

Kenneth Arnold Appointed SPE Vice President Finance



Kenneth Arnold, founder and President of K Arnold Consulting, has been appointed SPE Vice President Finance. At the end of the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE), Behrooz Fattahi became SPE President-Elect and vacated his position as SPE Vice President Finance. Arnold, who has also served on the Board as SPE's first Technical Director of Projects, Facilities and Construction, was appointed to fill the remaining portion of Fattahi's Vice President Finance term, beginning at ATCE.

SPE Section Scholarships Continue to Grow

SPE sections' scholarship support continues to increase in total funds. As of June 2008, total funds were just under USD 1,000,000 worldwide. Total funds were distributed in four categories: USD 862,397 for individual scholarships; USD 33,368 for student travel support; USD 8,199 for books, software, and publications; and USD 78,805 for educational outreach such as supporting teacher education, science fair sponsorships, and Engineering Week events.

This reflects a 3% increase over 2007 total funding with increases in both individual scholarships and educational outreach categories over previous years. The top 10 sections in total scholarship funding during 2007–08 are Gulf Coast (USD 162,000), Permian Basin (USD 66,000), Canadian (USD 50,000), Denver (USD 50,000), Mid-Continent (USD 42,000), Aberdeen (USD 30,000), Oklahoma City (USD 26,000), Alaska (USD 25,000), Evangeline (USD 23,000), and Balcones (USD 21,750).

These top 10 sections alone account for almost USD 500,000 in scholarship funding. There also was an increase in requests from new sections for start-up funding to establish programs during the 2008–09 academic term.



During a training visit contracted by Repsol YPF, S.M. Farouq Ali was invited by the SPE Golfo San Jorge Section to talk to SPE members and guests about the oil and gas industry at the GES offices in Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina. From left to right: Euver Naranjo, SPE Golfo San Jorge Section Program Chairperson; Lilibeth Perdomo, YPF; Tito Acosta, YPF; Ali; Sergio Giacomel, SPE Golfo San Jorge Section Young Professional Liaison; and Diego Sabatini, SPE Golfo San Jorge Section/Student Chapter Liaison.

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Trinidad and Tobago Section Hosts Annual Banquet



The SPE Trinidad and Tobago Section held its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on 28 July 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Approximately 200 industry professionals from all disciplines attended the function, including top executives of major oil and gas companies.

With the theme of the function "Celebrating 100 Years of Commercial Oil Production," Krishna Persad delivered the feature address, which included an overview of the last 100 years of commercial oil production in Trinidad and Tobago. He also discussed his views of the next 100 years and the role of the petroleum engineer in the coming years.

Nigel Sookdeo, outgoing chairperson of the SPE Trinidad and Tobago Board of Directors, gave an overview of the section's achievements and key local and international energy industry highlights over the last term. Members of the outgoing board of directors were thanked for their dedication and hard work throughout the year, and the incoming board members were formally introduced.

At the SPE Trinidad and Tobago Section's Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Krishna Persad delivers the feature address.

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As SPE President, my particular message to the young is that the world is *not* running out of oil. There is plenty for the next 100 years, but it is increasingly difficult to extract and we will need the best and brightest minds to do that. Now *there's* a technology challenge that should appeal to young people!

So in the coming year, please spend a few moments to share your views on issues arising from my visits—and if you can offer any solutions to challenges presented, so much the better. There will inevitably be regions and sections that I don't have the privilege to visit and I am eager to hear from those members, too. So if you have anything you would like to discuss about SPE, any best practices you would like to share, any suggestions you might have about how to make your SPE more meaningful and relevant to you and your needs, please log on to the President's Forum at www.spe.org and start typing!

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