

Speaker Biographies

Irena Agalliu

Irena Agalliu is the Managing Consultant with IHS CERA, is an expert in international energy law and economics, worldwide fiscal arrangements, commercial risk, and other aboveground risk investment-related issues. Based in Houston, Ms. Agalliu works within the IHS CERA Consulting group. She is involved in various consulting projects for IHS CERA, working with governments and international oil companies. Prior to joining IHS Ms. Agalliu was Legal Advisor to the National Petroleum Agency of Albania, where she negotiated petroleum agreements on behalf of the government. She also helped draft and develop energy-related legislation and regulations, and was involved in designing the government's policy on deregulating and privatizing the national oil company. Ms. Agalliu holds an LLM with distinction in Petroleum Law Policy and Economics from the University of Dundee, Scotland and a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center. Ms. Agalliu is Vice President of External Affairs of AIPN for 2009-2010.



Chris Moore

Chris Moore is the Managing Director, Moyes & Co., Inc., has over 33 years of experience evaluating international energy projects. He provides global energy consulting on a wide variety of financial and economic issues including business and strategic planning, decision analysis, funding support, transaction management, and arbitration and expert witness testimony. Chris has taught courses on Exploration Economics, Reserves Estimation, and Uncertainty and Decision Analysis to several hundred professionals.



Chris began his career with BP in 1975 as a Geologist in Aberdeen and later moved to London and Tunis. He joined Tricentral in London in 1980, and Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) in 1988 as Planning Manager for ARCO British. He subsequently held a variety of positions with ARCO's international headquarters in Plano, Texas, with responsibilities for global exploration evaluation, upstream financial and strategic planning, and economic analysis. His final jobs with ARCO were Bohai Bay Asset Manager and Manager of the China Asset Development Team for ARCO China. Moore is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). Moore read Natural Sciences at Cambridge University and received his BA (Hons) in 1975 and his MA (Cantab) in 1979.

Patrick Leach

Patrick Leach is a Principal with Decision Strategies, Inc., a leading management consulting firm with offices in the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Leach has also been an independent consultant and worked for Texaco as a geophysicist, partner & government coordinator, and portfolio manager. He has twenty-nine years of experience in the upstream energy industry, ranging from Sumatra to Aberdeen. Mr. Leach is the author of a book entitled, "Why Can't You Just Give Me the Number? - An executive's guide to using probabilistic thinking to manage risk and to make better decisions," which was published in September 2006. Mr. Leach has a B. Sci. degree from the University of Rochester and an MBA from the University of Houston Executive Program.



Steve Parish

Steve is a Senior Petroleum Economist with more than 20 years' experience in the international upstream petroleum industry. He contributes to the legal, fiscal, and contractual modules of IHS PEPS information service and is highly experienced in the analysis of upstream petroleum fiscal regimes. He also specializes in cash flow evaluations, economic analysis, and investment appraisal, and has significant expertise in the preparation and development of computer-based fiscal models.



Steve has been with IHS since 1996 and previously worked for UK-based E&P companies with extensive international portfolios of upstream petroleum assets.

Steve has a Bachelors degree in Chemistry and gained an MBA in 1987. His experience includes a wide range of projects both onshore and offshore and from exploration through to acquisition and disposal.