

OTC Distinguished Achievement Awards

By Offshore Technology Conference

“Prestigious awards, such as the ones given by the Offshore Technology Conference, are very important because they spotlight exemplary achievements and the outstanding individuals who accomplished them. Truly great deeds are never done for awards; truly great results come to pass when individuals or teams with strong determination and extreme dedication, bordering on stubbornness, find ways to successfully solve significant and tough problems. Such hard work is sometimes recognized and then highlighted by an award, while many equally or even more remarkable candidates remain in the dark. Looking over the list of OTC’s awardees, it is abundantly clear that the Offshore Technology Conference has an outstanding track record to uncover and honor highly deserving individuals and projects. We all can look forward to another 50 years of glorious achievements being introduced at Offshore Technology Conferences and recognized through its awards.”

—**Wolfgang E. Schollnberger**

“Every one of the OTC awards, whether for an individual or an organization, recognizes something outstanding that has advanced the ability to explore for, develop, produce or transport oil and gas offshore. I’ve been close to the people and projects that earned recognition for my company, Conoco. Buck Curtis, who was honored in 1987, led the engineering resource group that was primarily responsible not only for the industry’s first tension-leg platform but for other sound and often innovative projects as well. And I’m well-aware of many contributions by contractors and service companies that were essential for our work. I think of Heerema, whose giant derrick barges first made it possible to construct platforms in the winter in the North Sea. Chicago Bridge and Iron conceived, designed and installed the Khazzan underwater storage tanks offshore Dubai that were amazingly successful producing facilities. Brown and Root provided solid engineering and reliable construction equipment and services around the world. Norwegian Contractors built concrete platforms that were instrumental in developing several of the large North Sea fields. And there are many others among those recognized that played important roles in our projects.

I note that Shell was recognized several times, either in general or for specific projects. They richly deserve it. I don’t know if it was a factor in any of their awards, but Shell drilled exploratory wells in the northern North Sea for a year, at least—including in the winter months—before the rest of the industry and before we had the weather forecasting services we now enjoy. Everyone involved in the offshore industry has benefited from the contributions made by the awardees.”

—**Dennis Gregg**

“The two OTC awards that TOTAL received in 2003 and 2013 marked the crowning pinnacle of our achievements for two of the most complex, demanding, but also deeply satisfying projects in the Group’s history. These much-appreciated accolades are veritable industry Oscars. Recognition from the panel was kudos to the quality of our teams and the pioneering work that they, in collaboration with our key contractors and host partner Sonangol, put into these landmark projects. Recognition with an OTC Award for both Pazflor and Girassol was the icing on the cake. It is an industry acknowledged benchmark and was a concrete testament that we had delivered something truly out of the ordinary.”

— **TOTAL**



The 2015 OTC Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations and Institutions went to Petrobras.

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The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) recognizes major technological, humanitarian, safety, environmental, and leadership contributions to the industry each year. In recognition of peer-nominated truly outstanding accomplishments or achievements, the OTC Board honors an individual and an organization as recipients of the prestigious OTC Distinguished Achievement Award. In some years, OTC also awards a Special Citation or Heritage Award to recognize other notable activities or developments that benefit the offshore energy industry.

The Distinguished Achievement Award for Individuals

This award recognizes the accomplishments of an individual or individuals in the field of offshore technology. To be eligible for nomination and consideration by the awards committee, an individual shall have made significant achievement in, or contributions to, any field of offshore technology. Examples include, but are not limited to: (1) contributions to the knowledge and literature of offshore technology; (2) the design or invention of equipment, tools, or technical services; (3) humanitarian, safety or environmental efforts; (4) outstanding leadership; or (5) outstanding service to governments, companies, and organizations. Nominees for the OTC Distinguished Achievement Award should have achieved recognition in the global offshore community.

The Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations, and Institutions

This award recognizes the accomplishments of a company, organization, or institution in the field of offshore technolo-

gy. To be eligible for nomination and consideration by the Awards Committee, a company, organization, or institution shall have made a distinguished achievement in, or contribution to, any field of offshore technology. Examples include, but are not limited to, the application of concepts; the design, development, and construction of tools, equipment, techniques, vessels, or instrumentation; contributions to areas of safety, environmental efforts; or engineering or scientific knowledge which has contributed to the development of offshore resources. The nominees for the Distinguished Achievement Award should have achieved recognition in the global offshore community.

Special Citation

A Special Citation may be granted by the Awards Committee to show appreciation or to recognize individuals or organizations in the field of offshore technology. There is no formal set of criteria. The Special Citation award is given at the Awards Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the OTC Board of Directors.

Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is a type of special citation designed to recognize long-term, continuous, distinguished service by an individual in one or more of the following areas of offshore technology: exploration; development and production; management and leadership; safety and environmental stewardship; and research and development. The Heritage Award was first given in 1997 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of offshore E&P. This award is given at the OTC Awards Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the OTC Board of Directors.

Spotlight on New Technology® Award Program

Through hard work, creativity and “out-of-the-box” thinking, extraordinary new technologies have been developed to find and produce offshore energy sources. The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) recognizes these forward thinking solutions with the Spotlight on New Technology® award. Initiated by the OTC Board of Directors in 2004, the Spotlight on New Technology® award gives exhibiting companies an opportunity to present their newest and most advanced technologies to more than 60,000 industry leaders. All current OTC event exhibitors are eligible to participate in the program that recognizes the forward thinking solutions to the industry. Technologies to be considered for the program must meet five general criteria—new, innovative, proven, broad interest, and significant impact. Both hardware and software technologies are applicable. Applications are reviewed and evaluated by experts in the appropriate fields of technology. A committee made up of representatives from the OTC Board will judge the applications and determine the award recipients. In support and recognition of innovative technologies being developed by small businesses (less than 300 employees), OTC has created a new Spotlight on New Technology® Small Business Award. Up to two companies may receive this prestigious award each year. These winners will receive the same benefits as the oth-

er Spotlight on New Technology® award winners, but with the added recognition as a “Small Business Award” winner.



Paul Jones, OTC Board Director, congratulates Baker Hughes, a GE company, after winning a Spotlight on New Technology® Award at OTC 2018.
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OTC PROGRAM CHAIRS, BOARD CHAIRS AND DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

OTC PROGRAM CHAIRS

2018 David Barton
2017 Charles Knobloch
2016 Darrel Harvey
2015 Dan McConnell
2014 Doreen Chin
2013 Gamal Hassan
2012 J.M. "Joe" Reilly
2011 Dan Smith
2010 Sandeep Khurana
2009 Tom Gee
2008 Dan Orange
2007 Pierre-Alain Delaittre
2006 Tom Kelly

2005 Carolyn Ritchie
2004 William (Skipper) Strong
2003 Jerry Streeter
2002 Edward G. Stokes
2001 Nina Rach
2000 Mike Williams
1999 Bill Luyties
1998 William Kazokas
1997 Arnis Judzis
1996 Rick Hill
1995 Stewart Adamson
1994 Wolfgang E. Schollnberger
1993 Bruce Ahrendsen

1992 Steve Leverette
1991 Cornelius Langewis
1990 William Kazokas
1989 Joe Key
1988 Al Williams
1987 J Kim Vandiver
1986 Pat Rickey
1985 Leroy Williams
1984 Brian Watt
1983 Don Wells
1982 Jim Dailey
1981 Dan Godfrey
1980 Jere Noerager

1979 Marcus E. Milling
1978 William Nicholson
1977 Wayne Ingram
1976 Wilfred McLeod
1975 Claude R. Nielon
1974 James Klotz
1973 Ross Kastor
1972 A.E. Woelfel
1971 Harold S. Field
1970 John O. Hills
1969 Richard F. Nelson

OTC BOARD CHAIRS

2018-2019 Wafik Beydoun
2016-2017 Joe Fowler
2014-2015 Edward G. Stokes
2012-2013 Stephen Balint
2010-2011 Susan Cunningham
2008-2009 Don Vardeman
2006-2007 Arnis Judzis
2004-2005 Rod Allen

2002-2003 Charles A. Richards
2000-2001 Wolfgang E. Schollnberger
1998-1999 Gordon H. Sterling
1996-1997 Roger L. Abel
1994-1995 Stephen M. Cassiani
1992-1993 Dennis E. Gregg
1990-1991 Daniel G. Godfrey
1988-1989 T. Don Stacy

1986-1987 James E. Dailey
1984-1985 Donald G. Russell
1983 Conrad G. Welling
1982 James A. Rickard
1981 William duBarry Thomas
1980 Wayne B. Ingram
1979 Ralph B. Ross
1978 M. Scott Kraemer
1977 Wilber W. Kirk

1976 A. E. Woelfel
1975 Robert H. McLemore
1974 Blakely Smith
1973 J.R. Jackson, Jr.
1972 H.A. Nedom
1971 M.L. Rizzone
1970 Thomas C. Kavanagh
1969 Wayne E. Glenn

OTC DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INDIVIDUALS

2018 Brian Skeels
2017 John Bomba
2016 Don Vardeman
2015 Elmer (Don) Danenberger III
2014 Carl Arne Carlsen
2013 Kenneth (Ken) E. Arnold
2012 Joe Burkhardt
2011 Dr. Curtis (Cort) Cooper
2010 Hugh Elkins
2009 Peter G. Noble, ConocoPhillips
2008 James (Jim) Ray
2007 Marcos I. Assayag, Petrobras
2006 Peter Marshall, Retired, Shell Oil Co.
2005 Professor J. Kim Vandiver, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2004 F. Richard (Dick) Frisbie, Oceanneering International Inc.

2003 Albert W. Bally, Professor Emeritus, Rice University, Houston
2002 Bruce G. Collipp, Retired, Shell Oil Co.
2001 Howard L. Shatto, Consultant, Retired Shell Oil Company
2000 William S. French, Consultant; Retired, PGS
1999 Jay P. Simpson, O'Brien-Goins-Simpson, Inc. (OGS)
1998 W. P. Rickey, Retired, Exxon Production Research Company
1997 Edward E. Horton, President, Deep Oil Technology, Inc.
1996 Carl G. Langner, Senior Staff Research Engineer, Shell E&P Technology Company
1995 Jay B. Weidler, Senior Vice President, Brown & Root, Inc.

1994 Bramlette McClelland, Consulting Engineer, Founder, McClelland Engineers, Inc.
1993 F.P. Dunn, Shell Oil Co.
1992 Milo M. Backus, University of Texas at Austin
1991 Henri G. Delauze, Comex and Henri G. Delauze, Comex
1990 Herbert Allen, Cameron Iron Works
1989 Bengt M. Johansson, CANMAR
1988 William H. Silcox, Chevron Research Co.
1987 Lawrence B. Curtis, Conoco, Inc.
1986 W. Harry Mayne, Geosource, Inc.
1985 Hudson Matlock, Earth Technology Corp; Lymon C. Reese, University of Texas
1984 Ronald L. Geer, Shell Oil Co.
1983 Peter R. Vail, Exxon Production Research
1982 Fritz Huntsinger, Sr., Vetco Offshore, Inc.

1981 Lyle S. St. Amant, Louisiana Commission on Coastal and Marine Resources
1980 R. Curtis Crooke, Global Marine
1979 George M. Pavey, Jr., Seismic Engineering Co.
1978 Christian J. Lambertsen, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Environmental Medicine
1977 Alden J. Laborde, Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co.
1976 Arthur Lubinski, Amoco Production Co.
1975 Hollis Dow Hedberg, Gulf Oil Corp.
1974 William Maurice Ewing, Marine Biomedical Institute, UT Medical Branch
1973 Thomas D. Barrow, Exxon Corp.
1972 Jerome L. Goldman, Friede & Goldman, Inc.
1971 Julius A. Stratton, Ford Foundation

OTC DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR COMPANIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INSTITUTIONS

2018 Shell and SBM Offshore - Stones Field
2017 LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC
2016 The Marine Technology Society Dynamic Positioning Committee
2015 Petrobras - Pre-Salt Development
2014 BP - Clair Ridge Development
2013 Total - Pazflor
2012 Shell - Perdido
2011 BP Norway - Life of Field
2010 Anadarko Petroleum and Enterprise Field Services
2009 Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd. - Sakhalin II Phase 2
2008 StatoilHydro - Ormen Lange

2007 Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Helix Energy Solutions, and Enterprise Products Partners - Marco Polo
2006 DORIS Engineering
2005 Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Corp. and Technip
2004 Shell and BP - Na Kika
2003 TotalFinaElf - Girassol
2002 ExxonMobil Development Company - Hoover / Diana
2001 Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras)
2000 Kerr-McGee Corporation - FPS Neptune
1999 British Petroleum Development Ltd.
1998 Shell Deepwater Development Inc.-Mensa

1997 Amoco Corp.
1996 Conoco, Inc.
1995 Coflexip
1994 Brown & Root, Inc.
1993 Freeport-McMoRan Resource Partners
1992 Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras)
1991 Heerema Offshore Construction Company Group, Inc.
1990 Halliburton Geophysical Services, Inc.
1989 Placid Oil Co.
1988 Norwegian Contractors
1987 Scripps Institute of Oceanography
1986 McClelland Engineers, Inc.
1985 Conoco, Inc.

1984 Exxon Co., U.S.A.
1983 Cameron Iron Works, Inc.
1982 Shell Oil Co.
1981 Gulf Universities Research Consortium
1980 Exxon Co., U.S.A.
1979 Honeywell
1978 IHC Holland
1977 Phillips Petroleum Co.
1976 Texas A&M University
1975 Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.
1973 Global Marine, Inc.
1972 Humble Oil & Refining Co.
1971 Shell Oil Co.

SPECIAL CITATIONS AND HERITAGE AWARDS

2018 Cesar Del Vecchio
2018 Tom Sifferman
2017 George (Mike) Conner and Art Schroeder
2016 George Hirsaki
2016 Yuri Makagon
2015 Ray Ayers
2014 Susan Cunningham

2013 James Brill and E. Dendy Sloan
2012 Charlie Williams
2011 ExxonMobil Development Company
2009 Wolfgang E. Schollnberger
2008 Pierre-Armand Thomas and Gordon Sterling
2007 Owen Kratz, Jon Gjedebo, and John Huff

2006 Matt Simmons
2004 International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) and the Offshore Operators Committee
2003 Atlantia Offshore
2002 Dana Larson; Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries; Texas Parks and Wildlife; and Minerals Management Service

1999 Texaco's Deepstar Project
1998 Offshore Energy Energy
1997 R. J. "Bob" Brown, John E. "Jack" Flipse, Dillard S. Hammett, and Griff C. Lee
1993 Cullen Inquiry