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Get the scoop on the program, speakers, events at OTC

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In terms of keynote speakers, OTC 2019 will have an opening general session on Monday morning, May 6. Industry executives will explore how companies are preparing for the brave new world of digitalization, automation, and machine learning.

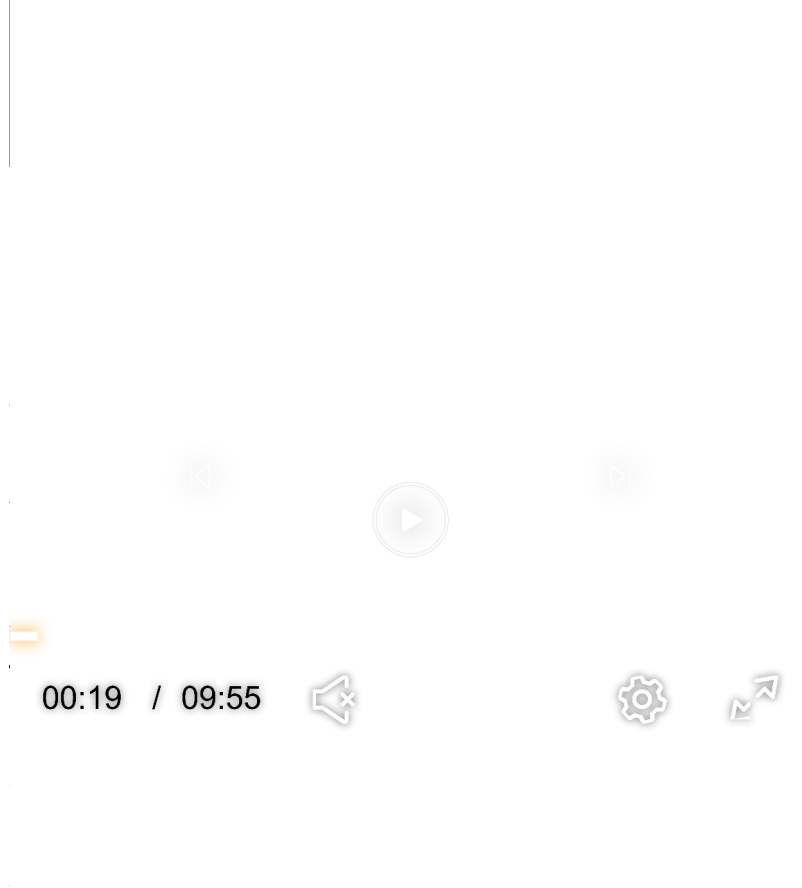
When it comes to programs, speakers and events, during the Offshore

Technology Conference (OTC) this year, during the 50th anniversary, there will be many exciting and anticipated technical papers, keynote speakers, and opportunities to mix and mingle.

"First and foremost is the **OTC Golden Anniversary Gala Dinner** that will recognize the OTC Distinguished Achievement Award recipients, raises funds for a worthy cause — Spindletop Charities — and provides global networking. The conference will recognize

Carlos Mastrangelo for individual achievement, ExxonMobil-operated Hebron Offshore Project for institutional achievement, and in coordination with ASME and other engineering societies, the Hoover Medal will be given to David Baldwin, co-president of SCF Partners, during the OTC Gala Dinner," said Wafik Beydoun, chairman, OTC Board of Directors.

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Years of Offshore

Companies are preparing for the fine learning. Speakers will be from the Bureau of Economic Geology, BP America, Equinor, and Web Services.

A new program called the "Around the World" will be representing the United States, Canada, Ghana, and Guyana.

Speakers are listed in the OTC schedule,

"There will be updates on world-class projects: Presenters will discuss overcoming challenges and developing innovative solutions on the Libra EWT Project, Aasta Hansteen Project, and the Big Foot Project," Beydoun said.

"Advancements in **marine renewables** have impacted the offshore sector on a global scale. In response, OTC has expanded its program content and offers technical sessions on wind, hydrokinetic, and gas hydrate opportunities," Beydoun said.

Advances in offshore marine and hydrokinetic energy: The development of marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) energy will help meet local power demands and reduce the

levelized cost of energy for coastal communities. In addition to applying lessons learned and standards developed in the offshore oil and gas industry, new tools and technologies are being developed to make MHK energy cost competitive and ensure its place in the worldwide power generation fleet.

Women in the Industry Sharing Experiences (WISE): Diversity Drives Innovation.

Different perspectives and experiences are an untapped resource for global competitiveness in the industry. Diversity, inclusion and innovation work hand-in-hand to bring the best perspectives for the energy industry.

“Strategies for the future: OTC's 50th anniversary will set the stage for the next 50 years of the energy sector. Floating wind turbines are the next frontier in renewable energy – from TLP to Spar to Hybrid. Robotic technology, smart materials, artificial intelligence, and machine learning will also be discussed. As well as the **future of the drilling rig and next generation deepwater development concepts,**” Beydoun said.

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