

Society of Petroleum Engineers



16th Middle East Oil & Gas Show and Conference

Conference: 15 – 18 March 2009
Exhibition: 16 – 18 March 2009
Bahrain International Exhibition Centre

Show Report

The 16th Society of Petroleum Engineers Middle East Oil & Gas Show and Conference (MEOS 2009) successfully concluded having attracted a total of 6,329 trade visitors and conference delegates from around the world.

The 14,000 square metre event covered all areas of the oil and gas industry, including exploration and production, on-shore and offshore technology, transportation, geophysics, drilling and completion, measurement systems, automation and information technology, refining and petrochemicals, security and environmental protection and specialised education.

Group pavilions from Italy, North America and the UK participated at MEOS 2009, contributing to a total of 290 exhibiting companies from 32 countries.

91% of exhibitors surveyed concluded that they were satisfied with visitors to the exhibition, a figure which is reflected in the number of bookings already received for the next edition of MEOS scheduled to take from 14 to 16 March 2011 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.

“A great mix of delegates from across the GCC region. The most operators I've met at one show.”

*Rik Dawson
Advanced Sensors*

“I participated in MEOS 2009 for the first time and was pleased with the good organisation and help from all the teams who worked on this great project.”

*Ashraf El-Abel
Grainger*

Strong Gulf-wide Support

In a display of strong support for the exhibition, flagship stands were taken by GCC national oil companies including Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), Qatar Petroleum (QP) and the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco). They were joined by major international technology suppliers and operators such as Baker Hughes, ExxonMobil, Halliburton, Schlumberger and Weatherford amongst others in addition to smaller specialist suppliers and distributors.

His Excellency Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Advisor to His Highness the Prime Minister of Bahrain for Industrial and Oil Affairs, performed the official exhibition opening ceremony accompanied by an entourage of ruling family members, ministers, diplomats, and senior international industry leaders, during which he recognised the importance of MEOS in helping to disseminate experience, innovation and technology from the world over.

The Society of Petroleum Engineers Conference

The high level technical conference organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers which ran parallel to the exhibition serves as a major highlight of the MEOS series.

Keynote presentations on the conference theme *People, Demand, Technology – Bridging the Gaps* were presented by senior figures in the oil industry at the conference opening session on 15 March 2009.

“MEOS is yet another great opportunity to interact with regional and international companies, as well as enriching public relations with other exhibitors.”

**Taha Bem Hashim
ADNOC Group**

“We are extremely pleased with the attendance at the show, and we have had an excellent response from visitors to our stand. We are very impressed by the quality of the show; it has been a very worthwhile event for us.”

**Bryan Earl
John Mills Valves**

“Unexpected opportunities realised at MEOS 2009!”

**Maarten J Brolsma
PanTerra
Geoconsultants**

Following addresses by Bahrain's Minister of Oil & Gas Affairs and Chairman of the National Oil & Gas Authority His Excellency Dr. Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza and the 2009 Society of Petroleum Engineers President Leo Roodhart, the speakers included:

- Amin Nasser
Senior VP Exploration and Producing, Saudi Aramco
- Andrew Gould
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Schlumberger
- Bernard J. Duroc-Danner
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Weatherford International Ltd
- Neil Duffin
President, ExxonMobil Development Company
- Ray R. Irani
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Occidental Petroleum Corporation
- Sami F. Al-Rushaid
Chairman and Managing Director, Kuwait Oil Company

The Conference Programme Committee produced a technical programme of 145 paper and poster sessions. These were delivered over 31 sessions related to reservoir management, modelling and characterisation; field development; drilling and workover technologies; advanced production technologies; smart wells and fields; gas technology; exploration and appraisal; data management, HR and HSE.

Women's Workshop

Other highlights during the course of the conference included a one day workshop on 15 March entitled *Equal Opportunities in a Collaborative Environment - Let's Make it a Reality*. Organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and hosted by Bapco with the support of key regional and international E&P players, it focused on current issues facing female professionals, and how to capitalise on women as a major human resource to support the developments of the energy sector.

The Future Outlook of the Energy Industry

In a follow up to the conference opening session, a second executive speaker session also took place on 16 March. Topically entitled the *Industry Outlook in Light of World Economic Situation*, it examined the views of national oil companies, international oil companies and service companies on the impact of the large increase and following sharp decrease in oil prices over the last 12 months, in addition to the outlook for the next year. Speakers included:

- Ali Aissaoui
Head of Economics & Research, APICORP
- Farouk H. Al Zanki
Chairman and Managing Director, KNPC
- John Mills
Executive Vice President Middle East, North Africa & South Asia, Shell
- Laurent Maurel
Vice President Business Strategy, Total
- Rick Vierbuchen
Vice President Caspian & Middle East Region, ExxonMobil
- Tim Probert
Executive Vice President for Strategy & Corporate Development, Halliburton
- Vahan Zanoayan
Chief Executive Officer, 1st Energy Bank

~ A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ~

MEOS 2011

Conference: 13 - 16 March 2011

Exhibitor: 14 - 16 March 2011

Bahrain International Exhibition Centre

For the Record

MEOS' position at the forefront of the industry is reflected in the following 2009 exhibition and conference statistics.

Exhibition

Space occupied	14,000 square metres	
Number of exhibiting companies	290	
Number of exhibiting countries	32	<i>Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, UAE, UK and USA</i>
Group pavilions	Italy, North America, UK	

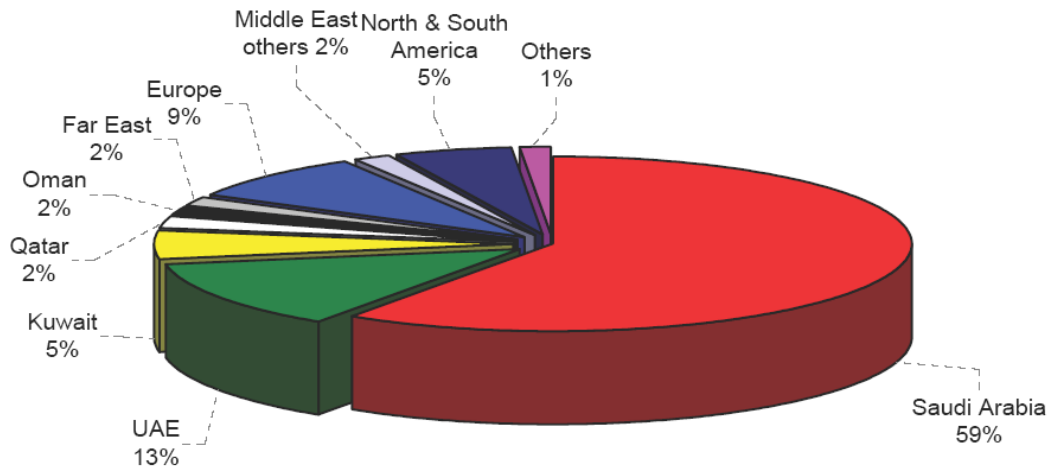
Attendance

Conference delegates	1,039
Exhibition visitors	5,290
Total	6,329

Attendance Analysis by Country

Bahrain	3,020	<i>Including international companies based in Bahrain</i>
Saudi Arabia	1,967	
UAE	426	
Kuwait	172	
Qatar	75	
Oman	51	
Europe	284	<i>Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, UK</i>
North & South America	179	<i>Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, USA, US Minor Outlying Islands, Venezuela</i>
Middle East others	53	<i>Afghanistan, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Yemen</i>
Far East	60	<i>China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand</i>
Others	42	<i>Australia, Ghana, India, Pakistan, Tuvalu,</i>
Total	6,329	

Attendance Analysis by Overseas Countries



This professional only attendance comprised of: petroleum engineers and managers; reservoir pipeline, process, mechanical, electrical and civil engineers; refinery managers; geologists and geophysicists; marine, rig, drilling rig and supply vessel managers and operators.



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