



United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline operators Association (UKOPA) - Young Persons Paper Competition 2010

Your chance to win a cash first prize of £400 or a runner up prize of £200

Background and Objectives

UKOPA is always looking to support the development of young engineers within the onshore pipeline industry, with this in mind UKOPA is holding a technical paper competition with a cash first prize of £400 and a runner up prize of £200. The competition is open to any young person who is employed by one of the UKOPA member companies or is engaged in specific pipeline consultancy work for one of these Companies.

What is UKOPA

UKOPA is an independent not for profit organisation which provides a formal, recognised forum for Pipeline Operators to discuss, establish and present a consistent view on strategic issues of mutual interest relating to the safe operation and maintenance of pipelines. All of the Major Onshore Pipeline Operators in the UK are members of UKOPA, see list at the bottom of the page.

Eligibility

The competition is open to all young professionals who will be over 18 years of age but under the age of 32 on the 1st January 2011. They must be employed directly by one of the member companies of UKOPA or engaged in specific pipeline consultancy work for one of these Companies.

The Challenge

Interested parties must prepare a technical paper of no more than 2,000 words in length on a subject of relevance to the onshore oil and gas industry. Participants must demonstrate in the paper that they have had professional involvement with the subject matter being discussed. The successful candidate will also be invited to present the winning paper to UKOPA members.

Potential Subject Areas

All papers should be on a topic relevant to pipeline design, operation and maintenance in the oil and gas industry. The following list of topics is provided for suggestion and is not exhaustive: Design, Construction, Integrity, Safety, Environment, Risk, Reliability, Technical Standards, Software Development, Operation and Maintenance.

The Process

You must submit your paper as a pdf attachment to an e-mail before the 1st February 2011 to the following e-mail address: phill.jones@pieuk.co.uk. The e-mail must include a short synopsis of your background, qualifications and experience. The submitted papers will be assessed by a nominated UKOPA panel of judges. The winner of the competition and the runner up will be notified before the 1st April 2011. Commendations will also be given on a discretionary basis for papers that are of high quality.

Assessment Criteria

Submitted papers will be judged against the following criteria:

- Technical merit and quality;
- Relevance / potential benefit to the onshore pipeline Industry;
- Originality and professional content of material;
- Degree of personal involvement and depth of knowledge demonstrated in specified area.

Current UKOPA Members

Shell, National Grid, Sabic, BP, Esso Petroleum, Greystar, BG, E.ON UK, BPA, OPA, Total UK, Northern Gas Networks, Wales and the West Utilities, Scotia Gas Networks, INEOS, BGE (UK) Ltd.