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APPIH 2015 Scholarship Program

APPIH Scholarship Program is to promote excellence in the education of students of Iranian Heritage and also to honor distinguished Iranian scientists: Prof. Iraj Ershaghi, Prof. Hossein Kazemi, Prof. Abbas Firoozabadi, and Prof. Ali Daneshy.

Professor Iraj Ershaghi 2015 Award

Ms. Simin Sadeghi

Ph.D. Student, Petroleum Engineering
Texas A&M, TX

Professor Hossein Kazemi 2015 Award

Mr. Morteza Elahi Naraghi

Ph.D. Student, Petroleum Engineering
University of Texas at Austin, TX

Professor Abbas Firoozabadi 2015 Award

Mr. Kourosh Maleki

Ph.D. Student, Petroleum Engineering
University of Kansas, KS

Prof. Ali Daneshy 2015 Award

Mr. Milad Ahmadi

Ph.D. Student, Petroleum Engineering
Louisiana State University, LA



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3rd Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

George R. Brown Convention Center

Houston, Texas

Sunday, September 27, 2015

American Petroleum Professionals of Iranian Heritage's mission as a non-profit, non-political, professional organization (established in March 2012) is to provide an educational, professional, and networking environment for its members to promote their values and professional contributions to the petroleum industry in the U.S.

Program:

6:00 – 6:30	Registration and social hour
6:30 – 6:35	Greetings and Event Program (Dr. Delshad)
6:35 – 6:45	Short piece of traditional Persian music
6:45 – 7:00	Opening remarks & Introduction of the keynote speaker (Dr. Fassihi)
7:00 – 7:40	Keynote speech by Mr. Saberioon
7:40 – 8:40	Panel Discussion moderated by Fred Arasteh, Panelists: Prof. Firoozabadi, Prof. Daneshy, Dr. Dehghani
8:40 – 9:10	Dinner accompanied by traditional live music
9:10 – 9:20	Presentation of scholarships and awards (Dr. Fassihi)
9:20 – 9:30	Closing remarks (Dr. Fassihi)



Message from the APPIH president

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of American Petroleum Professionals of Iranian Heritage (APPIH), I welcome you to the third APPIH annual meeting. Holding this program in Houston makes it even more special since many of our members live in this city.

As you know, we've had two successful events in the past two years (New Orleans 2013 and Denver 2014). In accordance with our mission, we have started honouring Iranian Petroleum professionals who have contributed to the petroleum industry significantly. Also, we began a scholarship program to reward deserving Iranian students who study in American universities. The scholarship winners last year included: Saeed Zargari, Behnaz Rahmani Didar and Mehrdad Shirangi. We are pleased to announce 4 new scholarship winners this year whose names are announced in this brochure.

As for the speakers, we are honoured to have Mr. Ali Saberioon, president and CEO of Sabco Oil and Gas Corporation as our keynote speaker, and a panel of experts including, Professor Abbas Firoozabadi, Director of the Reservoir Engineering Research Institute (RERI) and a faculty member at Yale University, Prof. Ali Daneshy, president of Daneshy Consultants Int'l and adjunct professor in Cullen College of Engineering at the University of Houston, and Dr. Kaveh Dehghani, reservoir simulation and consulting team leader at Chevron Energy Technology Company, who will present key technical topics in the Petroleum industry. Finally, we are delighted to have Mr Fred Arasteh, Vice President, Weatherford, who will be leading the panel discussion. These speakers are not just known in the Iranian community, but, they are considered global experts.

The success of this organization depends on your continuous support through membership, involvement in the operations and financial support of our educational and scholarship programs. Please take a moment to check out our website and review the Bylaws, mission, principals, and activities of the organization and consider joining today by filling out the membership application form. We appreciate your continued support of the APPIH organization. Looking forward to your involvement in our future activities.

On behalf of the organizing committee,
Reza Fassihi, APPIH President

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Keynote Address:

“Future of the Oil and Gas Industry and Opportunities for Professionals of Iranian Heritage“

Ali Saberioon

President and CEO of Sabco Oil and Gas Corporation

Panel Discussion: “Low Oil Price? How Can Technology Help”



Panel Chair:
Fred Arasteh, Global Subsurface Director
Weatherford International



Molecular Structures in Petroleum Systems in Relation to Efficient Hydrocarbon Energy Production and Recovery

Prof. Abbas Firoozabadi,
RERI and Yale University



Role of Well Stimulation Technology in a Low Oil Price Environment

Prof. Ali Daneshy, President of Daneshy Consultants Int'l and adjunct professor in Cullen College of Engineering at University of Houston



Production Forecast Uncertainty (Green & Brown Fields DoE -based Techniques)
Dr. Kaveh Dehghani, Reservoir Simulation and consulting team leader at Chevron Energy Technology Company

APPIH 2015 Scholarship Winners Academic Achievements

Professor Iraj Ershaghi 2015 Award



Ms. Simin Sadeghi

Simin is a candidate for PhD in Petroleum Engineering at Texas A & M. She obtained her BS degree from Sharif University and her MSc. in Petroleum Engineering from TAMU.

Simin has presented three papers at SPE conferences since at TAMU.

She has received the John Calhoun and Chrisman Scholarship and Killough family fellowship and has served as teaching assistant. Her interests are in uncertainty quantification and stochastic reservoir characterization.



Professor Hossein Kazemi 2015 Award

Mr. Morteza Elahi Naraghi

Morteza is pursuing his PhD at University of Texas in Austin in Petroleum Engineering. He completed his BS degree in Petr. Eng. and in Electrical Engineering at Sharif University and his MSc. at Univ. of Texas.

He received the SPE Star Fellowship, ranked 37 in the entrance exam of Iranian universities among 450,000 participants and received numerous fellowships at University of Texas including George J Heuer and Sonny Brown awards. He has co-authored several journal and conference papers in the areas of reservoir characterization.

APPIH 2015 Scholarship Winners Academic Achievements, Cont'd

Professor Abbas Firoozabadi 2015 Award



Mr. Kourosh Maleki

Kourosh is a candidate for PhD in Petroleum Engineering at Univ. of Kansas, he graduated from Amir Kabir university with a BS in Petroleum Engineering and is a graduate of Petroleum University of Technology in Ahwaz Iran.

Kourosh has served as a teaching assistant at the University of Kansas, and has presented papers at AAPG and CCUS and published in the journal of petroleum science and technology. His interest areas are phase behavior and CO₂ EOR.

Prof. Ali Daneshy 2015 Award



Mr. Milad Ahmadi

Milad is completing his PhD in Petroleum Engineering at the Louisiana State University. He completed his MSc. Degree in Petr. Eng. and BS in Chemical Engineering at the University of Tehran. Currently he is a teaching assistant at LSU.

Milad is a winner of the SPE delta section award and GDL foundation award, he has authored several conference presentations and publications related to fracturing and fines migration. Milad is interested in geo mechanical issues related to fracturing.