

Keynote Speakers Subsea Survey IRM

The keynote speakers for the conference Subsea Survey Inspection, Repair and Maintenance, to be held from 9th to 11th November 2010 in Galveston (USA), have been announced. Randall Abadie of Shell Exploration and Production and Steven Kopits of Douglas Westwood will share their vision on subsea survey aspects.

Randall Abadie is employed by Shell Exploration and Production Company in New Orleans, Louisiana where he serves as the Offshore Structures Technical Authority, Marine Technical Authority, and Diving Technical Authority for Shell Upstream Americas. He is responsible for all diving activities for Shell Upstream in the Americas, all underwater inspections for Shell in the Gulf of Mexico and is the focal point for decommissioning of offshore structures and facilities for Shell in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to joining Shell he spent a number of years working for a large engineering design firm in New Orleans, Louisiana where he designed and managed numerous large-scale oil and gas and industrial projects around the world.

Randall is a graduate of Louisiana State University and is a registered professional engineer in the states of Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi. He is a charter member of the Structural Institute and in 1999 was named a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has served on a number of industry committees and groups, and is Shell's representative on the Gulf of Mexico Decommissioning Operators Group.

Steven Kopits heads the New York office of Douglas-Westwood, providing market research, strategy support and commercial due diligence to the offshore oil and gas services sector, investment banks, and private equity funds. Steven's background is as an investment banker and management consultant. Prior to joining Douglas-Westwood, Steven led teams raising capital for the shipping and offshore oil and gas sector as an investment banker in New York; and earlier provided strategic management consulting services to a range of industries as a Director for Financial Advisory Services at Deloitte & Touche. He presents frequently on a range of oil and gas topics, and writes regularly on energy markets in a variety of publications, including Offshore Magazine, Petroleum Review, Foreign Policy and Renewable Energy World.

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