Dear UE&FA forum members,

We hope you are off to a great start for the New Year and the UE&FA leadership wanted to send out a brief email with upcoming events and exciting news. At the 2014 AIChE Annual Meeting in Atlanta, the Executive Committee approved our application for permanent status! This means that the UE&FA Forum will be around to serve AIChE members for years to come! Thank you for all of your support in getting UE&FA up and running.

## **Upcoming UE&FA events**

- Our next event will be "Asphaltene Issues in Deepwater Production Part I" led by Doris Gonzalez of BP America. This event will take place as part of the monthly AIChE STS event on February 5th 5:30 pm at the Pelazzio Banquet Hall (12121 Westheimer Road) and will be the first of three such events.

- In order to ensure that we provide events that are exciting and interesting to our members, please let us know if you have any ideas for future workshops.

## Upcoming events and conferences

- Please join us for the 3rd International Conference on Upstream Engineering and Flow Assurance at the 2015 AIChE Spring Meeting in Austin, TX. The UE&FA sessions will be held on April 27-28 in room 12C of the Austin Convention Center.

- The abstracts deadline for the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Petroleum Phase Behavior and Fouling (PetroPhase 2015) is March 15th. This year's conference is being hosted at the beautiful Fairmont Mayakoba Resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico from June 7-11. Visit petrophase2015.com for more information.

## Webinars and videos on UE&FA topics

- Recently, Prof. Clint Aichele of Oklahoma State University presented an AIChE webinar titled "Dynamic Emulsion Characterization" and a recast is available through: http://www.aiche.org/academy/webinars/dynamic-emulsion-characterization

- Prof. Michael Hoepfner of the University of Utah will be presenting "From the Nanometer Scale to the Oilfield -- Applying Fundamental Asphaltene Research" on Feb. 4, 2015 from 2 - 3 PM EST.

## UE&FA Forum Bylaws

- The UE&FA Forum Bylaws have been approved accompanying our vote into permanent status. We plan to post the bylaws on our website shortly.

Sincerely, The UE&FA Leadership Team www.aiche.org/uefa