



SPE Ireland

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Minister McHugh to join SPE Global President at inaugural Irish Section event Massive demand sees event fully booked

The Inaugural lecture of the Irish Section of the SPE, will be addressed by the Global SPE President and the Minister of State at the Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources, Joe McHugh.

The event is taking place in the Westin Hotel in Dublin City Centre. The lecture which begins at 7pm will be preceded by a drinks reception from 6.15pm.

Also speaking at the event will be, Tony O'Reilly jnr, CEO of Providence Resources and Paul Markwell, VP of IHS.

Demand for the event has been extremely high and a waiting list is now in place for the fully booked out event. Admission on the evening is by ticket only.

The visit to Dublin will be one of the first official engagements for the newly appointed SPE President. During his stay in Ireland he will meet with Minister McHugh, address a function for SPE student members and visit the offices of Tullow Oil and Providence Resources.

The Inaugural event is being kindly sponsored by IHS. SPE Ireland are very grateful to them for their support.

Members who have booked but find themselves unable to attend are asked to inform us so we can re-allocate the seat to another person on the waiting list. With such high demand we would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

SPE Membership Trebles since launch

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Membership of the Irish Section of SPE now stands at 95 up from 30 at the time the Section was launched.

The boost to membership has been particularly strong at third level. An SPE group has already been formed in UCD and enquiries have been made in TCD and Queens University.

Growing membership is important, as it enables the region to hold more events and invite more speakers to these shores.

If you know of anyone who is already an SPE member, but not in the Irish section, or someone in the industry who is not a member of SPE, we would love to make our case to them. Email us at spe-ireland@spemail.org or join directly at www.spe.org/join

Chairman's Message

Dear SPE Ireland Member

Thank you for joining SPE Ireland Section. I am delighted that we have got an Irish Section off the ground and all of us on the Board are pleased with the take-up of membership. To have achieved such strong membership numbers in such a short space of time offers real hope for the development of a really vibrant SPE Section on the island of Ireland.

A membership organisation will only thrive if it offers value to its members. Value comes from providing a service which is relevant to you as practitioners. The aim of the SPE Ireland Board is to build an organisation which will help in enhancing careers in the oil industry by promoting networking and providing a forum for the exchange of technical ideas and information about the industry.

Initially, this is based on the Board identifying and promoting events which we believe will be of interest to members. We are putting together a schedule of formal and informal meetings. As time goes on, we hope that members will play a significant role in suggesting topics to be the focus of further meetings.

We are very pleased that our first major event has attracted the SPE Global President, Statoil's Helge Hove Haldorsen, as a speaker. I am also delighted that Minister of State McHugh will join us that evening. The quality of the speakers has already made clear that our first event will be a full house.

I would like to thank the members of the initial Board for their efforts in setting up the new Section. In the six months or so since the idea was first mooted, a huge amount of work has been done to deal with the parent SPE organisation, to build membership, to create a calendar of events and to deal with the boring but necessary behind-the-scenes details needed to create a sustainable system. A word of thanks is due too to those companies which have sponsored us during this initial phase: **Providence Resources, Tullow Oil and IHS**.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in 2015. I remind you that we want to hear your suggestions for ways in which we can together make SPE Ireland supportive as we move into what will be a very challenging period for the upstream oil and gas industry.

Jerry Gilbert

Chairman, SPE Ireland Section

SPE Distinguished Lecture Series 2015

The Distinguished Lecturer Series is an important element of SPE's work around the world. Distinguished Lectures offer members an opportunity to gain insights from experienced industry professionals in a range of key disciplines.

Ireland will host three lectures in the series in 2015.

The first of these will take place on 18th February 2015 at 6pm. The lecturer will be Dr. James Crofton a former Chief Reservoir Engineer at the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. He will deliver a lecture entitled "*US Shale Well Performance Metrics – We Shale Succeed.*"

The second lecture will take place on May 20th, with Terry Matthias speaking on the topic; "*Diamond – A Drillers Best Friend.*"

The final lecture of the year will be confirmed later in 2015.

The Distinguished Lecture Series is kindly sponsored and hosted by **Tullow Oil**, with lectures taking place in their state of the art facility at Leopardstown in Dublin.

For further information contact spe-ireland@spemail.org

2014 Review

2014 was a significant year for Irish SPE members as the Ireland Section of SPE was established. The initiative was instigated by Carlos Chalbaud (SPE Director – North Sea) who contacted members in the region in October 2013 to gauge interest in the establishment of such a section. After initial responses, he arranged to come to Dublin in March 2014 to meet with Irish members who wished to become involved. After a positive and enthusiastic meeting, the group decided to push forward and investigate the potential of an Ireland Section. At that juncture there were around 50 SPE members with Irish addresses who were attached mainly to the London and Aberdeen sections. A second meeting of this provisional Ireland Section board was held in June 2014 where it was decided that the proposed new section was viable.

Things happened very quickly thereafter. Having secured the prerequisite 25 members, the new section was formally established in August 2014. The new board came together in that month and elected Jeremy Gilbert as the first Chairman and went quickly about the task of growing membership (growing the membership to 90 members within the first 3 months) and planning some events; notably an informal "Meet the Board" event in Dublin which took place in November 2014 and the upcoming SPE Ireland Inaugural Event – **"Irish Offshore Exploration & Production: The Future is Now"** which will take place in Dublin on January 28th 2014. In addition to this activity, an SPE Student Chapter was established in UCD, with other 3rd level Student Chapters in the offing.

And, looking ahead, 2015 looks like being an equally active year, with two Distinguished Lecturer events organised for the first half of the year and more to come.

Jim Robinson

Secretary, SPE Ireland Section

Your SPE – How to get involved

The SPE Ireland region is very much a new entity. We have had a good start, but in order to succeed, we will need members to get involved.

Join the Committee – We will be holding our first AGM later in the year

Suggest an event – We are keen to get members ideas for events, seminars, workshops etc.

Sponsor an event or publication – SPE Ireland offers a great way of addressing the oil and gas industry in Ireland. We are happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities with your company.

Diary Dates

28/1 - Inaugural lecture

Westin Hotel – Sold Out

18/2 - Distinguished lecture

Tullow Oil, Leopardstown

20/5 Distinguished lecture

Tullow Oil, Leopardstown

Networking Events

Although less formal than other SPE events, the networking evenings are an important part of the calendar of activity for the year.

SPE Ireland held its first networking event in Doheny & Nesbitts, Dublin on November 13th, 2014.

Over 40 members attended the event, which was kindly sponsored by **Providience Resources**. Feedback on the evening was very positive.

We hope to announce details of our next informal networking event in the weeks ahead. We are also hoping to run an event in Cork if numbers allow.

Networking Event – Dublin, 13th November 2014



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Contact List

List of Committee Members and roles

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