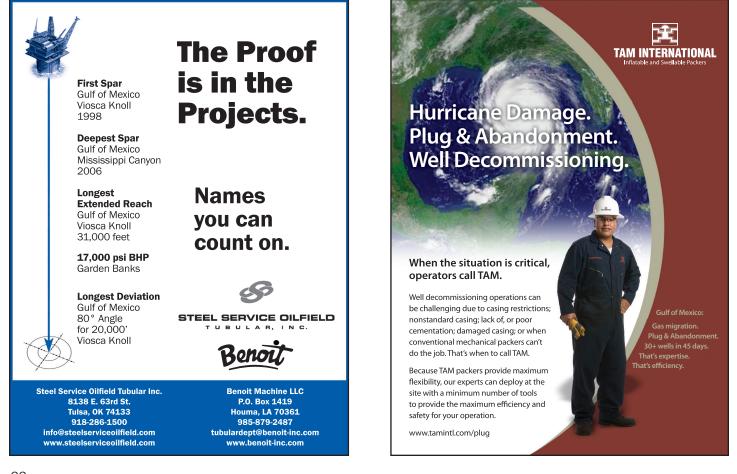
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# Projects, Facilities, & Construction Study Group

# Bringing the Eagle Ford Shale to Market

Speaker :	Charles Perez DCP Midstream
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Tuesday, April 19
Location:	Norris Conference Center - City Centre 803 Town and Country Lane #210 (77024)
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered and prepaid \$40 for nonmembers pregistered and prepaid \$45 for walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Friday, April 15

The Eagle Ford Shale is the latest hot new shale gas play. Owners, operators, drillers, and the rest of the usual cast are currently scrambling to capture full value from this field and bring the Eagle Ford gas efficiently to market. DCP is helping to make this happen and is currently working hard to tie in production to both new and existing facilities. The presentation will address some of the current challenges facing the industry to develop this substantial play.

**Charles Perez** has had a multi-decade career in the oil and gas business. He has worked in operations, construction, project development, and in consulting. Charles currently serves as the engineering manager at DCP Midstream and is also the senior project manager for projects in the Eagle Ford Shale.







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# Reservoir Study Group

# **Distinguished Lecturer 2010-11 Lecture Season**

# EOR - The Time is Now: Its Contribution to World Oil Supply

Speaker :	<b>Paul L. Bondor</b> BonTech
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Thursday, April 28
Location:	Courtyard on St. James 1885 St. James Place (77056)
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered and prepaid \$40 for nonmembers pregistered and prepaid \$45 for walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 26

Enhanced oil recovery is perceived to have a history of unfulfilled promise. However, both thermal and carbon dioxide flooding technologies have proven successful; surfactant and polymer flooding less so as a result of the sustained oil price collapse of the 1980s.

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EOR has not been present in the offshore; while applications present logistical as well as technical challenges, the offshore represents a large EOR opportunity.

To achieve and exceed the expectations of EOR's contribution to supply, innovative political and

commercial approaches are needed; for example, agreements regarding CO2 capture and transportation, NOCs and IOCs sharing the risk as well as the reward in EOR applications.

**Paul L. Bondor** retired from Shell after 35 years of technical and supervisory service. He has worked in EOR both in research (including 5 years as head of EOR research in the Royal Dutch/Shell Group), and in operations, including thermal and CO2 miscible flooding projects, and in pilot tests of polymer and surfactants. He has experience in primary development and waterflooding, both onshore and offshore (including the deepwater GOM). He holds BS, MS and PhD degrees from Case Institute of Technology. He has authored 14 technical papers.





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# Westside Study Group

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# **Successfully Stimulating Complex Carbonate Reservoirs**

Speaker :	<b>Ernie Brown</b> Pinnacle
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Wednesday, April 20
Location:	Westlake Club 570 Westlake Park Blvd (77079)
Cost:	\$35 per member preregistered \$40 for nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Monday, April 18

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For nearly 80 years, stimulating carbonate reservoirs has been routine and deemed successful but often involved little more than placing acid across the face of the formation. With approximately half of the world's proven reserves of oil and gas in carbonate or fractured reservoirs, it is apparent that new ideas and technologies are required to help increase both production and overall recovery from these complex reservoirs. New approaches are being utilized for better petrophysical models in carbonates and this information is leading to improved stimulation This presentation focuses on the key methods. developments in stimulation that target carbonate reservoirs appropriate completion and the methodologies required in these highly complex and heterogeneous reservoirs.

**Ernie Brown,** Advisor for Stimulation and Production services, Stimulation Domain Technology Director for Schlumberger, is currently based in Sugar Land, Texas. Beginning his career in 1979 with Dowell as a field engineer, he has held a variety of technical positions focused on reservoir stimulation and production in various locations throughout the world. Additionally he has held positions in both research and engineering, holds 18 patents, has co-authored over 25 technical publications, and has contributed to three reference books relating to well stimulation and completions. He holds a degree in geology from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

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# Safety & Environment Study Group

# Corporate Social Responsibility -Malaria Eradication Efforts in Equatorial Guinea

Speaker :	<b>Dr. Adel Chaouch</b> Marathon Oil Company
Date & Time:	11:30 a.m. luncheon Tuesday, April 19
Location:	Petroleum Club 800 Bell Street (43 <sup>rd</sup> Floor) Houston, TX 77002
Cost:	\$40 per member preregistered \$50 for nonmembers and walk-ins
Registration: Deadline:	www.spegcs.org Noon, Friday, April 15

**Dr. Adel Chaouch** is the director of Corporate Social Responsibility for Marathon's worldwide activities. His current responsibilities include corporate reporting; stakeholder engagement, corporate strategy, oversight and overall coordination of the Company's sustainable development initiatives; and the development of related corporate policies. He is also responsible for the development and execution of the company risk mitigation strategies for current and planned ventures.



He was previously the sustainable growth manager for Marathon Central Africa Operations based in Equatorial Guinea. He led the development of Marathon's social responsibility strategy and programs in Central Africa, including the Bioko Island malaria control project

and related initiatives. He has been associated with several developments in the oil & gas sector of Equatorial Guinea since 1998, including the development and project management of the methanol and gas production facilities.

Prior to working with Marathon Oil Company, he held technical and managerial positions of increasing responsibilities with research, consulting and EPC companies. He worked as division manager and project lead with Raytheon E&C Company on major projects, mostly infrastructure development, heavy industry facilities, energy projects such as refineries, power generation facilities and pipelines, in the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and South East Asia.

Adel completed his undergraduate degree in mathematics and physics at Saint-Louis College, Paris, France in 1990. He earned simultaneous masters' degrees in engineering from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas and from the E.S.T.P., Paris, in 1991. He also received a Ph.D. in engineering with emphasis on deep water offshore structures from Texas A&M University.

He is board registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. He is a member of the American Society of Petroleum Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is listed in the Who's Who of International Professionals and the national Who's Who register of executives. He is president of the board of the Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa, Chair of the advisory board for the GE Geosciences Program of the University of South Carolina and Universidad Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial. He also serves on the board of UNICEF, U.S. South West region.

# **Young Professionals**

#### Development Dinner: Knowledge Management and Communities of Practice in Career Development Speaker: Robert (Bob) Holicek, Deepwater Theme Manager, Schlumberger

Date, Time & Location: 19 April 2011, 6PM-8.15PM, Westlake Club, Houston, Registration: http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1914 In a global company or organization, it can be challenging to connect with technical experts and obtain the right information where and when you need it. Additionally, for a young engineer it can be intimidating to stand out and make yourself visible in such a large population if you are not prepared with the right information. Properly locating the right expertise and knowledge is not only critical to conduct business, but also is important to advance one's own career. Knowledge Management (KM) and Communities of Practice (CoP) are tools each engineer should use to their full extent to gain information and manage their career path. Knowledge Management is the process of capturing and re-distributing expertise; a Community of Practice is a group of people within a common technical discipline, for example production or reservoir engineering. This talk will discuss speaker's own experience with KM tools, his involvement within his CoP, and how these have influenced speaker's career development. For questions or inquiries, please contact Stephen Ingram (stephen.ingram2@halliburton.com)

#### Volunteer Judging at 2011 Science and Engineering Fair of Houston

Date, Time & Location: 8 April 2011, 8.30AM-5.30PM, George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A3, http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1985 Volunteer Judges are needed for the 2011 Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Judging will take place all day Friday April 8th. There are several timeslots and categories available. Science Fair judges must submit an application no later than March 31. If you're interested in volunteering as a science fair judge with SPE, please contact Reilly Bliton at (reilly.j.bliton@exxonmobil.com).

#### **Career Expo - Science and Engineering Fair of Houston**

Date, Time & Location: 9 April 2011, 9AM-2PM, George R. Brown Convention Center, Registration: http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1984 In celebration of the 2011 Engineering Fair of Houston, SEFH and Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) will hold the first annual SEFH-CEA Science & Energy Career Expo on April 9, 2011. The Expo will give Houston-area companies and organizations the opportunity to meet and engage the student participants and judges of the 2011 Science Engineering Fair of Houston, as well as teachers, friends and family of the students. Exhibitors will represent companies and organizations from the Houston-area involved in science, medicine, engineering, transportation and energy.

SPE volunteers are needed to engage the student participants, help with simple petroleum engineering demonstrations, and answer any questions the guests may have. For questions or inquiries, please contact Reilly Bliton at (reilly.j.bliton@exxonmobil.com).

#### Good Wine, Great Conversations: A Women's Wine Tasting Social

Date, Time, Location: 13 April 2011, 6PM-8PM, Block 7 Wine Company, 720 Shepherd Dr, Houston, http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1989 Join SPE-Young Professionals at Block 7 Wine Company on Wednesday, April 13th for an evening of networking with fellow female YPs in the energy industry. This informal event provides an opportunity for female SPE-YPs to network with each other and with senior level female leaders who will be discussing their careers and experiences in the energy industry. We encourage SPE members to bring a nonmember in order to introduce more females to the SPE-YP experience. We hope to see you there for an evening of wine, food, and great conversations. For questions or inquiries, please contact Paige Campbell (Paige.Campbell@shell.com)

#### BOEMRE reforms, regulations, and the ongoing reorganization

#### Michael R. Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Date, Time & Location: 2 May 2011, 7.30AM-10AM, Houston Hyatt- Downtown, Registration: http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1983 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) reforms, regulations, and the ongoing reorganization as well as how things have changed since April 20th 2010. For questions or inquiries, please contact Stephen Ingram (stephen.ingram2@halliburton.com)

#### Volunteer to make an impact at OTC 2011 !

Date, Time & Location: 4 May 2011, 9AM-12PM, Reliant Park, Houston Registration: http://www.spegcs.org/en/cev/1967 The SPE Gulf Coast Section Young Professionals invites you to join us as we guide high school students through the 2011 OTC exhibits. We will pair you with 10-15 students and 1 chaperone. This is an opportunity to share your experience in the oil and gas industry while making an impact in the lives of high school students. Complimentary conference badge and parking pass will be provided by OTC for your participation. Free admission to the conference! For questions or inquiries, please contact Ghislain Fai-Yengo at <u>GFai-yengo@slb.com</u>.

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#### Date, Time & Location: 2nd & 3rd June 2011, 8AM-5PM, WesternGeco, 10001 Richmond Ave, Houston TX 77042 USA

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