



The Data Managers

The 2009 Expert Center for Information Management (ECIM) conference saw some 300 information architects and data managers from over 30 companies gather in Norway. The head count lead the organizers to claim that ECIM is now ‘the biggest oil and gas data management conference in the world.’ Certainly it is the data management show with the largest number of simultaneous sessions—eight!

While ECIM is very well attended, it remains primarily a Norwegian event, with many presentations involving StatoilHydro’s data and information environment. This is not a bad thing *per se* since StatoilHydro has been in the forefront of data management thinking (and presenting) for a decade or more and has had the resources to implement major data projects.

Such projects include the data merge following the Statoil/Hydro merger, presented in a [paper from RocQC](#). Another advantage of ECIM is that vendors are unusually loquacious regarding their technology. We hear from Schlumberger on [data management in Petrel](#) and from Halliburton’s Landmark unit on a contrasting solution in [OpenWorks R5000](#).

Bu the innovation and focus of ECIM 2009 was in production data management. This has hitherto been something of an oxymoron, but presentations from [KPMG/Abbon](#) and [StatoilHydro/Tieto](#) illustrated that this area is maturing. StatoilHydro’s corporate production database is described as ‘vendor and asset neutral.’ When it is not actually building solutions, Statoil’s modus operandi could be described as ‘buy and bend,’ as a product is acquired and then shaped to corporate requirements. We saw this in the adaptation of Landmark’s DecisionSpace to suit StatoilHydro’s basin scale exploration (TW0809_2.14). StatoilHydro is now engaged in a similar development with Schlumberger to adapt [Petrel’s Reservoir Engineering](#) (PetrelRE) module to its workflow.

Highlights

[Global warming scenarios \(Shell\)](#)

[QC in Statoil-Hydro data merge \(RocQC\)](#)

[New production data management solution \(KPMG\)](#)

[Data Management in Petrel \(Schlumberger\)](#)

[StatoilHydro’s production data management \(Tieto\)](#)

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