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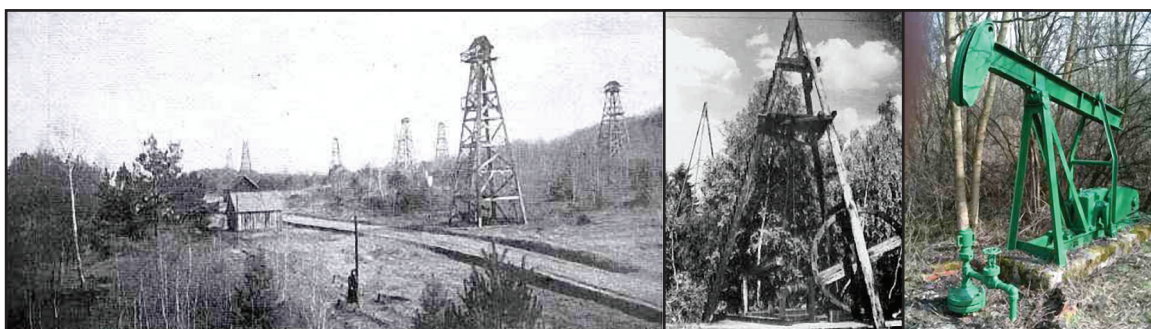
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Call for Abstracts – 1 June 2015

European Oil & Gas Industry History conference

3-4 March 2016

Burlington House, Piccadilly, London



This joint conference between the Petroleum Group of the Geological Society, the History of Geology Group of the Geological Society and the Petroleum History Institute will be held in London in March 2016. It will mark several important anniversaries including 150 years of oil exploration in Poland & Romania, the centenary of the drilling of the first oil well in the UK and 50 years of oil production onshore Spain. The focus of the conference will be to examine the history and heritage of the oil and gas industry in Europe from the earliest onshore drilling (and digging) to its development into the industry that we know today and also to examine the transition from conventional to unconventional resource plays in the onshore arena.

Keynote speakers from across the UK, Europe and the USA will share the historical framework of exploration and development activities. Invited Keynote Speakers include:

Jonathan Craig : Hardstoft Britain's first Oil Field

Franco Cazzini : The Early History of the Oil & Gas Industry in Italy

E. Archer : Baku – Ten Centuries of Oil

Jorge Navarro: Ayoluengo – 50th anniversary of Spain's only onshore oil field

Julie Barlow: East Midlands Fields, Past, Present & Future

A poster session will be held during the conference and participants should inform Laura or Fiona if they wish to submit a poster.

Associated Events:

A fieldtrip will be arranged over the weekend following the conference to examine the history, industrial archaeology and geology of the UK's earliest oil and gas fields in the east Midlands and the Peak District. During the trip a memorial plaque and information board will be unveiled at the Hardstoft-1 well site in Derbyshire, marking the 100th Anniversary of the drilling of the well under the defense of the Realm Act to reduce Britain's dependence on oil imports.

Call for Abstracts:

Please email paper and poster contributions to laura.griffiths@geolsoc.org.uk and copy to fiona@rockhopperexploration.co.uk by 1st June 2015.

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