

## Oil & Gas Division e-News January 2016

A Happy New Year to you from your Oil & Gas Division Board. As 2016 unfolds, the uncertainty created by the current oil & gas industry downturn on the back of a sustained low oil price is unprecedented and quite frankly none of us know how it will play out. What is certain is that in times like these continued Membership of IOM3 presents opportunities to strengthen your CV, expand your professional network and participate in CPD activities, usually without charge, whilst many employers are cutting back.

Despite what was happening in the wider industry, 2015 was another busy year for the Board with some notable highlights:

- Published **on-line educational packs**: “Introduction to oil and gas drilling and well operations” and “Introduction to oil and gas well servicing”. The objective to provide the public with factual information on oil and gas production with the intention to add further packs in future and build a credible resource.  
[http://www.iom3.org/sites/default/files/iom3\\_introduction\\_to\\_oil\\_gas\\_drilling\\_and\\_well\\_operations.pdf](http://www.iom3.org/sites/default/files/iom3_introduction_to_oil_gas_drilling_and_well_operations.pdf)
- Formed a working group with IMechE to produce a joint paper on **Shale Gas Well Integrity**. The first draft was reviewed at a workshop held in November and a seminar is planned in Aberdeen for April 2016 to promote a wider rollout.
- Welcomed two **new London based Board members**: Andrew Sturgeon and Melissa Walker, and hosted the first Aberdeen/London Board meeting by VC. The intention is to shift from an Aberdeen centred Division to one that can better represent the wider membership.

Meanwhile upcoming events include:

MIS Technical talk in Aberdeen on 13th January is on the **Brent Decommissioning project**, a timely topic that demonstrates that despite the downturn there are still huge technical challenges and opportunities as the UK industry looks at how to abandon the massive infrastructure in place. <http://www.iom3.org/oil-gas-division/event/brent-decommissioning-project>

Joint MinSouth /BTS Lecture at The Institute of Civil Engineers in London on 18th February on the **History of the Davy Lamp** (complimenting the beautiful collection of these iconic lamps in the foyer of the new IOM3 HQ in 297 Euston Road).  
<http://www.vmine.net/minsouth/indexnew1.asp>

Finally, look out for the Oil & Gas Division member survey which will be coming out soon. To promote the IOM3 move to 297 Euston Road, the Oil & Gas Division would like to hold a one day workshop at the new facilities. So rather than just repeat previous member surveys, please help us plan the sort of workshop that you would be interested in by taking a few minutes respond to the survey when it comes.

As always, I would encourage you to check <http://www.iom3.org/oil-and-gas-division> for a much wider event listing and make sure your personal account and alerts are up-to-date.

Hope to see or hear from you in 2016

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