

SNAME Press Release

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The 17th Annual Texas Offshore Symposium – Texas Section in Cooperation with Shanghai SNAME (S-SNAME)

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The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) Texas Section recently hosted the 17th Offshore Symposium on February 2nd, 2012, in Houston, TX. The symposium was truly an international event, including one session organized by Shanghai SNAME(S-SNAME).

The symposium chair, Donald Burris, reports attendance reached 150 industry professionals and students. Attendees came not only from the United States and China, but also from Canada, Germany, Australia, and The Netherlands. The symposium proved that despite differences in language and culture, all naval architects and engineers thrive on the ability to exchange ideas and further the industry.



Also in attendance were numerous SNAME medalists and Fellows. Four of the Blakely-Smith medalists in attendance were photographed just prior to the lunch program. (Photo: Caption L to R – John (Jack) Mercier, F. Tim Pease, Howard Shatto, Rod Allan)

Several keynote authors also presented during the symposium, including Blakely-Smith medalist Dietmar Deter as the symposium opener. The session sponsored by S-SNAME was also well received, with the session room near capacity. The presentations focused on the recent developments of shipyards in Shanghai, as well as expanded educational facilities for naval architects.



Momen Wishahy of Transocean captivated the lunch audience discussing “Drilling Vessels Hurricane Evasion in the Gulf of Mexico”. SNAME member John Stiff updated the attendees on the progress of SNAME OC-7, SNAME 5-5A, and the pending ISO 19905-1 document on the site-specific assessment of jack-up rigs.



SNAME President-Elect, and Admiral Jerry Land medal recipient, Peter Noble closed the technical program on a high note, with a presentation on the benefits of SNAME and S-SNAME collaborations. At the conclusion of Mr. Noble’s Speech, he invited Prof. Shengkun Zhang, President of S-SNAME to the stage to announce the signing of a new cooperation agreement between SNAME and S-SNAME.

The closing reception saw a large number of attendees continuing to network well past the scheduled end, enhancing the value of the symposium beyond the technical content. The SNAME Texas Section would like to thank all the volunteers whose dedicated time and efforts led to great success. The section would also like to extend special thanks to the generous sponsors; ABS, Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc., AMOG Consulting, Halton Marine, Houston Offshore Engineering, and SOFEC.

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