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## Background

SPE is a not-for-profit professional association whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and provides services through publications, events, training courses and online resources at [www.spe.org](http://www.spe.org). Income from SPE events and services are invested back into SPE to support many other society programs.

## Mission

To collect, disseminate and exchange technical knowledge concerning the exploration, development and production of oil and gas resources, and related technologies for the public benefit; and to provide opportunities for professionals to enhance their technical and professional competence.

## Major Technical Disciplines

Upstream oil and gas operations, including Drilling and Completions; Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Social Responsibility; Management and Information; Production and Operations; Projects, Facilities and Construction; and Reservoir Description and Dynamics.

## Membership

More than 168,000 members in 144 countries participate in 207 sections and 368 student chapters. SPE's membership includes more than 68,000 student members.

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**SPE Technical Resources:** Monograph Series, *Petroleum Engineering Handbook*, reports, Reprint Series, training courses, SPE technical papers in [www.onepetro.org](http://www.onepetro.org), standards, surveys, Textbook Series and video courses.

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## Conferences and Exhibitions

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