

## MAJOR SPE EVENTS HELD IN VENEZUELA

### LACPEC CONFERENCES

The LACPEC conferences, Latin America and the Caribbean Petroleum Engineering Conference, were instituted to promote the exchange of technology and operating expertise between the of the Oil and Gas industry professionals of Region IX and the International Community. These events bring together SPE members from all around the World and are held every in a different Latin American Country every time. The region sections are located in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

LACPEC Conferences have been held as follows:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>
• I LACPEC	Oct. 1990	Rio de Janeiro, Br.
• II LACPEC	April 1992	Caracas, Vzla
• III LACPEC	June 1994	Buenos Aires, Ar
• IV LACPEC	Apr. 1996	Port of Spain, TT&T
• V LACPEC	Oct. 1997	Rio de Janeiro, Br
• VI LACPEC	March 1999	Caracas, Vzla.
• VII LACPEC	Jun. 2001	Buenos Aires, Ar
• VIII LACPEC	Apr. 2003	Port of Spain, TT&T
• IX LACPEC	Jun. 2005	Rio de Janeiro, Br.
• X LACPEC	Apr. 2007	Buenos Aires; Ar.
• XI LACPEC	May. 2009	Cartagena, Col.
• XII LACPEC	Dec. 2010	Lima, Peru
• XIII LACPEC	2012	TBD, Mexico

**II LACPEC.** The second LACPEC and Exhibits was held at the Caracas Hilton Hotel from March 9-11, 1992. Total attendance, including members (256), non-members (539), Exhibitors, students, press, staff, spouses and visitors was 1381. A total of 133 papers were presented at 20 technical sessions and six poster sessions. Thirty six companies participated in the exhibit. All short courses were fully booked. Keynote speakers at the three luncheons included the Venezuelan Vice Minister of Energy and Mines, Dr. Arevalo Guzman Reyes of PDVSA's board of directors and SPE president Arlie Skov, who presented the REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD to Elxio Caixeiro from Brazil and Simon Antunez from Venezuela.

**VI LACPEC.** This conference and exhibit celebrated under the Slogan of "*Latin American Petroleum Industry: Opportunities and realities*", brought together more than 800 SPE members and non-members of various specialties related to the Oil Industry. One hundred and forty eight papers from 20 countries were presented

during the three days of the event at the Caracas Hilton Hotel. Keynote speakers at the luncheons were **Claus Graf**, vice-president of PDVSA, and **Gustavo Inciarte**, 1999 SPE president and PDVSA Director who discussed a very comprehensive paper entitled "Timely application of the latest technology developments does add value to our business". At the closing luncheon Regional Service Awards were presented to **Simon Suarez** from Intevep, **Magdalena Ferrer** from The University of Zulia and **Vladimir Plavnick** from the Brazil Section. **Ludimar Castaneda** from the University of Oriente won the Student Paper Contest for the Region.

### **SPE INTERNATIONAL THERMAL OPERATIONS AND HEAVY OIL SYMPOSIUM (ITOHOS)**

**2001 ITOHOS** The 2001 ITOHOS and Exhibits was held at the Hilton Hotel in Porlamar, Margarita, from the 12-14 of March. With an attendance of 400 participants where 54 papers and three afternoon Forums - with distinguish speakers from the USA, Canada and Venezuela - were presented, the event was quite a technical success. Mr. James McGee from Venezuela was presented with the HEAVY OIL PIONEERS AWARD.

SPE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT in oil and gas exploration and production.

The **FOURTH HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE** was held at the Caracas Hilton Hotel from June 8-10, 1998, under the presidency of PDVSA's Vice-president of the Board of Directors Luis Urdaneta. The logo was "Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century".

2006: SPE ATW Key Technologies to Create More Value from Mature Fields, Feb. 21-24, Margarita Island, Venezuela

2008: Workshop on "Carbonate and Naturally Fractured Reservoirs – Challenge for Oil and Gas Industry in Venezuela and Worldwide", 28-31 August 2008. Maracaibo.

SPE Student Chapters Seminar – 2004, 2005, 2006