

MENA 2002 Oil & Gas Conference

(E&P Developments in the Middle East & North Africa)

Day One Thursday 19 September 2002

8.30-Registration and Coffee

8.55-Chairmen Opening Remarks

Dr. Thamir Uqaili, Managing Director, Petroconsult Canada, Mississauga, Canada

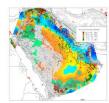
Dr. M. Ala, Director of M.Sc. Courses, Petroleum Geology Section, Geology Department, Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London, UK.

Dr. A. Fenghour, Research Fellow, Department of Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, London, UK.

Dr. Walter H Pierce, Director, WHPierce Exploration, Houston, Texas, USA.

A. HYDROCARBON HABITAT IN THE ARABIAN PLATE

9.00 (A1) Arabian Plate Hydrocarbon Habitat: Gas Expansion Versus Gussow.



- Problem Observation, Recognition, Definition
- Post Paleocene Uplift and Subsidence
- □ Gas Versus Oil in Uplift and Subsidence Context
- □ Gas Versus Oil in a Reservoir Elevation Context
- Mapping
- □ Expanded Gussow
- □ Conclusions

Dr. W. Pierce, and Everett Rutherford, WHPierce Explorations, Houston, Texas, USA.

9.30 (A2)	Morphodynamical Features of SE Zagros Salt Plugs, Onshore and Offshore Iran.
` '	ntroduction
	Geological Setting
	Structural Elements of SE Zagros
	Salt Plug Activity
	active Salt Plugs
	Passive Salt Plugs
	Ruins of Salt Plugs
	Salt Plug Shapes
	Discussion and Conclusions
Dr. Mase	bud Moradi, Marine Data and Information Department, Iranian National Center for Oceanography, Tehran, Iran, and Dr. Fereydoun Ghazban,
	f Environment, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran.
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10.00 (A	B) Depositional and Diagenetic History of the Cretaceous Sedimentary Sequence in Sirri Oil Field in the Persian Gulf, Iran.
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<u> </u>	Sedimentary Environments
<u> </u>	Diagenetic Processes
<u> </u>	<u>Conclusions</u>
Ms Elha	m HajiKazemi, Fereydoun Ghazban, (Faculty of Environment, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran), and M. Yousefpoor, (Iranian Offshore Oil
Company	v, Tehran, Iran).
10.30 (A	4) Salt Plugs: Are they the Next Exploration Targets in the Persian Gulf?
	ntroduction
	Distribution of the Neoproterozoic- Eocambrian salt deposits (Hormoz Formation) in the Persian Gulf Basin
	Recent data on the depositional controls and stratigraphy of the Hormoz Formation
	Role of the basement in the formation of the salt domes
	Role of the Hormoz salt in the formation of structures in the Phanerozoic cover
	Relationship between piercement salt domes and fold axes
- 5	Salt dome related traps: comparison between the onshore Zagros fold belt and the Arabian shelf sector

Evaluation of hydrocarbon prospects in the light of the Persian Carpet seismic data

Dr M. Ala, Senior Academic and Director of MSc Programme in Petroleum Geosciences, Imperial College, London. Director of Hydrocarbon Venture Ltd, London.

11.00 Morning Coffee

B. PRODUCTION PROBLEMS OF SUPER K, FRACTURED AND CAVERNOUS RESERVOIRS

11.	I1.30 (B1) Integrating Inertial Factor Obtained from Turbulent Gas Flo	w in Reservoir Characterization and Well Performance.
	□ Introduction	
	□ Literature Review	
	☐ Study Objective	
	☐ Theoretical Background	A ()
	■ Experimental Data	
	Results and Discussions	Y
	□ Conclusions	
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A. H. Deghmoum (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD, Algeria), K. Slimani (Univ. of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Ok, USA), M. Akkouche, A. R. Hadji (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD, Algeria) A. Mazouzi, and A. Azouguene (Sonatrach, AMT, PED, Algeria).

12.00 (B2) Novel Methodologies to Resolve Severe Lost Circulation Problems Involving Fractured or Cavernous Formation to Improve Oil Production.

- Introduction
- □ Principal Types of Localisation and Losses
- Principal Causes and Prevention Methods
- □ Principle Types of Products and Plugging Clinkers
- □ What are the Remedies for Mud Losses Problems?
- Experimental Protocol and Methodology
- Conclusions

N. Kherfellah (CRD, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria), K. Bekkour (Inst. De Macanique de Fluides, Strasbourg, France), A. Mallak (INH, Univ. de Boumerdes, Algeria), N. Coumaz (Division Forage, Sonatrach, Hassi Messaoud, Algeria), N. Guerraiche (ENSP/DOS, Hassi Messaoud, Algeria) and S. Benhadid (Univ. de Sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediene, Inst. De Physique, El Alia, Algeria).

12.30 ((B3) Multiphase Flow in Artificial and Natural Fractures, Application to TFT Reservoir.
	Background
	Laboratory Setup
	Results and Discussion
	Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability before Saw-Cut
	Absolute Permeability and Capillary Pressure after Saw-Cut
	Brief Geological Description
	Well Selection
	Core Sample Preparation
	Interpretation of Experimental Data
	Full Diameter Core Sample
	Conclusions
A.	Hakim Deghmoum (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD, Boumerdes, Algeria), D. Taib (Univ. of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK, USA) and A. Mazouzi (Sonatrach, AMT,
	CRD, Boumerdes, Algeria).
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13.00	<u>Lunch</u>
	C. UNCERTINITIES VERSUS CERTINITIES: IRAQ AND LIBYA VERSUS THE EUROPIAN ENERGY MARKET
14.00	(C1) I. S. Strataging Towards Iron and Libya
	(C1) U.S. Strategies Towards Iraq and Libya.
	The 11 September crisis and the "axis of evil".
	The sanctions issue.
	Energy security and foreign policy.
	Washington and its "allies": small disagreements between friends? The debate within the U.S.
	Competition among oil producing countries.
	Uncertainties in Washington.
	Libya has some cards to play but must improve its record.
Dr Er	anais Parrin, Editorial Managar, Arab Oil and Coa, Arab Batralaum Bassarah Contar, Baria, Eranga
Dr. Fra	ancis Perrin, Editorial Manager, Arab Oil and Gas, Arab Petroleum Research Center, Paris, France.
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	(C2) Italy: a Typical European Market for Middle East and North Africa Oil and Gas.
	Italy Energy Needs.
	Italy Consumption Trends.
	Current Oil and Gas Export Infrastructures in MENA.

	Current Oil and Gas Infrastructure in Italy. New Pipelines, Gas Storage Sites and LNG Plants (Being Built or Planned) in Italy. Italy, an Energy Gateway to Europe. Current and Future Trends in Cross-Mediterranean Energy Trade.		
Dr. R. B	Bencini, Director, GA.I.A, srl, Rome, Italy.		
15.00 To	15.00 Tea Break		
	D. PALEOZOIC HYDROCARBON HABITAT IN NORTH AFRICA		
	D1) Palynostratigraphy of the Lower Devonian and Lower Carboniferous Formations, the Teg and Reg Fields; Timimoun Basin, West n Sahara.		
N. Alem	, Centre de Recherche et Development, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria.		
	D2) Structural Prediction and Tectonic Regime Determination of the Triassic and Cambro-Ordovician Formations, Garet Ben Chentir re; Southern Hassi Messaoud Area.		
Dr. R. C	chaouchi, L. Yahiaoui, L. Teibi and B. Baouali, Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Univ. of Boumerdes, Boumerdes, Algeria.		
	D3) Sedimentology and Reservoir Quality of the Cambro-Ordovician of the South Central Saharan Platform, Algeria. Introduction. Lithostratigraphy. Sedimentology. Sequence Stratigraphy. Reservoir Geometry. Petrography and Diagenesis. Reservoir Quality. Fracturing. Conclusions.		

B. Fekirine and L. Samar, Sonatrach, CRD, Boumerdes, Algeria.

17.00-17.30 Discussions and Chairmen Closing Remarks.

□ Introduction.

□ Salt Plug Activity.

□ Geological Setting.
□ Structural Elements of SE Zagros.

Poster Presentations

(PP1)	The Use of Global Conductivity Imaging in Sedimentological Interpretations: Application on South-eastern Algerian Basins.
	Introduction
	Theoretical Aspects
	Experimental Study
	Application to Wells in Berkine Basin
	Results and Discussion
	References
M. Ber	namara, Centre de Recherche et Development, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria.
(PP2)	Depositional and Diagenetic History of the Cretaceous Sedimentary Sequence in Sirri Oil Field in the Persian Gulf, Iran.
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Faculty	of Environment, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran.
	Standby Presentations
(SB1)	Application of an Exploration Method using Biological, Isotopic and Geochemical Parameters from Shallow Sediments.
	Introduction (The B.I.G. Method)
	Input Control of the
	Output Madel Design and Comple Brassein and BIC Company
	Model, Design and Sample Processing of BIG Survey Design of Surveys
	Sample Acquisition; Microbiological Samples
	Sample Acquisition; Geochemical Samples
	Sample and Data Processing
_	Genetic Characterization of Hydrocarbons using Carbon Isotopes
	Hydrocarbon Gases in Near –Surface Sediments
	Distribution of BIG Signals in Surface Sediments above an Onshore Oil Accumulation
	Advantages of B.I.G. System
	References
Dr. Kh	alid AL Thour, (Sana'a University, Sana'a, Yemen), Manfred Schmitt, (Geochemische Analysien GCA, Sehnde-Iten, Germany).
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(SB2)	A Method for Reducing Model Error when Interpreting Pressure Derivatives in Well Tests Analysis.
	Background
	Pressure Derivative Determination
	Well Test Interpretation
	Infinite Homogenous Reservoir
	Naturally Fractured Reservoir
	Case Study: Well Tests Interpretation, Hassi Messaoud Oil Field

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	Conci	usions

- S. Bachar (Sonatrach, AMT, PED), A. H. Deghmoum (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD) and D. Tiab (Univ. of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK, USA).
- (SB3) Tomographic Velocity Images by Artificial Neural Networks.

- N. Djarfour, K. Baddari and M. Djeddi, Laboratoire de Physique de la Terre, Univ. de Boumerdes, Algeria.
- (SB4) An Experimental Study to Improve Production by Minimising Formation Damage of Algerian Fields.

- S. Hamza, N. Kherfallah, and M. Kartout (Sonatrach, CRD, Bumerdaes, Algeria).
- (SB5) Jordan Exploration Opportunities and Incentives
 - Introduction
 - Physiography Tectonic History, Stratigraphy and Oil Habitat
 - □ Exploration History and Current Exploration Status
 - ☐ Hydrocarbon Discoveries, Production and Occurrences
 - Jordan Petroleum Potential:
 - □ Azraq Basin Evaluation
 - Risha Basin Evaluation
 - □ Sirhan Basin Evaluation
 - □ Safawi Basin Evaluation
 - □ Northern Highlands Basin Evaluation
 - Al Jafr Basin Evaluation
 - □ Dead Sea Basin Evaluation
 - Contract Incentives, Basic PSA Conditions and Fiscal Terms
 - ☐ References
- Mr. Y. Shahin, Head of Petroleum Studies and Contracts, Natural Resources Authority, Amman, Jordan.

Conference Dinner

The Time: 20.00-22.00 PM

The Date: 19 September

\The Place: TBA



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Day Two Friday 20 September 2002

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- Dr. M. Ala, Director of M.Sc. Courses, Petroleum Geology Section, Geology Department, Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London, UK.
- Dr. A. Fenghour, Research Fellow, Department of Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, London, UK.
- Dr. Walter H Pierce, Director, WHPierce Exploration, Houston, Texas, USA.

E. ARABIAN PLATE I: STRATIGRAPHIC AND STRUCTURAL TRAPS, TYPES, TIMES, LOCATIONS AND POTENTIAL

9.00 (E1) Major Unconformity of the Arabian Plate.

- □ Introduction
- Distribution of Unconformities in the Stratigraphic Record of the Arabian Plate
- □ Regional Structural Maps at Unconformable Stratigraphic Boundaries
- Unconformities Ages Used in the Study
- ☐ Time Mapping the Hiatus, Range and Amalgamation
- Conclusions
- Dr. W. Pierce, WHPierce Explorations, Houston, USA.
- 9.30 (E2) Structural Control of Petroleum Accumulation in the UAE.

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- Regional setting and structural provinces of the UAE. Oil fields of the UAE; nearly all are structural traps □ Classification and characteristic:
- Oman mountain front fields
- Salt intrusions fields
- Basement blocks fields
- Strike-slip faults fields
- Structural control:
- Occurrence
- □ Size
- Type of hydrocarbon
- Time of formation: timing of deformation, synchronous growth and migration
- **Exploration strategies**

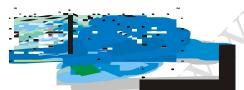
Dr. Mohammed Warrak, Imperial College, London, UK.

10.00 (E3) Remaining E&P Potential in Onshore and Offshore UAE.

- ☐ Geographical Location and Geological setting of the UAE.
- Exploration History of the UAE.
- □ Oil Discoveries, and Developed Oil Fields
- □ Reservoir Description.
- Subsurface Structural Features.
- □ Structural trends and Distribution of the Oil Discoveries.
- Reserves Percentages per Fields and Reservoirs.
- Remaining potential.
- Summary, and Conclusions.

Kamal Muammar, Consultant Geologist, London, UK.

10.30 (E4) Stratigraphic Safah Field, Oman: Changing Geological Ideas from Blue-Sky Exploration Concept to Mature Development Models.



- Review changing geological interpretations of Safah Field from pre-discovery to mature development (1980-2000)
 - **Exploration Phase**
 - New concept Upper Shuaiba stratigraphic prospect
 - No precendent/analogs
 - Consensual risk assessments weakly discriminatory/ only highgraded area
 - Appraisal Phase

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□ Safah 1x discovery provided interpretative focus
 □ Consensus elusive because of complex/subtle trapping mechanism, reservoir architecture and PVT fluid property gradients
 □ Several competing explanations
 □ Development Phase
 □ Further interpretative constraints from new data AND re-evaluation of old data.
 □ Current interpretation:

 mid-Shuaiba highstand/late Shuaiba (Bab) lowstand low energy carbonate reservoir architecture,

 (1) Early and late diagenetic reservoir enhancement,
 (2) Dual source Jurassic and Silurian/dual charging before and during late Miocene tilting with ongoing in-field mixing.
 □ Moral of the Story
 □ Geological interpretations/predictions evolve in non-linear, erratic, rather circuitous fashion.
 □ Predictive accuracy is best achieved by integrating data/testing interpretations within a narrative framework
 □ Effectiveness of this narrative construct is directly dependant upon regional geological understanding and conceptual framework.

David Boote (Consultant Geologist, London, UK) and Duenchien Mau (Bakersfield, California, USA).

11.00 Morning Coffee

F. OVERCOMING PRODUCTION PROBLEMS AND IOR TEQNIQUES

11.30 (F1) Hydrocarbon Exploration and Development in the Republic of Yeme
	Introduction
	Tectonic and Stratigraphic Setting
	Hydrocarbon Exploration and Discoveries
	Vertical and Lateral Distribution of Proven Hydrocarbon Reserves
	International Oil Operating Companies

- □ International Oil Exploration Companies
- □ Remaining Hydrocarbon Potential
- □ Future Exploration Strategy
- □ An Invitation to Invest in the Oil Industry of Yemen

Dr. Khalid AL Thour, (Sana'a University, Sana'a, Yemen), **Nabil Al Qawsai, and Abdullah Al Ateesh (**Petroleum Exploration and Production Authority, Sana'a, Yemen).

12.00 (F2) Wettability Evaluation of Guellala Oil Field, Algeria.

■ Introduction

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<u> </u>	Results and Discussion
	oul (USTHB of Algeria), A.H. Deghmoum (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD, Algeria), S. Chikh (USTHB of Algeria), R. Bensalem (Sonatrach, AMT, PED a), H. Hamaz and A. Hadji (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD, Algeria).
2.30	(F3) Simulations of Production Performance of Combinations of Producers and Horizontal Gas Injectors Patterns.
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	enayad (Institute Algerien de Petrole, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria), N. Kherfellah (CRD, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria), S. Bachiri (PED trach, Hydra, Algeria, M. Ait Hammouda (Institute Algerien de Petrol, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria).
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3 00	Lunch
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3. AL	GERIAN UPSTREAM ROUND AND CASPIAN GEOPOLITICS
4.00	(G1) Algeria's Upstream Bid Rounds: a First Assessment.
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	The way ahead.

Dr. Francis Perrin, Editorial Manager, Arab Oil and Gas, Arab Petroleum Research Center, Paris, France.

14.30 (G2) Implications of Recent Geopolitical Developments in the Indian Subcontinent on the Development and Supply of the Caspian Hydrocarbons. Background Obstacles to Extraction and Transportation of Caspian Hydrocarbons Russian Attempts to Export Central Asia's Hydrocarbons Obstacles Faced by Russia Situation post September 11 th 2001 Objectives of US Involvement in Central Asia Other Developments post September 11 th 2001 Future Developments
T. Mustafa, Freelance political analyst and writer, London.
15.00 Tea Break
H. FRONTIER AND MATURE BASINS OF NORTH AFRICA
15.30 (H1) Petrography and Reservoir Quality of the Upper Satal Carbonate Reservoir, Bahi Oil Field, Sirt Basin, Libya. Introduction Location and Geological Setting Methodology Petrography and Facies Analysis Facies Sequence and Environmental Interpretation Diagenesis and Diagenetic Sequence Reservoir Quality Summary and Conclusions Kanouni and A. Abuktef, Petroleum Research Centre, Tripoli, Libya.
16.00 (H2) Hydrocarbon Potential of Libya. □ Background. □ Exploration Results. □ Reserves. □ Prospects. □ Crude Oil Characteristics.

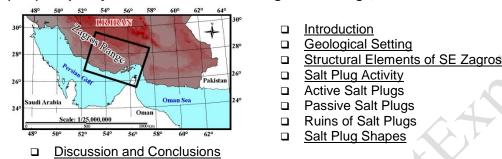
	□ Production. □ Summary								
	□ References.								
Dr.	Dr. Thamir Uqaili, Managing Director, Petroconsult Canada, Mississauga, Canada.								
16.	A Continent-Wide Geological Perspective. Regional Stratigraphy. Wells Drilled to-date in the Basin. Source Rocks and Possible Maturation Pattern.								
Dr. R. Bencini, Director, GA.I.A. Srl, Rome, Italy.									
<u>17.</u>	17.00-17.30 Panel Discussions Chairmen Closing Remarks								
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(PP3) Morphodynamical Features of SE Zagros Salt Plugs, Onshore and Offshore Iran.



Dr. Masoud Moradi, Marine Data and Information Department, Iranian National Center for Oceanography, Tehran, Iran, and **Dr. Fereydoun Ghazban,** Faculty of Environment, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran.

Standby Presentations

(SB6) Seek of an Inhibitor of Asphaltene Deposits Through the Parameters of Solubility of a Solvent and Tests of Inhibition with Solvents in High Acido-Basic Matter.

- Introduction
- Definitions and Structures of Asphaltenes and Resins
- □ Reliability of Asphaltenes Extraction Methods
- Determination of the Acido-Basic Characters of Oils and Asphaltenes
- □ Inhibitors of Asphaltenes Deposits

□ Fractionation of Asphaltenes into Generic Groups								
 Prediction of the Flocculation of the Asphaltenes Solvents Compatibilities: Seeking ideal Inhibitor of Asphaltenes Deposits for Asphaltenes Generic Groups 								
□ Conclusions								
C. Benamara, S. Hafid, and B. Boubguirah, Centre de Recherche et Development, Sonatrach, Boumerdes, Algeria.								
(SB7) Improve Oil Recovery by Using Xanthan Polymer Solutions, Application to Hassi Messaoud Oil Field, Algeria.								
R. Hachemi, M. Bellahcene (Algerian Petroleum Institute) and A. Hakim Deghmoum (Sonatrach, AMT, CRD), Algeria.								
(SB8) Unconformable Stratigraphic Traps Potential of South Iraq. Introduction The Incomplete Stratigraphic Record of Iraq. Upper Bathonian Unconformity. Mid Tithonian Unconformity. Upper Aptian Unconformity. Upper Albian Unconformity. Lower Turonian Unconformity. Lower Maastrichtian Unconformity. Upper Maastrichtian Unconformity. Upper Eocene Unconformity. Upper Eocene Unconformity. Summary of Unconformable Trapping Potential, and Conclusions. Dr. Muhammad W. Ibrahim, Geologist, Target Exploration, London, UK.								
(SB9) Unconformable Stratigraphic Traps Potential of Eastern Sirte Basin, Libya.								
☐ Introduction, Stratigraphic and Tectonic Framework								
Petroleum Systems of Eastern Sirte Basin, Unconformity Play Components								
 Top Precambrian Basement Unconformity, Structure and Bottom-seal Top Ordovician Unconformity, Underlying Reservoir Facies 								
□ Top Ordovician Oriconformity, Underlying Reservoir Facies								
□ Pre Upper Cretaceous Unconformity, Structure and Underlying Reservoir Facies								
 Upper Cretaceous Sequence, Structure, Source and Top-seal 								
 Additional Stratigraphic and Combination Plays 								
Summary and Conclusions Pr. Muhammad W. Ihrahim. Conlugiot. Torque Exploration Landon LIV.								
Dr. Muhammad W. Ibrahim, Geologist, Target Exploration, London, UK.								
(SB10) Organic Facies of Early Cretaceous Synrift Lacustrine Source Rocks from the Muglad Basin, Sudan □ Introduction								

- Previous Work
- □ Samples and Methods
- □ Results and Discussion
- Organic Facies
- Organic Maturation
- Conclusions

Dr A. Mustafa and Dr R. V. Tyson, Fossil Fuel and Environmental Geochemistry, University of Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Cancelled Presentations

Petroleum in Antiquity: the Contribution of Oil to the Archaeology of Iraq.

L. Gailani, NABU, London, UK

An Introduction to Libyan Oil Legislations.

Irene Dallas, Partner, Osborne Clarke Solicitors

Petroleum in Antiquity and the Contribution of Oil to the Archaeology of Iraq: Posters I+ II.

L. Gailani, NABU, London, UK

Graphic Approaches to Hydrocarbon Habitat: Arabian Plate.

Dr. W. Pierce, WHPierce Explorations, Houston, USA.

Chronostratigraphic Isopach Mapping of Sequences of the Arabian Plate.

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Worked in the oil industry for 8 years in global petroleum exploration - identification and evaluation of oil and gas prospects. Currently Senior Academic and Director of the internationally recognised MSc programme in Petroleum Geosciences at the Imperial College, responsible for up to 45 postgraduate students per year. Involved since 1982 in consulting, organising and presenting industry training courses for the private and state sectors in many oil and gas producing countries. Author of numerous proprietary and non-proprietary reports on petroliferous regions in northern Europe, eastern Mediterranean countries, Africa, eastern South America and the Middle East. Co-founder in 1988 and Director of Hydrocarbons Venture Limited, an organisation involved in providing consulting services and running industry training programmes.

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