



NEWS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED – JUNE 2017

Summary of news items published by the Oil & Gas Division over the last few months. Click on the link to take you to the website for the full article.

- **OIL & GAS DIVISION UPDATE, JUNE 2017**

12 June 2017

The Oil and Gas Division has recently refreshed the Division 5 year plan to 2022 and agreed two priorities to 2019, namely: sustaining existing successful activities and increasing the retention of younger members while continuing to attract new members.

Currently around 7% of student members continue their Institute membership once they move into employment. Despite this level of retention being commensurate with other Institutes there is clearly significant scope for improvement.

Actions that the Division is taking in support of the priorities to 2019 include the following:-

- Working with the Institute and other Divisions to develop and implement a mentoring programme.
- Increasing the visibility and value of professional qualifications – a presentation pack is available for any members who would like to use it.
- Encouraging and supporting applicants for all grades of membership.
- Increasing available educational material – new material covering aqueous corrosion and corrosion control methods has recently been uploaded to the Division microsite
- Building activities in the London Area in line with those already available in Scotland – the Board membership is now evenly split between Aberdeen and London, with the new London based members putting in place a programme of seminars aligned with the seminars that will be run at Scottish Universities and Conferences this year. In addition a one day seminar on the obligations and opportunities presented by decommissioning on the UKCS will be held at the Institute London office on the 12th October. This seminar will feature senior Industry leaders exploring this £50+ billion activity with a particular focus on the opportunities such as the recycling of removed platforms.

In the UK oil and gas production continues to increase with a number of Industry leading offshore oil and gas developments ongoing.

In May BP brought on line the world's largest harsh water FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel), the Glen Lyon, and is currently ramping up production to 130,000 bbl/day. The intent is to produce 450 to 600 million barrels of oil over the next 20 plus years from the estimated 2.1 billion barrels in the Schiehallion area west of Shetland. All the production is from subsea wells via the largest subsea infrastructure in the world. The scale of this project and the technology being deployed illustrate the capability of the UK Oil and Gas industry and the efforts ongoing to maximise recovery of domestic oil and gas.

- **INPUT TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS**

9 Jun 2017

The Mining Institute of Scotland submitted a response to the consultation.

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- **CORROSION SLIDEPACKS ADDED TO INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC AND STUDENTS**

26 May 2017

Slidepacks on aqueous corrosion and corrosion control methods have been added.

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- **THE RISE OF COMMERCIAL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE GEOPHYSICAL SECTOR OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY**

23 May 2017

This document is a review of the potential for using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in geophysical and survey operations within the exploration sector.

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- **HIDDEN RICHES, A CELEBRATION OF THE MINING INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND**

23 May 2017

The Mining Institute of Scotland (MIS) published its official history Hidden Riches, a Celebration of the Mining Institute of Scotland, in 2014 and it is now available to purchase on Amazon

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- **THE OGA AWARDS £1.5 MILLION CONTRACTS FOR SUBSURFACE DATABASES**

1 May 2017

The Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) has awarded £1.5 million of contracts to purchase comprehensive subsurface databases and information sources to encourage further exploration in under explored areas of the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS).

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- **TIGHT GAS HACKATHON**

28 Apr 2017

EEEEGR, with the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA), will host its second hackathon event in Norwich, bringing operators and the supply chain together to focus on cost efficiencies and technological solutions applicable to the Southern North Sea's (SNS) tight gas market.

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- **OIL & GAS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CALLS FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL IDEAS**

27 Apr 2017

On 1 May, the Oil & Gas Technology Centre will launch its first 'Call for Ideas' inviting innovative technology concepts and ideas to transform the way that offshore hydrocarbon wells are plugged and abandoned, and will invest c.£1 million to fund a portfolio of projects that result from the call.

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