SUBSEA CONTROL SYSTEMS & UMBILICALS
27 – 29 September 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Expert Trainers:

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About the Training Course

High system integrity combined with reliable control and accurate monitoring of subsea installations is essential to ensure the highest production availability, while providing a safe and environmentally friendly field operation.

As subsea production stretches the boundaries through long tiebacks, and high pressures, the demand on control systems becomes even higher. This training course will look into how subsea operators can better leverage on their systems to change their game for difficult fields. The course is designed to meet the harshest subsea challenges and to help engineers provide flexibility, expandability and upgradeability throughout the life of the field.

By attending this 3 day training course, you will be able to:
- Recognize the integrated nature of field architecture, system design and component selection
- Identify the appropriate application for subsea control systems, chemical injections and its mode of operation
- Examine the main subsea control system requirements, their functions, strengths, weaknesses and interfaces
- Learn subsea control modules, connections, interface with topside equipment and umbilicals
- Understand key design and installation issues through case studies
- Understand subsea control equipment procurement, maintenance, failures and safeguarding measures
- Explore new state of the art technologies for subsea production systems

Featured Case Study Discussions on:

Case study 1; Design Application exercise; Otter Field North Sea – Tie-back or FPSO-SPCS Functional Design
Based on a specific Field development requirement, the Participants will be guided to design a simple control system. This will cover the main considerations of control requirements, monitoring requirements, power and communication constraints. Duration - 2 hours.

Case Study 2: TOTAL Angola DALIA Field- The SPCS & Chemical Injections system
Topside equipment & FPSO ICSS interfaces. Umbilicals for Production control, water injection & Gas injection controls (total of 71 subsea wells). Subsea control modules, Multiphase meters & chemical injections. Intelligent well completions & control interfaces via the DTHXTree Tubing hanger. Underwater maintenance & repair. Duration – 2 hours

This training course is designed for
Engineers and technical professionals working in subsea projects who want a full understanding of the different types of control and umbilical systems applied, including:
- Subsea and flowline/pipeline engineers
- Riser and Umbilical engineers
- System Design engineers
- Process engineers
- Engineering team managers, leaders and supervisors
- Technical specialists and engineers from manufacturer and supplier companies

The training course has a limited attendance for up to 25 participants only. Sessions commence at 9am on all days, with short intervals at 10.30am and 3.30pm respectively. Lunch will be provided at 12:30pm for 1.5 hours. Sessions will end at 5pm on all days.

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Course Outline

Day One
Lecture L1; Reminder of Production Systems Building Blocks;
- Where they fit in the System Design and the Field Architecture
- Field configuration issues: number of wells, distance from Host, etc...
- Overview of topside and subsea controls equipment
- Water depth & riser/umbilical configurations
- XTree & manifold types

Lecture L2; Basic Control System Types;
- Control philosophy
- Direct hydraulic (historic context)
- Pilot and sequenced hydraulic
- Electro-hydraulic & multiplexed E-H
- Open vs closed hydraulic systems
- Advantages/disadvantages & selection
- Typical configurations & performance

Lecture L3; Functional Control System Requirements;
- Safety/shutdown
- Flow control
- Flow monitoring
- System condition monitoring
- Chemical injection
- Subsea process control
- Maintenance & repair

Lecture L4; Subsea Valves & Actuators;
- Gate valves
- Gate valve hydraulic actuators
- Choke valves
- Choke valve hydraulic actuators
- Valve position monitoring (switch & profiling)
- Down hole Safety valves (SSSV)
- Pilot valves
- Chemical injection valves
- Diver/ROV operated valves
- ROV over-ride

Lecture L5; Subsea Sensors & Instrumentation;
- Down hole sensors
- XT sensors
- Sand sensor
- Gas leakage sensor
- System integrity sensors
- Various meters for Gas, Water & Multiphase flows

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Day Two
Lecture L6; Subsea Control Modules;
- SCM architecture
- Subsea Electronic Module (SEM)
- Hydraulic valve block
- Housing design
- Hydraulic accumulators & hydraulic fluids
- Typical SCM designs & SCM MB (mounting base)

Lecture L7; Subsea Connections & Communications;
- Electric & hydraulic flying leads
- Flying lead connectors
- Multi way stab connectors
- Inductive couplers

High-power electric connectors;
- Electric communication protocols (FSK, PSK)
- Signal on Power options
- Acoustic communication
Lecture L8; Topside Equipment;
- Master Control Unit (MCU) requirements
- MCU components
- MCU design & engineering
- Hydraulic Power Unit (HPU requirements)
- HPU components
- HPU design & engineering
- Electrical Power Unit (EPU) requirements
- EPU components
- EPU design & engineering

Lecture L9; Subsystem Interfaces & Umbilicals;
- Umbilical optimization & design calculations
- Typical umbilical constructions
- Umbilical configurations
- Topside communications interface & umbilical termination (TUTU)
- Subsea umbilical termination assembly (UTA & SDU)

Lecture L10; System Reliability & Availability;
- Failure, repair and availability optimization
- Component failure-rate modeling
- Failure mode analysis
- Redundancy & common-mode failures
- Typical redundancy options

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End of day TWO

Day Three
Lecture L11; Subsea Safeguarding;
- Alarm and shutdown philosophy
- Fail-safe approaches
- Implementation of IEC61508 on subsea production control systems
- Integrated Control & Safety Systems

Lecture L12; Control System Design Procedure and Procurement;
- Requirements driven by FEED
- Design Code API RP 17 F / ISO 13628-6 (2nd Edition Dec 06)
- Typical FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATION, a detailed review
- Control system configuration
- Iteration with field development configuration & reservoir engineering
- Bid documents & ITT
- Bid evaluation

Lecture L13; Subsea Production Control System, Equipment Testing & reported failures;
- Outline testing procedure and planning
- From FAT to SIT
- Outline sequence of operations and planning
- Reporting requirements & documentation
- Common failures & Industry reporting system
- Maintenance, storage & sparing of subsea control equipment

Lecture L14; New Technologies for Subsea Production Systems;
- All Electric actuators & XTrees – Total K5F system performance to date
- Wireless communication
- Optical fibers communication
- Open system architecture
- High power systems for seabed pumping, processing & wet gas compression

End of Day Three & End of Course

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Your Expert Trainers:

Dr Jonathan E. Williams
Qualified from Cambridge, Imperial College and Cranfield. Jonathan has been involved in a variety of field development and joint industry R&D projects with major oil & gas companies including: riser system design on Draugen FPV for Aker, performance simulation and system design for GASP Subsea Separator (R&D JIP), NE Frigg for ELF Norge, control system specification and outline design on Toni for AGIP, configuration optimisation and outline design of control and chemical injection system on Otter field for Fina, followed by specification and ITT document preparation. He was also in technical assistance to other Azur Subsea Project Engineers involved with Elf Girassol, Shell Malampaya, BP Greater Plutonio and Total Dalia. He has recently extended his experience into new technology development for offshore oil & gas operations, including: modelling of environmental impacts from drilling and production and decision-support; collaborative R&D projects on sensor and monitoring system technologies; open systems architectures for marine & offshore decision support systems; metocean forecasting systems for offshore intervention planning. He has worked for subsea equipment manufacturers and operator Oceonics plc, on development of wellhead control systems.

TPA Professor Jean-Luc CHASSEROT  BSc . MSc
Started to work for the Energy Industry in 1972, after qualifying in Mechanical Engineering (BSc) & Industrial Engineering (BSc) in France. Worked on design & construction of several LNG carriers in French & US Shipyards Returned to France in 78 to join Comex Seal/Ind to move to Aberdeen.

Joinied A.O.L. in Jan 83 to work in London on new field development Projects. Seconded to various Operators for:

- 83/ 85 BALMORAL Field for Sun Oil UK-New Semi FPV & large SPS/Pipeline system. Involved from system design up to offshore HUC.
- 86 / 88 Various short involvements on Glamis, Draugen FPV for Aker/Shell, GASP R&D subsea separation, Emerald, FROY for Elf Norge, Shell Brent ESDVs, TONI SPS for Agip UK and LYELL SPS / Intra field Flowlines & Umbilicals for tie-back to Ninian Host platform for Conoco.
- 89 / 94 ALBA Field for CHEVRON UK– Pipeline / Subsea supervisor – Northern Platform and New Floating Storage.Involved from conceptual design up to first oil start-up and trouble shooting offshore. AN Platform to FSU internal turret, pipeline bundle and provision for South subsea development.
- 95/ 96 SCOTT / TELFORD Subsea tie-back for Hamerada Hess / Laing Oil & Gas. Special retrofit multi riser system, including offshore work.
- Mid 96 /Mar 98 OTTER Field FINA UK – Subsea engineering manager responsible for FEED, detail design & bids. Simple SPS to FPSO or Tie-back.
- 98 / 00 Cameron France SA for ELF Angola, GIRASSOL Field, Senior Project Engineer based in Pau & Beziers looking after Hybrid riser,SPS,etc..
- DALIA FEED + prequalification and evaluation of novel Drill Through Horizontal XTrees. Drilling cost savings.
- Also worked in Houston & Singapore on the Shell Philippines MALAMPAYA Field to sort out the Field Architecture, System Design, the F.A. issues, the FEED and started Detail Design. Later on, monitored the SIT in Singapore.
- Mid 00 / 04 Various missions for A.O.L. in Australia / Singapore / Paris / Malaysia / Sarawak assisting clients in field development studies & training.
- Mid 04 / Feb 05 Senior Project Engineer / Auditor on TIOF Field studies for WOODSIDE Mauritania.in Perth & Nouak up to contract award.
- 05/06 Assisted BP Operations on GREATER PLUTONIO Field to develop the Operation Manual (on CD) level one, for large SPS/Lines & FPSO.
- 06/ Feb 07-2nd mission in Pau, to assist Total Angola on DALIA field development, deep water, world largest SPS / FPSO with 71 Subsea Wells for Production, Water Injection & Gas disposal. Also worked with all Package Managers to Prepare 7 Papers for OTC Conference - May 07.
- Apr 07 to Sep 09; assisted Petronas Carigali on 1st subsea gas tie-back K5 pilot project to wellhead platform and trained new group of Subsea / Offshore Engineers. Assisted Petronas Mauritania on Chinguetti FPSO replacement evaluation and engineering of W.O. operations.
- From Jul 09, developed Malaysia operations with JV Partner, SLT International in Kuala Lumpur (FLNG bid INPEX)
- March10 / May 11 Organised & delivered Six SUT Africa Branch 5 days Subsea Engineering Courses in Nigeria, Angola & Ghana.
- For the past 22 years, regular lecturer in Offshore and Subsea Engineering at various engineering Schools / Universities in UK and France.

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