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Source: Restrack

In view of successful former tracer workshops held in Dubai, Tunisia, and Kuwait, we invite you to attend this edition for Improved Decision-Making through Tracer Technology.

This edition will focus on the outcome of tracer technology applied in the petroleum

industry and on tracer benefits in improving reservoir management decisions. The workshop will also focus on tracer applications for enhanced oil recovery, heavy oil, unconventional resources, reservoir characterisation, inflow profiling, in addition to new and emerging tracer technologies.

Tracer technology, which presents an inexpensive source of reservoir information rather than other dynamics tools, has shown unexpected revolutionary growth since its application in the oil and gas industry. It has participated positively in describing complexity of reservoirs, understanding reservoir flow movement, and optimising production. This workshop will review and share experiences, value information brought from analysis, and lessons learnt from the tracer technology history, and related applications all over the world.

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Schedule: Wednesday, March 14 2018

0800-0830

Registration, Welcome Coffee, Collection of Badges and Delegate Packs

0830-0835

Safety Announcement

0835-0855

Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

0855-0915

Keynote Speech

0915-1055

Session 1: Tracers for Reservoir Characterisation

Session Chairs: Nicolas Agenet, Total; Olaf Huseby, Restrack

Tracer technology can be used to probe reservoirs by conveying chemicals of various types with the injected fluids. Detection of tracers at the producers can prove well-to-well fluid communication in the case of interwell tracers, and tracer production curves helps to derive reservoir characteristics along the flow path. This session will focus on how tracers can be used in order to enhance the knowledge of the reservoir characteristics. It will include case studies demonstrating that this improved understanding can be transformed into value and impact the reservoir development.

1055-1140

Group Photograph, Coffee Break and Poster Presentation

1140-1320

Session 2: Inflow Profiling Using Tracer Based Techniques

Session Chairs: Herbet Lescanne, Total; Ricardo Villasenor, Core Laboratories

For producing wells with long and/or multiple reservoir/wellbore interfaces, monitoring of their inflow profile is an important input for being able to optimise the performance of the wells and reservoirs. This is particularly true in the case of unwanted fluid breakthroughs. Inflow profile monitoring can be obtained by running time lapse production logs or by installing permanent in-well sensors. These two techniques may however prove to be unfeasible, expensive and/or risky in some situations (wells equipped with down-hole pumps and/or two stage completions, subsea and/or highly deviated wells). Inflow profile monitoring can also be obtained through tracer based techniques. Compared to the other two techniques, these qualitative alternative techniques offer benefits in terms of installation flexibility, cost, and safety. During this session, service providers and operating companies will share their experience on the design, installation, data acquisition, and interpretation aspects of implementing these tracer based techniques. They will also describe how the obtained information is later applied as input for optimising the performance of the wells and reservoirs.

1320-1420

Luncheon

1420-1430

Ice-Breaker Activity

1430-1610

Session 3: Tracers for EOR

Session Chairs: Chris Bouma, Chemical Tracers; Kerry Spilker, Chevron

Tracers are an essential component for successful EOR implementation. Tracers can be used in all stages of the EOR process from conception, pilots, and field implementation to improve decision making and ultimately reduce the risk associated with EOR. Tracers can identify EOR target oil, quantify EOR effectiveness, and identify flow paths. Tracer data should be used to balance flow fields and update simulation models, ultimately improving upon the ability of the producer to successfully advance their EOR projects. This session will touch upon tracer technologies applied to EOR and the insight that may be gained from tracer technology implementation in EOR projects.

1610-1640

Coffee Break and Poster Presentation

1640-1700

Day 1 Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks by Co-Chairs

Schedule: Thursday, March 15 2018

0800-0830

Welcome Coffee, Collection of Badges and Delegate Packs

0830-0850

Welcome Remarks and Day 1 Recap by Co-Chairs

0850-0910

Keynote Speech

0910-1050

Session 4: Tracers for Heavy Oil and Unconventionals

Session Chairs: Aimen Amer, Schlumberger;

Jetzabeth Ramirez-Sabag, Mexican Oil Institute

The goal of this session is to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the tracer technology in thermal recovery and unconventional resources. Commercial thermal recovery projects are relatively new within the oil and gas industry, so there is limited data, by another hand, unconventional development has shifted from dry gas to multi-phase liquid flow, 10,000 ft. is the new standard for lateral length, completions designs, are five times more intense than five years ago, and oil is half the price. Because of this, is considerable value in sharing knowledge and ideas to help overcome these challenges with tracers.

Topics Include:

- Efficient recovery
- Applied in steam flood
- Characterising the properties
- Tracer selection criteria
- New tracers
- Hydraulic fractures diagnosis
- Method to understanding zonal contribution
- Case studies

1050-1130

Coffee Break and Poster Presentation

1130-1230

Breakout Session

1230-1330

Luncheon

1330-1510

Session 5: New and Emerging Tracer Technologies

Session Chairs: Mojdeh Delshad, Ultimate EOR Services; Christian Dye, Institute for Energy Technology

Smart tracers are developed and used to provide information about reservoirs and wells including the DNA and smart tracers where operators gain insight into the effectiveness of fracture design and production profile. This session will cover the new and ongoing innovation in tracers and their applications in conventional and unconventional reservoirs to provide information to further optimise the production. This session is also open to presentations on new modelling and interpretation techniques to analyse tracer data. The main objective of the session is to highlight the latest development of tracer technologies for conventional and unconventional resources and highlight the challenges encountered.

1510-1530

Day 2 Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks by Co-Chairs

General Information

Format

Two days of informal discussions prompted by selected keynote presentations and discussions. Focused topics and issues critical to advancing both technology and best practices. Majority of the presentations are in the form of case studies, highlighting engineering achievements, and lessons learnt. In order to stimulate frank discussion, no proceedings are published and the press is not invited to attend.

Documentation

- Proceedings will not be published; therefore, formal papers and handouts are not expected from speakers.
- Work in progress, new ideas, and interesting projects are sought.

Poster Session

The Steering Committee encourages registrations from professionals who are able to prepare and present a poster on a relevant project.

Attendance

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Steering Committee encourages attendance from those who can contribute effectively either in discussions or with posters.

Workshop Deliverables

The Steering Committee will appoint a "scribe" to record the discussions and to produce the full workshop report for SPE.

Commercialism

Commercialism in posters or presentations will not be permitted.

Attendance Certificate

All attendees will receive an attendance certificate attesting to their participation in the workshop.

Continuing Education Units

Attendees at this workshop qualify for SPE Continuing Education Units (CEU) at the rate of 0.1 CEU per hour of the workshop.

Registration Information

This is a nonresidential workshop and therefore hotel accommodation is not included in the registration fees. The registration fees include all workshop sessions, coffee breaks, and luncheons.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- A processing fee of USD 100 will be charged for cancellations received before the registration deadline, 12 February 2018.
- For cancellations received after the registration deadline, 12 February 2018, 25% refund will be made to the registrant.
- No refund on cancellations received within seven (7) days prior to the workshop dates, i.e. on or 7 March 2018.
- No refund will be issued if a registrant fails to attend the workshop.

Registration Policy

- Registration fee MUST be paid in advance for attending the SPE Workshop: Improved Decision Making Through Tracer Technology
- Full fixed fee is charged regardless of the length of time that the registrant attends the workshop.
- Fixed fee cannot be prorated or reduced for anyone (workshop co-chairpersons, committee members, speakers, discussion leaders, students, and registrants)
- Delegates with no proof of advance payment are required to pay onsite by cash or cheque, present a copy of the wire transfer, or submit a letter from their company

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