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Russia's premier E&P event flags up new challenges

The varied and often unique technological challenges the Russian oil and gas industry faces as it explores and develops projects in both mature and frontier regions will be in the spotlight at the country's premier E&P technical event in 2010.

The sheer scale and rapid progress of Russia's oil and gas industry over the past decade has seen the country's output soar dramatically in recent years. This outstanding growth has been achieved through the use of innovative technologies, for example, in drilling and downhole applications. But the need to implement a new generation of technical advances remains as great as ever, especially as the Russian E&P industry is today tackling very different challenges set by its long-established activities in mature areas such as eastern Siberia on one hand, and its emerging frontier projects such as the giant Shtokman development in arctic waters on the other.

These myriad challenges will be the focus of the country's leading E&P technical event, 2010 SPE Russian Oil & Gas, which takes place in October next year in Moscow under the overall theme '*Best Practices and Innovations for Mature and Frontier Developments*'. The conference and exhibition will be the third in the series, following the previous highly-successful events in 2006 and 2008.

The two Co-Chairmen of the Conference Programme Committee are Mars Khasanov, Director for Science at Russian oil and gas major Rosneft, and Andrei Gladkov of ModelTech. In a joint statement they commented: "October 2010 will be the third time that oil and gas, and service companies, research institutes and industry schools will meet in Moscow for the SPE's biennial event to share their experiences and professionally debate the operational and strategic agenda that is invaluable to the oil and gas industry in Russia and the Caspian countries as well as new regions, including the Arctic."

Innovative technologies and novel approaches to old problems

They added: "Presentations relating to the world's best practices will give you access to the most experienced practitioners in enhanced oil and gas field development. When discussing these innovative technologies, you will have a chance to witness novel approaches to old problems which, in turn, will facilitate project success in severe environments."

The SPE Russian Oil and Gas conference will feature plenary, technical and poster sessions with simultaneous translation available, as well as other highlights including Topical Luncheons. There are six technical disciplines for which the Call for Papers closes on 4th February 2010. These cover subject areas including Health, Safety & Environment; Geology and Geophysics; Reservoir Evaluation and Engineering; Well Construction; Facilities, Construction and Projects; and Production Operations. The Co-Chairmen highlighted HSE in particular as being "in our view, most relevant for Russia", while also saying that of particular importance will be presentations related to remote locations, arctic regions and developments at the frontier of technology.

The adjoining exhibition, meanwhile, will see hundreds of technological displays and solutions on show and available from both Russian and international companies. The conference and exhibition will be held in New Pavillion 75 at the VVC venue in Moscow, and is organised by a partnership between Reed Exhibitions Ltd. and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE).

Attendees from more than 50 countries attended SPE Russian Oil and Gas in 2008, with the official total attendance put at nearly 3,400 for the three day event. The total number of exhibiting companies was 110 and included TNK-BP, Schlumberger, StatoilHydro, Ritek, Tatneft, Halliburton and Weatherford.

With the quality and quantity of its programme unrivalled, it is the definitive technical conference for the Russian E&P market, with the last show featuring more than 20 plenary and technical sessions and 168 papers presented from an astonishing 689 original submissions. The SPE Russian Oil & Gas Technical Conference & Exhibition has developed a reputation for delivering participants and topics of the highest quality.

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Notes for Editors

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