



Oil & Gas Geoscience Professionals Invited to Attend IAGC's 47th Annual Conference

Conference features a stellar lineup of exploration executives

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IAGC Annual Conference features key leaders in oil and gas exploration.

Houston, TX, US, Feb. 15, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Houston, Texas** – February 12, 2018 – The International Association of Geophysical Contractor's (IAGC) 47th Annual Conference will feature top executives and experts in the oil and gas exploration industry. This year's sessions focus on the conference theme "Leadership in Innovation. Insight for Energy" and will explore the geophysical industry's role within the larger energy sector in safely and responsibly meeting the world's energy demand.

The conference will feature a provocative and informative discussion by top exploration

executives. Stephen Greenlee (President, ExxonMobil Exploration), Robert “Bobby” Ryan (Vice President, Global Exploration Chevron Upstream), Erik Finnstrom (Senior Vice President Exploration Excellence, Statoil), Ron Neal (Co-Founder & Co-Owner, Houston Energy), Neil Piggott (Vice President of Exploration Global Strategy, Hess Corporation), Joseba Murillas (Executive Director of Global Exploration, Repsol), and Maurice Nessim (President, WesternGeco) and Nikki Martin (President, IAGC) as moderators will discuss key issues and challenges facing the oil and gas exploration sector and how to better use the opportunities.

A second panel featuring Deborah Byers (Americas Industry Leader & US Energy Leader, Ernst & Young), Gordon Ballard (Executive Director, International Association of Oil & Gas Producers – IOGP) and Dr. Scott Tinker (Director, Bureau of Economic Geology, UT Austin) will explore whether the oil and gas industry has an “identity crisis” and its role in better informing the public about the importance of oil and gas in our everyday lives.

Attendees will also hear several individual presentations, including Stephen Greenlee as the conference keynote speaker, as he talks about sustaining the exploration industry. President Commissioner of Mexico’s National Hydrocarbons Commission Juan Carlos Zepeda Molina will provide insights into the current energy landscape of Mexico and an outlook for the country’s onshore and offshore exploration activities. Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, U.S. Department of the Interior will discuss the geophysical industry’s role in the nation’s energy strategy.

“The IAGC represents all segments of the geophysical industry essential to discovering and delivering the world’s energy resources,” said Nikki Martin, president of the IAGC. “This year we have one of our most impressive lineup of speakers, and this conference is geared toward providing stimulating dialog that gets industry professionals and the entire geophysical industry thinking about how to effectively enhance public understanding about our industry, and creating viable solutions to support a strong, viable geophysical industry for generations to come.”

Registration is now open for the IAGC’s 47th Annual Conference, and geosciences professionals are invited and encouraged to attend. The conference will be held February 20, 2018 at the WesternGeco Schlumberger facilities, 10001 Richmond Avenue in Houston, Texas. The cost per attendee is \$150 for members and \$200 for nonmembers. The event will include breakfast, lunch and a networking reception. To register, click [HERE](#). Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. For sponsorship opportunities, click [HERE](#).

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About the IAGC

The IAGC represents more than 110 member companies worldwide from all segments of the geophysical industry, and is the only trade organization solely dedicated to representing the

industry. It is the leader in geophysical technical and operations expertise. For more than 45 years, the IAGC has worked to optimize the business and regulatory climate, and enhances public understanding to support a strong, viable geophysical industry essential to discovering and delivering the world's energy resources.

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