

Offshore Technology Conference 2025

Communications & Press Toolkit



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ABOUT OTC

The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) is where energy professionals meet to exchange ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources. Founded in 1969, OTC's flagship conference is held annually in Houston. OTC has expanded technically and globally with OTC Brasil and OTC Asia.

OTC is a collaboration of 15 non-profit organizations that support the global energy sector. Our organizations work cooperatively to develop and manage a portfolio of events dedicated to accelerating the development and transfer of interdisciplinary offshore technologies. Revenue from our portfolio is returned to our sponsoring organizations which benefit the advancement of their members and the energy sector.

Income from this event is invested back into the sponsoring organizations' programs that will provide opportunities for industry professionals to enhance their professional and technical skills, and to promote education to continue to help advance the offshore energy industry.

These organizations include the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Oceanic and Engineering Society (IEEE-OES), Marine Technology Society (MTS), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME), Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS), Brazilian Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels Institute (IBP), International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) and Energy Workforce and Technology Council (EWTC).

QUICK FACTS

Phone Landlines:

Phones are available in the OTC press room for journalist use. The direct line to the press room is 832.667.2901.

WiFi Access:

Free wireless internet access is available in the OTC press room. The wireless network name is **Pressroom** and the password is **meeting400**. Additionally, free WiFi is available in the NRG Center level 1 and level 2 lobbies. The wireless network name is **OTC2025**. *This free wireless access will not be available on the exhibit floors or meeting rooms.*

Free wireless outside of NRG Park:

- McDonalds at 9805 S Main St. - Head south on Kirby toward Westridge, turn right at S Loop Fwy W, then turn right at S Main St
- Starbuck's located inside building at 6400 Fannin St. - Head south on Kirby toward Westridge, make a U-turn at Westridge, turn right at Main, then right at MacGregor, then right at Fannin.

Digital Conference Program:

Please use the QR code below to access the digital conference program on your mobile device.



General, Photography, Audio Recording and Videotaping Guidelines

- You can access our Event Code of Conduct at <https://www.otcnet.org/about/event-code-of-conduct>
- No audio recording, video recording, or photography is allowed without OTC's permission.
- All journalists seeking to do so must register as press, check in at the OTC press room, and agree to the following:
 - Journalist represents a qualified news organization that has regularly scheduled programs.
 - No webcasting or streaming is permitted during technical sessions but is permitted in the concourse and hallways.
 - OTC may limit at its sole discretion the locations, times, and subjects for video and audio recordings and photographs.
 - All requests to interview the OTC chairman or any member of the OTC Board of Directors must be made to the OTC media contact listed below.
- To view additional rules, please visit <https://2025.otcnet.org/about/photography-video-audio-recording-regulations>

Photography

- Still photographers must have their OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. **OTC press badges must be visible at all times.**
- Still photographers may cover the exhibit floor without an OTC press representative once they receive their press badge.
- Photographers must ask permission of exhibitors before photographing any area in which their exhibit appears.
- Photography inside the technical sessions is not permitted, except by official OTC staff.

- Photographs of speakers and presenters are permitted with their consent and may only occur on the exhibit floor or hallways.
- OTC staff will upload daily photos by the end of the day, when available. Click [here](#) for photos
- OTC's show photographer can provide professional quality, high-resolution photos of the NRG Center exhibition area from the catwalk. No other photographers are allowed on the catwalk. An OTC press representative in the press room can help fulfill photo requests.

Audio Recording

- Radio and podcast reporters must have OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. OTC press credentials must be visible at all times.
- Audio recordings inside the technical session rooms is not permitted, except by OTC staff.
- Audio recordings of speakers and presenters is permitted with their consent and may only occur on the exhibit floor or hallways.
- Radio and podcast reporters may cover the exhibition floor without an OTC press representative once they receive their press badge.
- Radio and podcast reporters must get permission from the exhibiting company before conducting any interviews in an exhibitor's area.
- Taped information will be used for brief news reports that will not be broadcast more than 30 days following the close of OTC.

Video Recording

- Video crews must be accompanied by an OTC press representative to film on the exhibit floor, and must check in at the press room each day. Scheduling in advance with the OTC media contact will ensure you get the access you need.
- Video crews must have OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. OTC press credentials must be visible at all times.
- Video recordings of technical sessions is not permitted, except by OTC staff.
- Video recordings of speakers and presenters is permitted with their consent and may only occur in the mezzanine or hallways.
- Taped information will be used for brief news reports that will not be broadcast more than 30 days following the close of OTC.
- No final product will incorporate more than five minutes of video from the exhibition floor, without special written permission of OTC.

Exhibitor-Appointed Photographers and Videographers

Exhibitor-appointment photographers and videographers will have special badges to indicate that they are allowed to take photography in the exhibiting company's booth. Exhibitor staff must escort the photographer/videographer on and off the exhibit floor. They are not allowed to take photography or video outside of the booth. OTC's official photographer can provide overall images from the event. Visit www.otcimages.com for official images from OTC.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Where can I find exhibitor booths?

You can find an up-to-date exhibitor map here: <https://exhibits.otcnet.org/OTC2025/Public/eventmap.aspx>

How can I request an interview with OTC leadership or event speakers?

To request an interview with a member of the OTC leadership team or one of our event speakers, please contact the OTC press team at pr@otcnet.org. Because of the high volume of requests, please be sure to indicate your name, outlet and the type of story you are writing.

When I arrive at NRG, where do I go to pick up my badge?

When you arrive at NRG, please visit room 403-405 on the second floor of the NRG Energy Center to pick up your press badge and check in.

My colleague did not register for the event online. Can they still register as press at the event?

Yes. Online registration closes Friday, May 3. If you are unable to register prior to this date, please visit room 403-405 during the event to register in person and pick up your press badge. Please be prepared to fill out a registration form in-person and have your media credentials ready to show organizers.

Will I have digital access to technical papers?

Yes. As registered press, you are allotted access to the technical papers featured in this year's event. To request a copy of a technical paper, please contact pr@otcnet.org.

How can I get access to images of the event?

OTC organizers will make available images of the event available for the press and public to use. To access, please visit <http://www.otcimages.com/>.

Will press be able to ask questions during technical sessions and panels?

Yes. When asking questions, please identify yourself as a member of the press.

I am live tweeting about the event. What hashtag should I use?

Tag @OTCevents and use #OTC2025.

How can I access the official OTC event application?

Below we have included QR codes that lead you to the official OTC Apple, Google Play, or Web applications:



<https://ativ.me/ye9>



<https://ativ.me/yeb>



<https://ativ.me/ye8>



NOTABLE CONFERENCE EVENTS

Start time	Monday, May 5		Tuesday, May 6		Wednesday, May 7		Thursday, May 8	
	Recommended events		Recommended events		Recommended events		Recommended events	
8:00 AM			Keynote Speaker Series: Energy of the Future: Sustainable Innovation Speaker includes: Ives Loretz, Vice President Technology Development - SLB Moderator: Gary Sams, Engineering Fellow, Production Systems - SLB Room 204	Executive Dialogue: Accelerating Next-Generation Geothermal: How the Oil and Gas Industry is Pivoting to Meet the Growing Energy Demand Speaker includes: Cindy Taff, Chief Executive Officer - Sage Geosystems Room 206	Keynote Speaker Series: Digital Transformation of the Offshore Energy Industry Speakers include: Vivek Chidambaram, Senior Managing Director - Accenture James Claunch, Expert Partner - Bain & Co. Moderator: Hani Elshahawi, NoviDigiTech Director - NoviDigiTech Room 202	Keynote Speaker Series: Impact of Hydrogen in the Energy Transition and it's Role in Carbon Neutrality Speakers include: Sunita Satyapal, Director, Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Tech - US Department of Energy Richard Voorberg, President, North America - Siemens Energy Moderator: Phaneendra Kondapi, Affiliate Professor - Colorado School of Mines Room 204	Keynote Speaker Series: From Deepwater to Nuclear: Why Offshore Energy Professionals Are Built for the Next Frontier Speaker includes: Justin Sink, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives - Natura Resources Moderator: Peter Wallace, Principal Engineer - Risk and Regulatory - Lloyd's Register Room 202	Keynote Speaker Series: Production Rejuvenation Opportunities in Mature Oil and Gas Fields Speaker includes: Babak Huseynly, Vice President - Development & Production - SOCAR Moderator: Mohsen Shavandi, Energy Transition Director - DNV Room 204
8:15 AM								
8:30 AM								
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9:00 AM	OTC 2025 Opening Ceremony: Oil & Gas Industry's Strategies for Progress, US Petroleum Market Evolution & Energy Autonomy and Initiatives for Progressing to Net Zero Speakers include: Magda Chamriard, President, Petrobas Vicki Hollub, President and Chief Executive Officer - Oxy Erik Milito, President – NOIA Jarand Rystad, Chief Executive Officer - Rystad Energy Room 302		Around the World: Energy Development in Argentina and India – Business Opportunities in Dynamic Energy Markets Speaker includes: Walter Actis, Executive Vice President of Supply Chain - YPF Room 307					
9:15 AM								
9:30 AM				Executive Dialogue: Megan Carr, BOEM Speaker includes: Megan Carr, Associate Director of the Strategic Resources Program - BOEM Moderator: Dan McConnell, Consultant - Geomarine Resources PLLC	Panel: Fueling Change: Women at the Forefront of Energy Innovation Speakers include: Allyson Anderson Book, Chief Sustainability Officer - Baker Hughes Christine Mooney, Vice President of Procurement &	Panel: Carbon Capture and Storage: Overcoming Barriers for Successful Projects Speakers include: Prasanna Joshi, Vice President, Low Carbon Solutions Technology - ExxonMobil Technology and Engineering Company	Panel: Opportunities and Challenges for Financing Oil and Gas Projects in the Energy Transition Speakers include: Daniel Leppert, Senior Vice President - Rystad Energy David Sweeney, Global Head of Oil and Gas -	Panel: Unlocking Potential: Innovations and Successes in Marine Energy Development Speakers include: Cameron McNatt, Founder and Managing Director - Mocean Energy Reenst Lesemann, Chief
9:45 AM								

10:00 AM				Room 206	Supply Chain - Archaea Energy	David Ramos, Geological Low Carbon Solutions Director - Repsol	Clifford Chance	Executive Officer - C-Power Stuart Davies, Chief Executive Officer - ORPC
10:15 AM				Room 206	Molly Determan, President - Energy Workforce & Technology Council	Ganesh Thakur, Distinguished Professor - University of Houston, and Chevron Fellow Emeritus	Timothy Perry, Vice Chairman of Global Energy - RBC	Chris Lee, Chief Executive Officer - Tidal Energy Corp
10:30 AM	<p>Panel: Innovative Strategies and Industry Perspectives: A Dialogue with Offshore Technology Leaders:</p> <p>Speaker includes: Lilian Barreto, Executive Manager for R&D - Petrobras</p> <p>Laurent Pagnon, SVP Subsea Product Marketing and Strategy - TechnipFMC</p> <p>David Reid, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Marketing Officer - NOV Inc.</p> <p>Robert Large, Product Technology Manager, Subsea - SLB</p> <p>OneSubsea Jean-Herve Morard, Vice President Deep Offshore – TotalEnergies</p> <p>Moderators: Parth Pathak, Climate Action Lead - SLB</p> <p>Greg Kusinski, Regulatory Manager, Major Capital Projects and Technology - Chevron Corporation</p>	<p>Executive Dialogue: Accelerating Energy Expansion: A Business Case for Sustainability</p> <p>Speaker includes: Allyson Anderson Book, Chief Sustainability Office - Baker Hughes</p> <p>Moderator: Cindy Yeilding, Board Chair - The Center for Houston's Future</p> <p>Room 206</p>			Moderator: Cindy Yeilding, Board Chair - The Center for Houston's Future			Inna Braverman, Chief Executive Officer - Eco Watch
10:45 AM					Room 306	Moderator: Nikhil Joshi, Chief Executive Officer - Moulinex Business Services, LLC	Michael Matson, Partner - The Boston Consulting Group	Michael Matson, Partner - The Boston Consulting Group
11:00 AM						Greg Kusinski, Regulatory Manager, Major Capital Projects and Technology - Chevron	Moderator: Thomas Shattuck, Energy & Infrastructure Attorney - Clifford Chance	Moderator: Elaine Buck, Technical Manager Marine Energy - Department of Energy
11:15 AM						Room 300	Room 306	Room 604
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12:00 PM	Room 306	<p>Executive Dialogue: Critical Minerals from the Seafloor</p> <p>Speakers include: Juan Trebino, Senior Partner, Roland Berger</p> <p>Sid Malhotra, Senior Partner, Roland Berger</p>						
12:15 PM								

12:30 PM		Moderator: Dan McConnell, Consultant - Geomarine Resources PLLC Room 206	Keynote Speaker Series: Breaking New Ground: Large scale Low-Carbon Blue Ammonia Technology at a Floating Ammonia Production, Storage, and Offloading Facility (FAPSO) Speakers include: Hari Ravindran, Senior Vice President of Sustainable Technology Solutions - KBR Tobias Karrsten, Senior Manager, Floating Systems - KBR Consulting Moderator: Richard Dsouza, President - Richard B Offshore LLC Room 204	Keynote Speaker Series: Beyond the Horizon: Innovating Offshore Decommissioning for a Sustainable Future Speakers include: Carlos Castilho, Executive Manager for Decommissioning - Petrobras Steve Louis, Senior Vice President of Decommissioning - Promethean Energy Management Moderator: Jessica Jackson, Vice President, EH&S, Supply Chain, and Midstream & Marketing - Apache Corporation Room 202	Keynote Speaker Series: Beyond the Horizon: The Intersection of AI and Sustainability Speakers include: Michael Webber, Chaired Professor in Engineering and Public Affairs - The University of Texas at Austin John Frey, Senior Director and Chief Technologist, Sustainable Transformation - HPE Moderator: Madeleine Kopp, Sustainability Program Manager - ASME Room 202	Keynote Speaker Series: Offshore Wind Energy Panorama Speaker includes: Fernanda Scoponi, Business Developer Manager Renewables - TotalEnergies Moderator: Carlos Henriques, Manager - Petrobras Room 204	Keynote Speaker Series: Cybersecurity – Importance and Challenges Speakers include: Shaun Wolski, Industrial CS Engineering Manager - SLB Moderator: Mohsen Shavandi, Energy Transition Director - DNV Room 204	
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1:45 PM	Executive Dialogue: Girish Saligram, Weatherford Speaker includes: Girish Saligram							
2:00 PM	Moderator: Simon Seaton, Chief Executive Officer - Society of Petroleum Engineers Room 206		Panel: Unlocking Frontier Areas for Energy Transition: Opportunities, Innovative Solutions, and Risk Mitigation Speakers include: Suzanne Coogan, Vice President Heartland Exploration and Namibia - Shell Suhana Sidik, Country Chair - Petronas Brasil Shira Paulson, Upstream Country Manager Brazil - bp Dechun Lin, Executive Vice President of Earth Data New Ventures - Viridien Group Sylvia Anjos, Chief Exploration and Production Officer - Petrobras Jean-Hervé Morard, Vice President Deep Offshore - TotalEnergies Jessica Ciosek, Principal Analyst - Wood Mackenzie Moderators: Anna Paula Lougon Duarte, Business Development Director - Viridien		Panel: Mega Project: A Journey from Exploration to First Oil in Whale Oro Awaritefe, Project Manager - Shell David Reid, Senior Vice President - Shell Chad Wittfeld, Business Opportunity Manager - Shell Jeremy Piefer, Subsurface Manager - Shell Jason Gage, Host Manager - Shell Kimarie Michel, Senior Operations Manager - Shell Moderators: Huyen Bui, Sr.		Panel: Reshaping Energy Engineering: Essential Strategies for Oil and Gas Skill Transformation in a New Energy Era Speakers include: Roger Cordes, Professor of Practice, Ocean Engineering - Texas A&M University Esuru Okoroafor, Assistant Professor - Texas A&M University David Barnes, HR Director - Subsea 7 Jennifer Bell, Engineering Technology, Adjunct Faculty - Houston Community College Room 306	
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3:00 PM	Executive Dialogue: Why Bet On Offshore? A Rystad Energy Perspective for OTC 2025 Speaker includes: Rob Cordray, Managing Director, Americas - Rystad Room 206		Huyen Bui, Sr. Geophysicist - Shell Oil Co. Room 306		Geophysicist - Shell Oil Co. Gokay Bozkurt, Vice President - ARAR Petrol AS Room 306			
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4:30 PM						Featured Speaker - Chris Lemons* Join fellow offshore energy professionals for a powerful keynote by Chris Lemons, a veteran saturation diver who survived 30 minutes stranded 295 feet underwater after a catastrophic vessel failure.		
4:45 PM							Closing Reception Join the OTC Board of Directors and the Program Committee as they celebrate the conclusion of OTC 2025! NRG Center Level 2 Outside Room 700	
5:00 PM								
5:15 PM								
5:30 PM								

LEVEL 2 MAP



LEGEND

- Technical Sessions / Poster Sessions
- Panels
- Keynote Speaker Series

- Around the World
- Networking Event
- Executive Dialogue Series

- Arctic Sessions
- ePoster Lounge

OTC PARKING MAP



OTC LEADERSHIP BIOS



Alex Martinez – OTC Chairperson

Alex Martinez is a senior principal geophysicist at ExxonMobil working at the intersection of business and technology, providing strategic guidance regarding geoscience technology development and application, and supporting assets across the globe.

Over his 22-year tenure with ExxonMobil, Alex has held a variety of roles ranging from geophysical, seismic acquisition and petrophysics to exploration and upstream. He is highly experienced in analyzing rock properties and well logs, qualitative & quantitative seismic attributes, seismic well ties, seismic DHI, velocity model building and time/depth conversion, seismic processing and processing QC, and controlled source electromagnetic modeling and interpretation.

Alex has been a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) for over ten years and has represented SEG on the OTC Board of Directors since 2019. He has a MS and PhD in Geophysics from the University of Kansas.



Dan McConnell – OTC Vice Chairperson

Dan McConnell is an industry consultant who specializes in geomarine resources. Prior to this role, he was a marine geologist at Fugro with over 20 years of experience with main areas of interest in seafloor mapping and geochemistry surveys, deepwater site characterization, marine mineral exploration, and methane hydrate exploration. In 2003, Dan started AOA Geophysics' Houston-based geohazard consulting group. He and other principals sold AOA Geophysics to Fugro in 2011.

Dan participated in the site selection and science party in the landmark Chevron-US Department of Energy gas hydrate drilling expedition (Leg II) in the Gulf of Mexico. Among numerous industry and scientific cruises, Dan was able to go offshore on the MarMine seafloor massive sulfide exploration cruise on the Arctic Mid-Ocean Ridge in 2016 and lead the geoscience team on the NORI 2018 Geophysical and Mineral Sampling Survey for polymetallic nodules in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone.

Dan has authored over 65 technical papers and articles and has been issued two patents. Dan also currently serves on the U.S. Department of Energy Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee.



Amanda Rushing – OTC Executive Director

Amanda Rushing is a seasoned association executive event strategist and Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) with over two decades of experience leading international conferences, trade shows, and educational programming across sectors. As the Executive Director of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), Amanda oversees the strategic planning and execution of one of the world's foremost gatherings of offshore energy professionals.

Prior to her current role, Amanda served as Vice President of Events & Education for The ESOP Association, where she led cross-functional teams in producing high-impact conferences and industry events. She also held senior leadership roles with the American Urological Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers, managing global events that drew up to 16,000+ attendees. Her background also includes advisory roles for federal clients and contributions to key industry publications, including Professional Meeting Management, where she served as both chapter reviewer and content editor. Amanda holds a degree in business administration and maintains active leadership roles within the events industry.

CONTACT

Press Contact:

Please contact pr@otcnet.org with all media inquiries. However, if this is an urgent matter, call +1.713.457.6866 during regular event hours.

APPENDIX I: PRESS RELEASES

Statement from Houston Mayor John Whitmire:

"We are pleased to welcome policymakers, academia, and industry professionals from around the world to our great city for the 2025 Offshore Technology Conference. As the Energy Capital of the World, Houston is proud to serve as the meeting place for the brightest minds in the offshore energy sector to share their latest innovations and discuss the most pressing issues facing the industry. Events like OTC provide a unique opportunity to bring together talented individuals that are helping meet our global energy and economic needs, while benefitting and showcasing the best of our Houston community."

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Renown Deep-Sea Diver Chris Lemons to Speak at OTC 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Houston, Texas, USA (14 April 2025) – The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) is proud to welcome world-renowned commercial diver Chris Lemons at this year's conference for an exclusive keynote recounting one of the most extraordinary survival stories in the history of offshore operations. Lemons will speak Wednesday, 7 May 2025, at 1600 at NRG Center, Houston, Texas, USA.

With more than 18 years of experience in saturation diving for the oil and gas industry, Lemons is best known for his harrowing near-death experience in 2012, when a life-support system failure left him stranded 300 feet beneath the surface of the North Sea—without oxygen, light, or heat—for nearly 30 minutes. Against all odds, he survived. His story has since captured global attention, inspiring both a critically acclaimed documentary and major motion picture, *Last Breath*, starring Woody Harrelson, Simu Liu, and Finn Cole.

"It's an honor to speak at OTC, the premier event for offshore energy professionals, academics and policy makers. As the industry continues to evolve, gatherings like this are essential—not just for sharing ideas and innovations, but for setting the direction of safe, sustainable progress in the offshore sector."

Lemons' participation at OTC 2025 marks a one-of-a-kind opportunity for attendees to hear firsthand the lessons learned from a crisis few could imagine, let alone endure. His keynote address promises to explore critical themes such as leadership in high-risk environments, crisis management, safety, and teamwork—all central to OTC's mission of advancing offshore energy development and promoting operational excellence.

“Resiliency defines our industry, and Chris’ story is the epitome of resilience,” said Alex Martinez, OTC Chair. “The hardworking men and women who make the offshore industry what it is today don’t give up, and Chris’ story serves as a reminder of what our industry is capable of when preparation meets resolve, and why safety is paramount to the lives of those working in our industry.”

Chris Lemons has captivated global audiences with his story, leaving audiences moved, inspired, and motivated to think differently about resilience and responsibility in high-stakes environments. Following the recent cinema release, OTC is honored to bring this exclusive session to its 2025 agenda, where innovation and human endurance meet at the intersection of energy and technology.

For more information and to register for the 2025 Offshore Technology Conference, please visit 2025.otcnet.org.

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OTC Recognizes 2025 Spotlight on New Technology® Award Winners

Monday, March 31, 2025

Houston, Texas, USA (31 March 2025)—The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) today announced the winners of their 2025 Spotlight on New Technology Award. This esteemed honor is given exclusively to OTC exhibitors who are reshaping the offshore energy sector through their innovation and development of technologies. This year, 10 technologies were selected for their demonstrated advancements in the industry.

This year’s technologies are exceptional and were selected based on the following criteria: product uniqueness, degree of ingenuity, demonstrated success, commercial viability, and the ability to make a significant impact across the offshore industry.

“OTC is proud to recognize these companies for their extraordinary technological contributions and advancements in the offshore energy sector,” said Alex Martinez, chairperson, OTC Board of Directors. “The technologies spotlighted this year represent the brilliance, ingenuity, and collaboration of our workforce. Together, they are leading the industry into the future and revolutionizing the field for generations to come.”

2025 Spotlight Winners

- Baker Hughes Leucipa ESP optimizer, a module of the Leucipa™ automated field production solution
- Baker Hughes SureCONTROL™ Plus electric intelligent completion system
- Bosch Rexroth Hägglunds Fusion The Power of One
- DeepOcean Driver-Less Tie In Tool
- Fugro Quantitative Integrated Ground Model (QIGM) Solution
- McCoy Global Smart Tubular Running - smarTR™
- Oil States TowerLok™ Wind Tower Connector
- SLB AutoProfiler™ automated inline fluid testing
- SLB Electric Completions

2025 Spotlight Small Business Winner

- HYTORC Industrial Bolting Systems Lithium Series RX (LSRX)

OTC has proudly honored small businesses and their contributions to the offshore energy industry since 2015, marking this year the 10th anniversary of the Small Business Spotlight Award. To qualify for the small business award, companies are required to meet the following criteria: Be independently owned and operated, or registered as a nonprofit organization, and have no more than 300 employees in the 12 months prior to the application deadline.

The 2025 Spotlight on New Technology Award recipients will be honored on Monday, 5 May at NRG Center in Houston, Texas, USA at 1600 hours at the Energy Evolution Exchange Theater and Lounge. For more information about award, please visit the OTC's Spotlight on New Technology Award [page](#).

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OTC 2025 Announces Emerging Leaders Class

Monday March 24, 2025

Houston, Texas, USA (24 March 2025) – The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) proudly unveiled its 2025 Emerging Leaders class today. The prestigious program recognizes young professionals with less than 10 years of experience in the energy industry who have demonstrated exceptional talent, commitment, and promise as future leaders in the offshore energy sector.

Each recipient of the Emerging Leaders award is a member of an OTC sponsoring, endorsing, or supporting organization and selected by the previous year's Emerging Leaders.

"Our Emerging Leaders are clear representations of the talent and excellence that will define the next generation of the offshore industry. We're proud to recognize the contributions of these young professionals and remain eager spectators to the many future accomplishments they will undoubtedly achieve," Alex Martinez, Chair of the OTC Board said.

The following honorees will be recognized in a special ceremony in the Energy Evolution Exchange Theater and Lounge on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at NRG Center, Houston, Texas, USA from 1600–1700 hours.

2025 Emerging Leaders Class:

- **Dr. Ellen Reat Wersan**, Exploration Geoscientist, Chevron, AAPG
- **Dr. Yingda Lu**, Assistant Professor, Petroleum & Geosystems Engineering Department, The University of Texas at Austin, AIChE
- **Dr. Olusola Komolafe**, Project Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants Inc., ASCE
- **Brooke Polk**, Vice President-Accreditation Operations, International Association of Drilling Contractors, IADC
- **Gabriel Correa Perocco**, Project Manager, MODEC do Brasil, IBP
- **Dr. Zheng Fan**, Assistant Professor, University of Houston, IEEE

- **Sridhar Krishnamoorthy**, Senior Research Fellow, PhD Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology Madras Chennai India, MTS
- **Daniel Toerner**, Technical Sales Engineer, Bardex Corporation, SNAME
- **Olawale Ajayi**, Reservoir Engineer, NNPC Limited, SPE
- **Scott Pisarik**, Lead Materials and Corrosion Engineer, Chevron, TMS
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Martinez continued, “This year’s leaders have a clear passion for the industry, are eager to play a role in its future, and serve as inspiration to others through their exemplary commitment to excellence and pursuit of new horizons.”

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OTC Names 2025 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipients

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Houston, Texas, USA (11 February 2025) – The 2025 Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Board of Directors has selected its Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA) recipients, honoring Jose Formigli for individual achievement and Chevron Corporation’s Anchor Project for institutional achievement. This year’s Heritage Award will be presented to Dr. Arun Duggal. The recipients will be honored during the OTC Opening Ceremony Monday, 5 May 2025 at NRG Center located in Houston, Texas, USA.

For more than 50 years, OTC has been the premier gathering for energy professionals worldwide to exchange ideas, insights, and the latest advancements in offshore technology and environmental sustainability. OTC 2025 will take place from 5-8 May 2025, featuring more than 250,000 square feet of exhibit space, more than 500 presentations across 91 technical, panel, and keynote sessions. OTC events attract more than 60,000 professionals—all committed to shaping the future of the offshore energy industry.

OTC Distinguished Achievement Award for Individuals

Jose Formigli is being honored for his distinguished career as a petroleum and subsea engineer, as well as his significant contributions to the offshore industry. With more than 40 years of experience, he is regarded as one of Brazil’s leading deepwater engineers, known for fostering collaboration with academia, R&D centers, and the technical community.

Formigli’s work has been instrumental in implementing dozens of offshore developments, including key technical contributions to Petrobras’ Marlim, Roncador, and Santos Basin Pre-Salt Cluster projects, all of which have received OTC’s Distinguished Achievement awards in the Company category in previous years. In addition to authoring several influential papers, Formigli has actively participated in numerous SPE seminars and OTC conferences over the years.

During his tenure at Petrobras, Formigli played a crucial role in deepwater field development, congregating both operational and technical expertise, encompassing critical disciplines like well completion, subsea engineering, flow assurance and mooring systems. Notably, he oversaw the successful installation of the world’s first subsea lay-away tree in the Marimba field—a groundbreaking achievement that showcased his technical expertise and innovative approach.

His dedication to knowledge sharing, teamwork and nurturing new talent has also contributed significantly to the advancement of the offshore industry.

OTC Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations, and Institutions

This year’s Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations, and Institutions is presented to Chevron U.S.A. Inc.’s Anchor project.

Located in the Green Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 140 miles off the Louisiana coast, the Anchor project stands out for its remarkable innovation in the offshore oil and gas industry, significantly advancing energy production and contributing to U.S. energy independence.

The development features two production drill centers tied back to a new semi-submersible floating production unit (FPU) with a production capacity of 75,000 barrels of oil and 28 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. The project also delivered industry-leading high-pressure technology, a groundbreaking achievement that sets a new standard for deepwater developments.

The journey of the Anchor project is a testament to excellence and resilience. The Anchor project successfully executed a cutting-edge technology program, maintained an exemplary safety record, and collaborated with more than 30 companies amid the challenges of a global pandemic. The result is a state-of-the-art, lower-carbon-intensity facility that will provide affordable, reliable energy to help meet the world's needs for decades to come.

OTC Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is presented to Dr. Arun Duggal in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the offshore industry. Over the 30 years he has been at SOFEC, Dr. Duggal has been a leader in the global analysis, development, and the implementation of new technology for the station-keeping of floating offshore assets, focusing on turret mooring and yoke mooring systems, both permanent and disconnectable.

Widely respected within the offshore community as a world-leading subject matter expert, Dr. Duggal's innovative contributions include several patents and more than 70 published papers, showcasing his deep expertise and commitment to excellence. His influence spans the globe, with impactful project experience from the Gulf of Mexico to Australia, East and West Africa, Malaysia, and Brazil, among others. His dedication to mooring integrity has brought together operators, engineers, and suppliers to collaboratively share knowledge and develop robust solutions for the full lifecycle of offshore moorings. Dr. Duggal's leadership has consistently driven advancements that have enabled the offshore industry to overcome complex challenges.

Beyond his technical achievements, Dr. Duggal's legacy extends to his leadership as a dedicated mentor for countless young engineers. By sharing his knowledge through publications, conferences, and seminars, he has fostered the next generation of offshore engineering talent.

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