



# SPENEWSROUNDUP

## Ken Braney's monthly look at SPE's European activities

### SPE Council Elects New Officers

At the recent SPE Council meeting in Savannah, Georgia, USA, three SPE officers were elected for 2008–2009: Paul Andersen, President; Jon Ratzlaff, Vice President; and me—Ken Braney—Senior Vice President.

Paul Andersen has served as SPE Treasurer and Senior Vice President; Jon Ratzlaff has been a long-term and active chair of the International Committee, which nominated him for election.

We should note that in the future, all officer nominations will cycle every two years between SPE Divisions and Sections.

It is very important that all Divisions and Sections have a voice at Council; at the last meeting there were five Sections from Europe without representation. To address this, Councillors must exercise their vote, either directly by being present at Council, or by arranging for their

Division or Section to have a proxy. Councillors must let SPE Europe know as soon as their Division/Section has decided to attend a Council meeting or that they will need a proxy.

The next important Council event will be the combined autumn and winter meeting (October 15-19, 2008) in Southbury, Connecticut, USA. At this meeting the 2009 budget will be presented and voted on, and elections will take place for 2009–2010 officers. This is the most important meeting in the SPE 2008 calendar, and I urge everyone to make sure that your Division/Section is represented by a Councillor or by a proxy (organised via SPE Europe).

### New Dates for EUROTEC

Dates for SPE's inaugural EUROTEC Conference have changed to September 27 to October 3, 2009. The event will still take place at the Princesa Sofia Gran Hotel in Barcelona, Spain. Details on



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how to submit papers, become a speaker, or provide general help at the event will be announced in the coming months.

Organised by SPE Europe, EUROTEC promises to be technically strong and to meet the high standards SPE has maintained with ANTEC™ in the USA.

### 2008 European Events

SPE Europe will be present at many exhibitions and conferences this year. If any members are attending the events listed below, please visit our stand. Yetty Pauwels from the European office will be there to welcome you.

- Plastics for the Industry Exhibition, Kortrijk, Belgium, April 23-24, [www.plasticsfortheindustry.be](http://www.plasticsfortheindustry.be)
- Kunststoffen 2008 Exhibition, Veldhoven, Netherlands, September 24-25, [www.kunststoffenbeurs.nl](http://www.kunststoffenbeurs.nl)
- Euromold Exhibition, Frankfurt, Germany, December 3-6, [www.euromold.com](http://www.euromold.com)
- Modern Toolmaking Conference, Frankfurt, Germany, December 4 (organised by SPE Rapid Design, Engineering & Mouldmaking SIG), [www.speeurope.org](http://www.speeurope.org)



SPE Council meeting in Savannah.