2017 was a transition year for the oil and gas industry as it began to recover from the worst downturn since the 1980’s. But the oil business has changed in the last 30 years—more globalization, more competition and the disruption of US unconventional production. Oil people are also changing with a more global workforce and the massive retirements of the Big Crew Change. Oil technology is also changing with trends in big data analytics, greater efficiencies and, of course, shale production. Join 2017 SPE President Janeen Judah as she shares her observations on what people were talking about in 2017 and looking forward to in 2018.

About the Speaker

Janeen Judah is the 2017 President of the Society of Petroleum Engineers International. Her career at Chevron has included several engineering leadership positions: General Manager for the Southern Africa Business Unit, President of the Environmental Management Company and General Manager of Reservoir & Production Engineering in the Energy Technology Company. Her next phase will be as a corporate director and her first board appointment will be announced later this month. Janeen is a long-time leader of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, starting as a student section officer at A&M, chairing both the Gulf Coast and Permian Basin sections and on the international Board of Directors as Gulf Coast North America Region director and Vice President Finance. She is recognized for her university support and advocacy for women engineers by the Texas A&M Petroleum Engineering Department, Texas A&M College of Engineering and the Society of Women Engineers, and she serves on advisory boards for all three. She was the second woman to be honored as an Outstanding Alumni of the Texas A&M College of Engineering and was the first woman member of the Petroleum Engineering Department’s Academy of Distinguished Graduates. She also serves on the University of Houston College of Engineering advisory board and is Chevron’s executive sponsor for UH.

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