

Safety 30

Piper Alpha's legacy: securing a safer future

5-6 June 2018

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Call for Abstracts

It's 30 years since the world looked on in horror as the terrible events of Piper Alpha unfolded.

Learnings taken from that tragedy have ensured health and safety offshore is vastly improved now.

How the legacy of Piper has shaped current operations and how we continue to create an even safer future is the focus of this conference – organised by **Oil & Gas UK in association with the International Regulators' Forum**. Together we will turn the spotlight on how past learnings in health and safety in **plant, process and people** have created the present safety performance and culture and how further development can improve this in the future.

Lord Cullen - who chaired the public inquiry into Piper Alpha - will remind conference of the need to build on safety lessons drawn from investigations into Piper and other major industrial accidents for our industry and the implications for people today and tomorrow.

Specifically, we will consider how the business environment affects health and safety; the impact of increased efficiency and lower costs, new operators, technological advances and engaging a 'digital' generation of workers. We will also explore the importance of learning lessons as well as transferring experience from one generation to the next.

These topics and others will be brought to life in **plenary and workshop sessions** by key industry and regulatory figures from around the world as well as experts from other industries.

Request

We are inviting you to submit abstracts which will be considered as possible session topics for either the plenary or as breakout sessions at **Safety 30 - Piper Alpha's legacy: securing a safer future**.

A panel of conference committee members, drawn from Oil & Gas UK, industry, HSE and OPRED, will review each abstract during March and confirmation of successful applications will be given in early-April.

The table below highlights **suggested themes and focus areas**, although we welcome alternative or innovative ideas and possible content. Note that there is no need to focus on past, present and future – your abstract may correspond to one or two only.

	Past	Present	Future
	Real examples and storyboard of progress and improvements made following Piper Alpha.	Honest view of the current state of play, good and bad, including direct view from the front line.	Examples from our industry and others where new techniques, fresh thinking and modern technology can shape the future in a way that will connect with the next generations of industry employees.
	To what extent have we fully embedded the lessons? What have we done well and what have we not yet fully addressed?	How do we compare with other industries? How has the downturn affected our progress? What are the key risks we currently face?	How can we adapt to the changing expectations of society? How will new technology affect the way we work? How should processes be adapted to enable us to engage effectively with the next generation?
Plant			
Process			
People			

Guidelines and Further Information

Please ensure that you obtain necessary clearance from your management prior to making your submission.

Before submitting a paper proposal, please ensure you include the following information:

- Abstract title
- Author information
 - First and last name
 - Position
 - Company
 - Contact number
 - Email address
- Text of abstract (max. 300 words)

Please note that this author will become the main point of contact and will receive ALL correspondence regarding the submission. It is then the responsibility of the presenting author to share all pertinent information with their co-authors (if relevant).

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Abstract Requirements and Format

- Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and slotted in sessions according to the topic
- Abstracts suggesting commercialism in any form will be rejected
- The abstract should stand on its own and not refer to another work, unless associated with current work
- Do not include tables, figures, bibliographic lists or subscripts in your abstract
- If you are successful, a PowerPoint presentation will be required for use during your session at the event. This should be submitted to the organisers in advance of the event – presenters are not permitted to use their own laptop on the day of the event

Event date: 5-6 June 2018 (all those submitting abstracts should be available to present on either of these days)

Venue: AECC, Aberdeen

Abstract submission deadline: 2 March 2018

Contact: please submit any questions and abstracts (as a Word document) to events@oilandgasuk.co.uk