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Conference Highlights

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Drilling

“ For 42 years, this conference has been uniting global drilling experts, and it is truly inspiring to see that legacy continue here in the wonderful city of Stavanger, from across the world, with a shared purpose: to learn from each other, inspire one another, and drive our industry forward. ”



Erik Kirkemo
Conference Chair
Senior Vice President,
Drilling & Well,
Equinor

Uniting Global Drilling Experts for 42 Years – Shaping The Future of the Drilling and Well Industry

SPE/IADC International Drilling Conference and Exhibition took place on 4–6 March 2025 in Stavanger, Norway. We were honoured to be joined by our Host Organisation, Equinor for this year’s theme, “Shaping the Future of the Drilling and Well Industry” reflects our collective responsibility and opportunity to influence the trajectory of our field. We came together to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and drive innovation within the industry.

We welcomed over **900 delegates** this year and it’s a unique opportunity for global operators, contractors, service companies, academia, industry professionals and technology providers to unite. It served as a platform to enhance training and knowledge management, showcase industry achievements, and attract young talent to our industry. We had the privilege of welcoming 65 enthusiastic high school students from Stavanger, Norway to attend the SPE Energy4me Student Workshop.

This year was a record-breaking year for us! **15 sponsors, 59 exhibitors** of which 31 were new exhibitors to this event. We also received a visit from **Tormod Losnedal**, the Mayor of Stavanger who engaged with the exhibitors and expressed his gratitude for holding the event in his city, which is the European hub of our industry.

A huge thank you to everyone in the SPE team for their hard work and dedication in making the 42nd SPE/IADC International Drilling Conference & Exhibition a success! This was a true multi-office effort, and it wouldn’t have been possible without the collaboration between our colleagues in London, Dubai, and the US.

From managing time zones to focusing on solutions and adapting to new models and regions, made a real impact. We’ve received great feedback from committees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and our host, and we are so proud!



Attendees



925

Total Attendees



250

Companies



31

Countries



59

Exhibitors

Call For Papers



488

Abstracts Submitted



183

Number of Selected Abstracts



149

Number of Presented Abstracts

Technical Programme



27

Technical Sessions



20

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Executive Plenary Session 1: Shaping the Future of the Drilling and Well Industry

Moderator

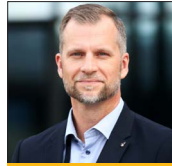


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Executive Plenary Session 2: Accelerating Technology Implementation to Improve Drilling and Well Efficiency

Moderator



Steven Travers
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Speakers



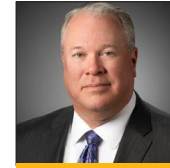
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Panel Session 1: Attracting the Next Generation to Our Industry

Moderator



Tina Birgitte Hognestad
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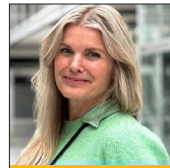
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Panel Session 2: Leveraging Drilling and Well Competency for a Successful Green Transition

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Panel Session 3: AI and Automation in Well Construction: Enhancing Capacity, Planning, and Operations

Moderator



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Energy4me STEM Workshops

We had the privilege of welcoming 65 enthusiastic high school students from Stavanger, Norway at the SPE/IADC International Drilling Conference & Exhibition to an engaging and dynamic energy education workshop. This event was an opportunity to immerse them in the fascinating worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The workshop goal was not only to educate but also to ignite a genuine passion for these fields and to highlight the indispensable role that the energy industry will play in shaping our future. Throughout the workshop, we explored a variety of energy sources, debunking common myths and providing students with accurate, up-to-date information. We emphasized the importance of a balanced energy mix and how it contributes to creating a more sustainable and resilient future for all. By shedding light on both conventional and renewable energy solutions, we aimed to broaden their understanding of the complexities and potential of the energy sector.

The event marked a major milestone for our industry and the region's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and education.

For more information about Energy4me visit the website.



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Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Session

As the definition of Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) grows each year, the involvement and enthusiasm grows for the D&I Session at the SPE/IADC International Drilling Conference & Exhibition. The truly interactive session kicked off with an opening reception and two keynote presentations sharing engaging personal stories. The last half of the session had a company-driven "speed dating" style mini presentations. Attendees could visit stations of their choice to learn valuable tips and resources to implement within their own organisation.

Our Programme was moderated and headlined by 2 keynote speakers.

- **Moderator:** Peter Arthur, Senior Engineer, Drilling & Well, Equinor
- **Keynote Speaker:** Per Arne Solend, Vice President M&A and Insights Team, Equinor discussing *After the Backlash – What's Next for D&I?*
- **Keynote Speaker:** Darren Sutherland, Vice President – Europe Africa, Borr Drilling, IADC Mental Health in Energy discussing *Heart or Head? Examining the Key Considerations Toward Improving Mental Health in the Energy Industry.*

Our Break-Out Stations were managed by our Sponsors – Chevron, Helmerich & Payne and NOV. Thank you to all our sponsors for supporting our event!

- **Women in Energy – Building Networks, Leadership, and Visibility:** hosted by Siren Frigstad and Elizabeth Bowen, NOV
- **Dyslexia & How Openness Can Enable Us:** hosted by Thorbjørn Anhøj, Helmerich & Payne
- **Leadership Attributes that Lead to Inclusion:** hosted by Luis Padilla, Chevron.

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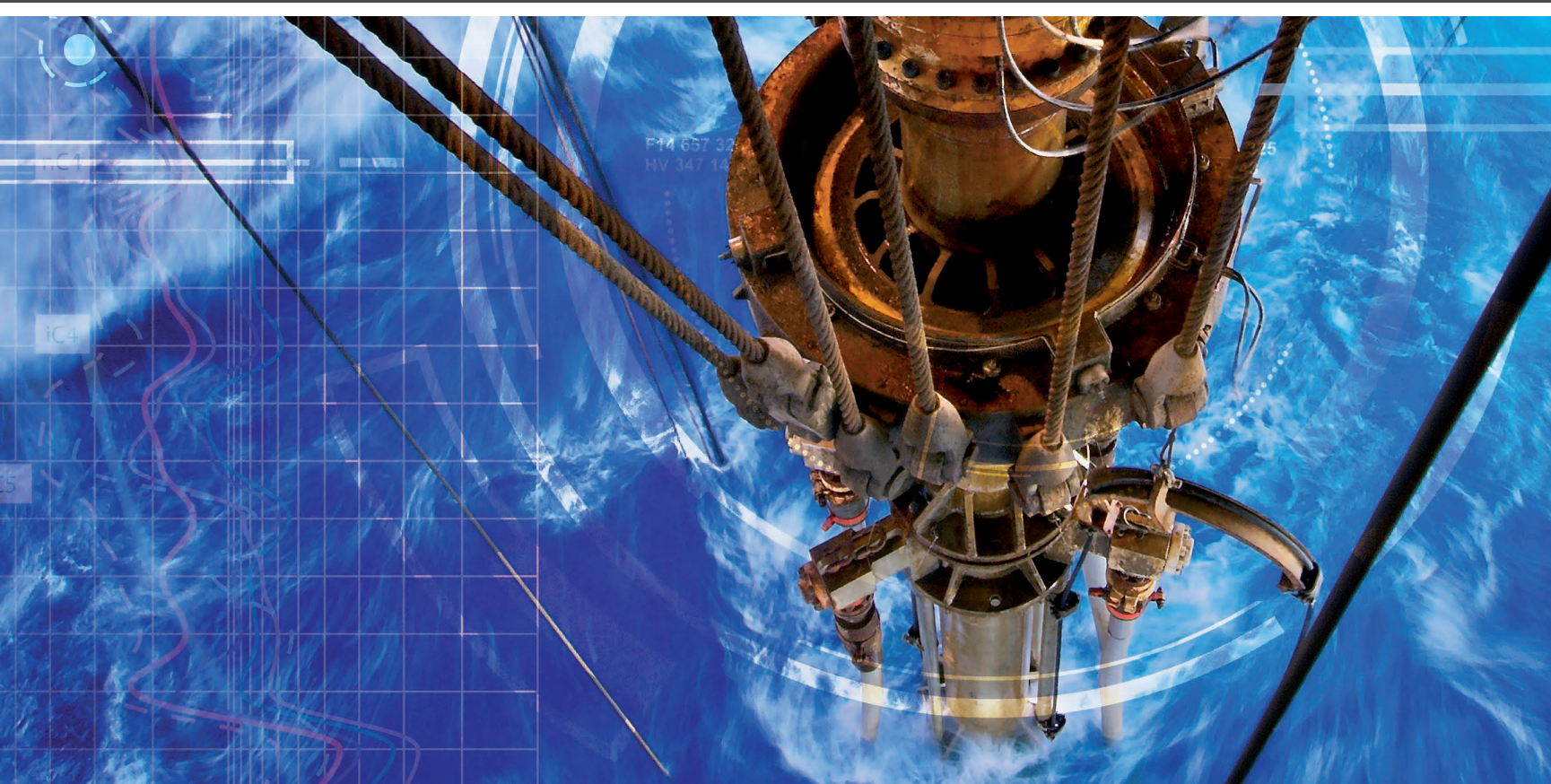




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