

## PNEC Data and Information Integration 2003 Houston, May 2003

### Introduction

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Phil Crouse's Data Integration Conference was quite well attended considering the prevailing world situation – with 140 pre-registered<sup>1</sup>. Since last year there have been some significant changes in the data management scene which require some background to follow. The first 1997 PNEC conference was sponsored by the Geoshare User Group and had a whole session on Geoshare applications and was followed by the Geoshare AGM. PNEC also attracted the Canadian Public Petroleum Data Model PPDM as exhibitor and sponsor – PPDM also piggy-backed its Houston spring member meeting onto PNEC. The association of PNEC, PPDM and Geoshare established a pattern which was continued until last year when Geoshare was kind of disbanded and handed over to the Petrotechnical Open Standards Corporation (POSC) for 'retirement'. This has proved a significant development in that both POSC and PPDM now cohabit at PNEC – and appear to be working towards sharing some XML-based developments. This is quite an achievement for Phil Crouse's entrepreneurship – he has succeeded in bringing the two warring standards bodies together where years of arm twisting by major oil companies has conspicuously failed.

Elsewhere, the PNEC conference offered a fair cross section of where data management is at today – with a fair crop of XML-based initiatives, more on searching and spidering of multiple data sources and contributions from the e-business crowd. Industry thinking on 'who does what' seems to have retreated some from the vigorous outsourcing advocacy of prior years. Today, independents don't see any political incorrectness in developing fairly substantial solutions in-house. Majors may 'buy not build' but this is likely to involve considerable remodeling of off the shelf products.

### Highlights

- [Kerr McGee's Desktop well log delivery](#).
- [Migrating upstream computing to Linux](#) (Anadarko)
- [XML Modules](#) (POSC)
- [Well log nomenclature](#) (panel discussion)
- [Data viewers for wide area networks](#) (INT)

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<sup>1</sup> The demographics are interesting: 14 from Schlumberger/GeoQuest against 2 from Halliburton/Landmark; 12 from Shell against 2 from ExxonMobil and 1 from BP.

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