

Dear UEFA forum members,

It has been an exciting time for the Upstream Engineering and Flow Assurance forum. We wanted to brief you on one of our recent events, and also on all the upcoming activities.

Recent events

- We hosted Dr. Narayana “Nagi” Nagarajan of Hess Corporation at our first workshop on Thursday September 11th at the Pelazzio Banquet Hall in Houston, TX. His talk entitled “Wax Issues in Oil Production: Formation, Deposition, and Mitigation Challenges” was very well received with about 30 people attending. We are planning to record Dr. Nagarajan’s talk and make it available to our members.

Future events

- See you in Atlanta, GA: If you are planning to attend the AIChE annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, some members of the UE&FA Leadership Team and Steering Committee will be there, especially attending the technical sessions related to UE&FA. We hope to see you there.
- For our next workshop on January 8th, we are planning a panel discussion on “Asphaltene Issues in Oil Production” with representatives from academia, industry and service/chemical companies. Please let us know if you have any ideas for future workshops.
- The deadline for abstracts to participate in the 3rd International Conference on UE&FA is November 14th. If you want to present your work at this conference please submit your abstract through this website:
<https://aiche.confex.com/aiche/s15/cfp.cgi>

Webinars and videos on UE&FA topics

- Two UE&FA members will be presenting AIChE webinars early next year. Prof. Clint Aichele of Oklahoma State University will present “Dynamic Emulsion Characterization” on Jan. 21, 2015 from 2 – 3 PM EST, and Michael Hoepfner of the University of Utah will present “From the Nanometer Scale to the Oilfield -- Applying Fundamental Asphaltene Research” on Feb. 4, 2015 from 2 - 3 PM EST.
- We realize that it is sometimes difficult to attend the UE&FA seminars and workshops in person, due to a busy schedule, bad traffic or because you are several hundreds or thousands of miles away. For this reason we are working hard to offer the seminars and workshops via live stream (i.e. webinar) and/or in the form of a video file that can be watched at your convenience. These resources will be only available to the UE&FA forum members, through a password protected section of our website. We will keep you informed on the progress of this important initiative.

Upstream Engineering and Flow Assurance Forum Bylaws

- We are in the final stages on updating our Bylaws that we will share with our membership at-large as soon as the Executive Committee approves it.

Sincerely,
The UE&FA Leadership Team