



# Media Release

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## **Arctic Technology Conference Returns to North America in 2016** **Call for Papers and Distinguished Achievement Awards Open**

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The Offshore Technology Conference's (OTC) Arctic Technology Conference (ATC) returns to North America for its fifth event in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, 24–26 October 2016. Located along the “path to the Arctic” — St. John's is an ideal staging and proving ground for Arctic-related research and offers the global energy industry a strategic North Atlantic base of operations on international shipping lanes and sea routes.

ATC is the world's most focused, comprehensive technical conference and exhibition offering unprecedented communication and collaboration opportunities about challenges and solutions for the global exploration and development of onshore and offshore Arctic basins. Industry professionals interested in sharing their ideas and expertise should submit abstracts before 28 January 2016 at [ArcticTechnologyConference.org](http://ArcticTechnologyConference.org). ATC offers a highly specialized technical program, incorporating topics from sponsoring organizations that include resources, drilling, production, export facilities, physical environment, logistics and marine transport, regulatory, and mining. ATC also offers special sessions for discussion of Arctic policy, market outlook, risk management, and standards.

“Although some developments have already been undertaken, the Arctic remains one of the last frontiers. Its remoteness, extreme cold, dangerous sea ice and fragile environment make it one of the most challenging and fascinating areas for engineers, researchers and environmentalists of various disciplines in the world to work in,” said ATC Chair Walter Kuehnlein. “ATC attracts these experienced Arctic experts who are interested in evaluating new opportunities and developing and deploying cutting edge technology and solutions through environmentally compatible design and construction, safe operation, maintenance and integrity of both offshore and onshore structures.”

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Modeled after the prestigious OTC awards of the same name, the ATC Distinguished Achievement Awards are given to an individual and a company/organization/institution for major technological, humanitarian, environmental and leadership contributions to the industry. In 2015, ATC honored Dan Masterson for Individual Achievement and the Chukchi Sea Environmental Studies Program and its supporting entities — Olgoonik-Fairweather, ConocoPhillips, Shell and Statoil — were recognized for their Companies' Achievements. Anyone can submit a nomination and nominations remain active for three years. More details about the Awards and the nominations process are available under the Awards page at [ArcticTechnologyConference.org](http://ArcticTechnologyConference.org).

ATC 2016 will also repeat the popular Spotlight on Arctic Technology Awards recognizing innovative new products that provide significant impact for Arctic E&P. These applications, submitted by exhibiting companies, are judged by a panel of qualified E&P professionals. Winners are selected based on the following criteria: New (less than two years old), Innovative, Proven, Broad Interest and Significant Impact. Companies can book exhibit space and download the Spotlight on Arctic Technology Awards application online at [ArcticTechnologyConference.org](http://ArcticTechnologyConference.org).

#### **About ATC**

ATC is a part of the Houston-based Offshore Technology Conference portfolio of events. Historically, ATC attracts attendees from more than 26 different countries. ATC's technical program features international scientists and engineers sharing their ongoing research and development and execution experiences in the key areas of Geology and Geophysics; Exploration and Production; Physical Environment; Logistics and Marine Transport; and Regulatory, Environment and Social Responsibility. It also includes Panel Sessions, as well as Topical breakfasts and luncheons offering insights from top executives and technical experts into Arctic themes, both from a technical as well as a socio-economic point of view. On average, the ATC exhibition hall boasts 80+ exhibitors showcasing the very latest innovations, products and services.

ATC is managed by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and is supported by fourteen of the world's leading scientific organizations.

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