

**2009 Best Paper Award Presented at ISOPE-2010 Beijing Banquet**  
**to “LNG Tank Sloshing Assessment Methodology—The New Generation”**

**Cupertino, California, August 28, 2010** — The International Society of Offshore and Polar Engineers (ISOPE) announced the recipient of its **2009 Best Paper Award at the ISOPE-2010 Beijing (“ISOPE-CNOOC”) Banquet**. (Click on [banquet](#) photos.) The award was bestowed upon the collaborating authors from three ExxonMobil (Houston, TX, USA) divisions whose paper focused on the topic of LNG Tank Sloshing.

The paper titled, “*LNG Tank Sloshing Assessment Methodology—The New Generation*” was coauthored by J.F. Kuo, R. B. Campbell, Z. Ding, S. M. Hoie, A. J. Rinehart, R. E. Sandström, T. W. Yung of ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co.; M. N. Greer of ExxonMobil Development Co.; and M. A. Danaczko of ExxonMobil Production Co. The paper was formerly presented at the Nineteenth Fourteenth (2009) International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference.

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Dr. Mohamed Sayed, a Society Award Committee member, presented the award plaque on behalf of Prof. Richard Miksad, Society Award Committee Chairman, to **Dr. Kuo** *in absentia*. He explained that the Committee, after evaluating 17 nominations out of 668 peer-reviewed papers from 50 countries, short-listed three papers. Session chairmen, session organizers and editors of the *International Journal of Offshore and Polar Engineering* made their nominations from among the papers presented in the previous year. From there, the field is narrowed down to those papers that had either been accepted for *Journal* publication or were slated for further *Journal* review. The nominated papers represented expertise in its areas as well as geographic balance.

Then a pool of potential judges, who are internationally well-recognized experts in one or more fields of the nominees' topics or who have chaired or co-chaired the particular sessions, ranked the papers in their fields on the basis of the originality and significance of the results. As the paper selected as Best Paper must receive evaluations from at least three judges, the Committee then asked a panel of experts in each field in three continents for an expert evaluation.

Screening through the qualification requirements — originality and significance of the results — and based on at least three expert evaluations, respectively, the Committee recommended that the 2009 Best Paper be awarded from the *Nineteenth (2009) International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference* to “*LNG Tank Sloshing Assessment Methodology—The New Generation*.” Congratulations to all the authors whose research and subsequent paper reflect all the hallmarks of good science and will create a lasting impact in its prospective field.

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